



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – MONDAY 25th February 2013 COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE, BURGH CHAMBERS, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair); Kirsty Picton; Doug Ross; Diane Job (Treasurer); Grant Sangster; Doug Ross; Jim Ferguson (Queensferry High School); Eilidh Donaldson (Queensferry High School); Mark Ruickbie (Queensferry High School); June Jansen; Laura Sexton; David Flint; Diane Brown (Queensferry Ambition); Ross Martin; Fiona Duncan (Queensferry Boat Club); Paul Kirkwood; Juliette Summers

Councillor Norman Work; Councillor Alistair Shields; PC Aidan Douds (Lothian and Borders Police);

VISITORS

Iain Russell (Queensferry Gazette)

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith Giblett (Chair) welcomed everyone to the February business meeting of Queensferry and District Community Council (QDCC).

The Chair reported that once again it had been a busy period since the January meeting. Given that previous meetings had focussed on visitor presentations with limited time available for discussion, the February meeting presented an opportunity to settle some routine formal business and catch up on ongoing matters.

2. Apologies

Terry Airlie; Laura Sexton; Lindsay Paterson

3. Police Report

A Police Report was circulated in advance of meeting.

Little significant crime had been reported since the previous meeting. The major Agilent scrap theft had been discussed at the January meeting and enquiries

continue. A large quantity of drugs had been seized from a person in transit through Queensferry and card fraud had been taken place at Ferrymuir. Fireworks involving closure of piers at Queensferry Harbour for safety reasons were thought to be 'ad-hoc' events but boat owners were sometimes inconvenienced as advance notice of all the preparation activity was not always communicated.

4. **Agilent Demolition Report**

The latest demolition schedule was circulated. The inner fence was expected to hinder access to any areas where any dangerous activities were being carried out.

5. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

One correction to the previous minutes was necessary as Doug indicated that he had not attended the January meeting.

Proposer: June Jansen Seconder: Diane Job

6. **Matters arising from Previous Meeting**

QDCC noted that the action taken on matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting was as follows:

- RNLI site at Hawes Pier. The site is no longer viable for QA use during liner visits due to access complications associated with Coastguard usage. Craig Lamont (CEC) had indicated he would be happy with a portable unit in a similar location and QA were pursuing this as an alternative.

Action: Queensferry Ambition to provide updates as and when applicable

- Councillor Shields to bring to the attention of the Partnership Safety Forum QDCC's concerns as previously noted

Action: Dialogue continues. Expect next meeting on 28 March. Further updates as and when available

- Manor Homes. Update required

Action: Secretary has contact Natalie Hoy for update. Correspondence continues

- Dalmeny Station Parking - Chair to contact CEC (John Bury/Lesley Hinds) to further explore possibilities

Action: Initial action completed. Petitions Committee is not a practical route due to the adjacent Agilent site being an ongoing Planning matter. Petition rules specifically forbid Planning subjects. It would be virtually impossible to present this case without mentioning the Agilent development. After further discussion, it was decided to embark on consultation with commuters and residents to establish opinions. This would be conducted by QDCC and used to determine the next step.

7. Election of New Members

Kirsty Picton's role was clarified as a co-opted member and she expected to leave at the end of the 2012-13 academic year. She was Proposed by Keith and Seconded by June

Mark Ruickbie was Proposed by June and Seconded by David

Eilidh Donaldson was Proposed by Fiona and Seconded by Diane J

Paul Kirkwood was Proposed by Diane J and Seconded by David

Juliette Summers was Proposed by June and Seconded by Doug

Ross Martin was Proposed by Diane J and Seconded by June

8. Chair Report

Report circulated. Rosebery Hall AGM, Morison Gardens waste collection and High Street road surface repairs were highlighted

9. Councillor's Reports

Councillor **Lindsay Paterson** report circulated.

Councillor **Alastair Shields** report circulated. Alastair highlighted the upcoming ANP meeting in the Rosebery Hall

Councillor **Norman Work** report circulated. Norman highlighted zig-zag markings for Ashburnham Rd and the Park & Stride campaign at Queensferry High School encouraging drivers to use the Recreation Centre car park. Street lights on Rosebery Avenue had been a priority project. Dundas Avenue and Hopetoun Road were also in the queue awaiting funding.

9. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated. Diane had attempted to return the £100 donation received from FCBC which had not been used but they requested that QDCC keep it for any future requirements arising.

10. Secretary's Report

Report circulated.

11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

11.1 Transport

Report circulated. Some discussions arose regarding Dalmeny Station parking (see actions from previous meeting)

11.2 Queensferry Churches Care in the Community

Clarity on future representation required.

11.3 Queensferry Boat Club

Fiona reported concerns regarding event fireworks near the harbour (see Police Report). A meeting with Wil Tunnell regarding Binks development had taken place. A proposal drawn up by QBC for parking restrictions to allow clear turning areas was passed over for consideration.

11.4 Queensferry High School

A summary of activities since last meeting was provided by Eilidh, Kirsty and Mark, including updates on the hot water showers being fixed, three rooms being re-carpeted, asbestos removed and a swimming pool ventilation repair carried out.

Further fabric improvements included replacement of the magnetic blocks on the main entrance, new fencing along Station Road and re-roofing. Fascias were being removed and replaced using plastic cladding but it would not be possible to repair all the windows.

Jim followed up by noting that this campaign would revitalise what had been rather tired-looking recreational facilities and a rolling programme of refurbishment should retain the effect.

11.5 Community Safety Forum

Report circulated and update on top 3 priorities.

11.6 Business Improvement District (QA)

QA report circulated. Diane expanded on the cruise liner plans, the chip shop vinyl, High School and Primary School business links, the regular Wednesday Job Club re-launch, Forth Bridges & Traffic Scotland/Amey employment opportunities (FRC still not well-known), networking events, EPOG de-brief on Christmas in Queensferry and the Fringe on the Ferry initiative.

11.7 Planning

Planning Report circulated. 55 The Loan (Rowing Club premises) will be sub-divided, probably for shops. Permission had been refused for a new house at Rosshill (Ashburnham Gardens)

11.8 Port Edgar Yacht Club

Report circulated. A single bid had been received for marina operation. Doug indicated some negative feedback had arisen from PEYC regarding BID levy payment.

11.9 Environmental Report

Report circulated. June highlighted the West Lothian development Trust as a very interesting example involving voluntary effort on some rather ambitious plans. These included creation of allotments, cycle trails and a heritage hub on an 18 acre site. This was seen as a potential solution to council funding difficulties.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 General

Ross asked about progress since the January presentation from First bus representatives. Diane gave a summary of an update meeting she had with First earlier in February

David provided an update on some correspondence he had received from First Bus regarding driver behaviour

Doug indicated a broadband speed upgrade could be expected at the end of March
Juliette raised the subject of legacy traffic signage to the M9 along the A904 from Echline Roundabout. This was a query from Newton Community Council.

- **Action: Grant to highlight these signs to CEC**

13 Questions from the Floor

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 25th March 2013 at a time and venue unspecified. It was hoped to have a presentation on the World Heritage bid but details would be forthcoming in the near future.

Grant Sangster
10th March 2013