



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, 27th AUGUST 2018

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer/Planning Convenor), Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor), David Flint (Education Convenor), June Jansen (Environment Convenor), Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Anne Mitchell (Health Convenor), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Kevin Lang, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Eleanor Sneddon (QHG), Kirsten Heggie (Chair, Business Association) Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary) PC Aidan Douds (Police Scotland)

1, Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the August meeting. He said August had been an exceptionally busy month. Ferry Fair Day had been very successful and Keith congratulated the Ferry Fair Committee. It had been difficult to organise the event round liner visits but the one-way system seemed to have worked quite well. He had attended a Forth Bridges Forum meeting during the month. QDCC had received two proposals for the community facility. The Chairman thanked members of the Community Council who had worked to get the meeting rooms ready for this meeting and he also thanked Matt Davidson of CEC Property Services who had been very helpful during the refurbishment of the council offices. He also thanked the staff at the Rosebery Hall for allowing QDCC to use their premises during the repair works. QDCC had donated £100 to the Rosebery Hall.

2. Apologies

Terry Airlie, Councillor Louise Young, Fiona Duncan, Maggie Quayle, Laura Sexton, Neil McKinlay, Carolyn McDonald. (Carolyn was resigning as the QHS Parent Council Representative).

3, Police Report

Housebreaking – electrical equipment stolen

3 Anti-social behaviour

Male assaulted – isolated incident. Complainer and suspect known to each other.

Male charged with road traffic offences with regard to driving quad bike with no licence or insurance.

Male found in possession of cannabis and charged

5 thefts

Vandalism to Council depot at Burgess Road

9. Councillors' Reports – brought forward

Councillor Kevin Lang - circulated

KG said he was interested to see that at a Council meeting councillors had received a report which showed the administration was failing to meet many of their key performance targets. The Lib Dems supported a move to develop a plan to address the failings but this was voted down. In many cases CEC was in the bottom half of Scottish local authority performance targets. KG wondered what steps could now be taken to improve the performance targets.

ACTION: Councillor Norman Work to investigate and report back to QDCC before the September meeting.

Echline School – closure of after-school activities. All CEC schools which had on-going maintenance work were being closed to after-school activities. Very short notice had been given to parents at Echline which had caused many problems.

Councillor Lang supported by Councillor Hutchison were working on a motion to go before the next Localities Committee meeting; that the Hawes Toilets improvements should be funded from the revenue from the liner landing fees. There was some discussion on the state of the toilets at the Hawes Pier and the on-going problem of car parking. KG sought to have the motion include the necessary infrastructure improvements of car parking and signage. Councillor Lang explained that his wish was to keep the motion specific and that it should be seen as a test case.

Councillor Graham Hutchison - circulated

He said the CEC was setting the bar for key performance targets (which weren't being met) but that there were also Scotland-wide targets (in which CEC were way down the list)/

Councillor Norman Work

NW said that 19 schools were affected by the closure of out of school facilities.

Cemeteries – It had been brought to councillor's attention that there were few lairs left at Queensferry Cemetery. Some years ago the capacity had been increased by utilising the old circular access roads which were no longer used. At that time there had been a proposal to consider a new cemetery on land West of Dalmeny but this had proved not to be feasible. At the time CEC said there was plenty of cemetery spaces around Edinburgh.

ACTION: NW to check lairs capacity and whether CEC had plans to futureproof cemetery provision.

4. Community Facility Update

QDCC representatives had attended presentations from both proposers Ferry Play Café and Queensferry Churches Care in the Community and were awaiting feedback from the four businesses assessors tasked with assessing them. It was hoped to respond to the two proposers by mid- September.

5. Localities Committees

CEC officers, Ward Councillors, Stakeholders and Community Councillors had attended a forum held on 31st July '18 to discuss North West Locality Committees where North West Community Council Round Table sessions were held to capture the views of the Community Councils.

Unfortunately neither Keith nor Terry had been able to attend this meeting. The minutes and notes from the meeting and round table sessions had been circulated. It was not clear whether Neighbourhood Partnerships would be replaced. Councillor Lang asked members to note his opinion was that Ward Councillors recognised the importance of Neighbourhood Partnership meetings and that there was little appetite for replacing the meeting with an alternative meeting.

After a short discussion the Chair proposed that QDCC note the content and support the Localities Committee model. That Localities Committees are in the early stages of forming. By definition a localities committee should better represent the views of the communities they serve.

JJ offered an opinion and a view about the localities committees and that she had received an invitation to a meeting of the Active Travel Group. She felt that this group were more concerned with the city centre rather than SQ.

June also mentioned the re-installation of a ramp from Morison Gardens to Scotmid.

Action; Secretary to write to the organisers advising that QDCC notes the content and supports the Localities Committee model.

6. Minutes - circulated

Item 14. Correction of typing error "Questions from the" Should read; "Questions from the floor"

Proposed – David Flint

Seconded – Graeme McKinley

7. Matters Arising

Industrial sized litter bins under Road Bridge near Honey Pot - ongoing

Litter bins at Binks car park: Keith had contacted Murray Black.

Lock up garages at Walker Drive: Keith had emailed Daniel Shaw, Housing Officer about this. There is to be another "walk about" on Wednesday afternoon.

Traffic calming at Scotstoun; Grant had written to Dave Sinclair and a reply had been received advising that a plan was being worked on for taking the project forward.

Queensferry Sea Cadets – New Lease. KG thanked Cllr Hutchison and the other three Ward Councillors for their support with committee approval of the lease. There is no progress with the new Lease for Port Edgar Yacht Club. Ferry Fair – Diane had organised prize money for floats/entrants in parade.

New Pharmacy – Cllr. Work to check whether ward Councillors could be involved in any decision making for the new pharmacy. The hearing will be held on 28th September. AM had submitted a Report and was not sure whether she had to attend the Hearing.

8. Chair's Report - circulated

The Queensferry Primary School development had been delayed but it was hoped to start work within the next two weeks.

9. Councillors' Reports – taken earlier

10. **Treasurer's Report** – circulated. Progress was being made with the opening of two of the new Clydesdale Bank accounts.

11. **Secretary's Report** - circulated

12. **QDCC Sub-Committee Reports**

Planning – circulated. Link Group to meet with QDCC during September.

Queensferry Primary School new build – to enquire about the traffic management plans for the new build extension to the school.

ACTION: Grant and Diane to enquire.

Work at McDonalds and Queens Crossing; Work had started before actual planning permission had been granted. QDCC contests that due process is not being adhered to.

ACTION: KG to contact Elaine Campbell.

Communications equipment installation on the Loan. Permission has been granted by CEC. This installation may impact on any future traffic management plan for this area.

ACTION; Diane will make enquiries

Transport – circulated. Work had started at the two bus stops near Echline School. No TRO had been issued.

Education – circulated. A discussion took place about janitorial cover at Rosebery Hall whilst they await the installation of the new security systems.

QCCC – circulated

Health - circulated

Kirsten Heggie, Chair, Business Association

A steering committee has been formed to develop a new business association. Presently they are working on producing a constitution. QDCC offered assistance should any be needed and wished them well.

Communications - circulated

Some discussion on litter problems in SQ. Questions were posed that maybe QDCC/Schools/Business could work together to persuade food outlets not to use plastic. Maybe Queensferry could become the first town to have a biodegradable policy for fast food packaging/

Queensferry Heritage Trust Eleanor had received an email from a lady who had visited Queensferry for the first time. This lady had been appalled at the litter although not just in Queensferry but in other places she had visited. This email had been forwarded on to Murray Black.

KG advised that the Environmental Wardens were working on fly tipping and littering issues in and around the High St.

Eleanor mentioned a problem she has at the Lunch Club regarding getting a person in an electric wheelchair from the bus on to the pavement. Suggested that the bus driver be asked to park on Station Road where the ground is flat.

ACTION: Eleanor will report back or seek help if needed

Environment - circulated

Queensferry Boat Club – Focus for QBC is trying to get repairs carried out before winter to the west harbour wall breach. Funding would come from the NEP's and Common Good Will Fund.

13. **Any Other Business**

Council Office refurbishment. KG had sent out an email asking if any members were willing to paint the meeting room. Four or Five people had volunteered. This would be done as and when people were available.

Street Naming – Keith proposed that George Grubb's name be put forward to the Street Naming Group in the hope of getting a street in Queensferry named after him. It usually takes ten years before a name is used although there have been special cases when names had been used earlier. QDCC agreed this proposal.

ACTION – KG to take this forward

14, Questions from the Floor - None

15. Date of next meeting

MONDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER 2018 at 7.30pm