



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING
held on Monday, 23rd April 2018

Present: Terence Airlie (Vice Chair and Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer and Planning Convenor) Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor), David Flint (Education Convenor), Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Eleanor Sneddon (Queensferry Heritage Trust) Laura Sexton (Advisor), Gillian Smith (QCCC) Anne Mitchell (Health Convenor), Jenni Smith (Dep.Head QHS), Maggie Quayle (PEYC), Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Councillor Kevin Lang, Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary) PC Aidan Douds (Police Scotland),

6. Chairman's Welcome

In Keith's absence Terry chaired the meeting. He welcomed everyone to the April meeting which was the last in the current session. Next month would be the AGM and the start of a new QDCC year.

On behalf of QDCC via The Chair, condolences had been sent to Stuart Ridge whose wife, Polly, had died two weeks ago. Stuart was a past Chair of QDCC and more recently sat as a representative of The Rotary Club.

It had been another busy month as indicated through activities reported in the Committee Convenors reports and Terry thanked Keith and Diane for the time they had spent looking into the QDCC finances associated with the community facility.

It was noted that Burgess Road had been finally resurfaced.

The first consultation had taken place regarding the refurbishment of the High Street.

Looking forward it was welcomed that work on the new Queensferry High School is scheduled to start next week.

Terry reminded Convenors that they would be required to produce a short report for the AGM, scheduled for next month.

2. Apologies

Keith Giblett, June Jansen, Neil McKinlay, Fiona Duncan, Carolyn McDonald, Councillor Louise Young.

3. Police Report

2 break-ins into shops. Male identified, arrested and charged

3 house break-ins. A male identified and charged for one of these.

2 attempted break-ins.

2 serious assaults

Female charged with careless driving and not having a licence.

Accident involving bus.

4 thefts

2 vandalisms to cars

1 fire-raising

1 misuse of drugs – male charged with several offences

Terry thanked Aidan for his report.

Queensferry High School Report – brought forward

Jenni said that John Wood's presentations of the School's vision for the future had gone down well. Work was scheduled to start on the new build on 30th April. There was some concern that this coincided with the start of the exam period but Morrisons had assured the School that there would be very little disruption to the pupils. The exam schedule had been shared with the constructors to facilitate this process.

There will be a need for temporary car parking, offices, etc. on site. Work would take place between 7.30am-5.30pm. If work was required at weekends it would be mornings only and advance notice would be given of this. The works were to be completed by March 2020.

Staffing and Recruitment: A new computing teacher had been employed plus two new full-time maths teachers.

Pupil achievement: Two pupils had had their art work exhibited at the Scottish Academy.

The under 15s football team had reached the quarter final of The Scottish Cup which was to be held later this week.

Prelims: Results had been positive. Less able pupils were being mentored before the final exams.

There had been some feedback from local residents about the amount of litter. Suggested that a litter bin be replaced along Lovers Lane (the previous one had been removed by CEC). The School were monitoring the situation. Dialogue will continue on the way forward

Terry thanked Jenni for her report.

4. Community Facility Update

Four candidates had shown an interest in using this new facility. CCs had met with one of the groups and were to meet with another next week. Queensferry Care were preparing a business plan with the help of a mentor who was working with them. (This was for respite care)

It was agreed that a second storey would be needed to make the facility financially viable. This would entail match funding for another £400K. Once all the options had been received the community would be asked for their views. Diane, Keith and Terry were to get in touch with various banks regarding splitting the money between four different banks.

Questions from the floor – brought forward

Terry asked Ann Hardcastle (guest) if she would like to speak. She is a resident of West Terrace and several of the residents had some concerns. Would they have a “say” about the refurbishment of the High Street? There was also concern about the “invasion” of Queensferry residents/visitors during “events”. West Terrace was actually private property. The main concern was the amount of litter around West Terrace, particularly on the Boat House steps. Seagulls were causing a lot of problems. She wondered if it were possible to put up signs asking people not to feed the seagulls.

ACTION: QDCC and Norman Work to follow this up.

5. Street Naming

The Street Naming Dept of CEC had been in touch with QDCC for comments on the name of “Gospatrik Paddock” as a street name in the Dalmeny housing development. KLDiane suggested that QDCC might like to submit street names for the various forthcoming developments in Queensferry – Scotstoun and Builyeon Road.

3. Minutes of last meeting - circulated

Proposed – Graham McKinley. Seconded – Grant Sangster.

7. Matters Arising

Community Facility – covered above

Planning - meeting with Ward Councillors. No meeting arranged as yet. Carried forward

Health Committee – new committee had had a meeting and a note of this had been circulated.

8. Chair's Report - circulated

There had been dialogue with CEC after the flood in the Council Offices and CEC were to undertake all repairs, decorating, etc. The exposed beam was to be further inspected and an additional survey to be carried out. Emergency lighting was to be installed.

9. Councillors' Reports

Kevin Lang – circulated.

Resurfacing of Station Road – Kevin was asked if this was value for money in view of all the traffic which would be using it during the new build at the High School and extension to Queensferry Primary School.

The road outside the Hawes is in need of resurfacing and it is hoped this will be done as part of the High Street refurbishment.

Kevin said that all roads were being reclassified.

Norman Work – circulated.

Norman had met with Andrew Kerr, Peter Strong and Dave Sinclair and they had had a “walk-about” in SQ. Because of time restraints they were limited to what they could visit. They had looked at the problem of parking at Dalmeny Station and also at the traffic problems at Echline Primary School. They had then moved to Kirkliston.

Graham Hutchison - circulated

Graham said that there would be a Report produced by the end of May on the parking and access issues at Dalmeny Station.

10. Treasurer's Report - circulated

11. Secretary's Report - circulated

12. QDCC Sub-Committee Reports

Planning – circulated

KL advised that Cala hope to have all the remaining works completed within the next six weeks.

Dundas Park – QDCC had asked that the play park be upgraded and that free access to the new facility might be given to local children and families outwith school and club use. Although we have been advised that talks continue within CEC regarding the play park we have been informed that there will be no free access.

ACTION: TA to contact the Hub to ask about public use of the park.

Cllr. Work to contact Alan Carson at the Hub.

Transport - circulated

A resident of Rosshill Terrace had written to QDCC and Cllr Lang regarding the traffic using this road.

ACTION: NW to check on results of a Petition

Communications - circulated

Education - circulated

DF was very concerned about Rosebery Hall. CEC had agreed to pay for only 36 hours janitorial services. If more janitorial services were required the charge would increase to £20 per hour.

The kitchen at the Community Centre has been refurbished.

DF to attend a meeting on 30th May regarding the Echline Woodland.

Heritage Trust - AGM this week. This to be followed by a public meeting entitled “A sense of place”

This is the last meeting of the current session.

Health Committee - circulated

As a new committee they were concentrating on relationship building.

Port Edgar Yacht Club – New lease being drafted. There would be consultation with the membership about the new proposals. There would be challenges ahead about how the clubhouse would be funded.

Port Edgar Open Days 12th and 13th May.

QCCC – nothing much to report from last month. The Business Plan is being drawn up for use of the Community Facility.

5. Any Other Business

Diane asked if the QDCC would sponsor the floats again in the Ferry Fair – Agreed.

Cllr Work said there was a NW Localities meeting on 25th April. At 7.0pm.

Cllr Work had spoken to a gentleman at Spencers regarding the car parking under the Bridge at the Cross Roads. It had been suggested that once the work on the compound was finished there would be plenty of parking there.

Anne Mitchell was looking for sponsors for her abseil off the Rail Bridge.

Laura asked about the plans for garden waste. There had been items in the press and social media but no official notification had yet been received from CEC. She wondered when the community were being told about this.

14, Questions from the Floor - dealt with above.

15, Date and time of next meeting

Monday, 28th May at 7.30pm

AGM at beginning of meeting

Business meeting to follow AGM