



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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NOTES FROM FORTH BRIDGE WORLD HERITAGE BID MEETING – MONDAY 25th March 2013 DAKOTA HOTEL, FERRYMUIR, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie (Secretary); Diane Job (Treasurer); Grant Sangster; June Jansen; Laura Sexton; David Flint; Diane Brown (Queensferry Ambition); Ross Martin;

Councillor Norman Work;

Inspector John Cooper (Lothian and Borders Police);
PC Aidan Douds (Lothian and Borders Police);

VISITORS

Mark Watson (Historic Scotland)
Miles Oglethorpe (Historic Scotland)
Will Garret (CEC)
Euan McMeeken (CEC)
Ian Heigh (Network Rail)
Craig Bowman (Network Rail)
Wil Tunnel (QA)
Natalie Hoy (Edinburgh West Partnership)
David Sinclair (Edinburgh West Partnership)

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith Giblett (Chair) welcomed everyone to the March Meeting of QDCC which has been devoted to the proposed business of World heritage Status for the Forth Bridge.

The Chair thanked The Dakota Hotel, and in particular Andrew Ovestone as well as James Pitt from Evans of Leeds for allowing QDCC the use of the facilities for the meeting as well as thanking the various stakeholders for attending before noting apologies (see below) and handing over to Miles for the first part of the proceedings

2. Apologies

Alistair Shields; Lindsay Paterson; Jim Ferguson; Juliette Summers; Kirsty Picton;; Doug Ross; Willie Hardie; Fiona Duncan

3. Business

Miles delivered a short presentation on behalf of Historic Scotland, highlighting both an overview and the background as to where the process currently stands.

The position where the Forth Bridge currently stands in the World Heritage Site potential listings, the nomination and decision making process was also highlighted.

Mention was also made of the James Rebanks Report and the importance of the Management Plan as well as the Upcoming consultation period scheduled to start in May 2013.

Miles then handed over to Mark for some more detail.

Mark described the Site List history as well as the World heritage Convention.

He then drilled down into details surrounding the criteria associated with the bid submission, as well as providing some more detail on UNESCO guidelines.

Will Garrett (CEC) then delivered a presentation on behalf of CEC. He highlighted the notable features associated with World heritage Status in Edinburgh city centre and spoke to the process of getting to that point – with the input of the general public – key views and cones. He then touched upon the importance of engaging the local community throughout the consultation period before handing over to Ian Heigh from Network Rail.

Ian spoke to the meeting about the history and background of the Forth Bridge, including the previous experiences of taking visitors onto the bridge itself. Ian also spoke about the importance of the Management Plan.

4. Public Consultation and Next Steps

Historic Scotland will step back for the community input. The process to be followed will map to the Scottish Government approach on consultation – a series of localised focus groups engaging all involved communities and stakeholders. This may involve using Survey Monkey.

Natalie added a piece about the involvement and support of the Neighbourhood Team.

Keith drew the meeting to a close, emphasising the importance of the consultation exercise and summarised the expectations of the key stakeholders

5. Date of Next QDCC Business Meeting

Monday 22nd April 2013 at 19:30 hours

Terry Airlie
Correspondence Secretary
20th April 2013