



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 24th MARCH 2014 COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE, BURGH CHAMBERS, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie (Secretary); Ed Kelly; Diane Job (Treasurer); Grant Sangster; Ross Martin; Diane Brown (QA); Councillor Work; Councillor Shields; David Flint; June Jansen; David Sinclair (CEC); Constable Glenn, Constable Miller (Police Scotland); Eileen Case; Fiona Duncan; Mark Ruickbie; Eilidh Donaldson; Anne Fernie; Maggie Quayle; Juliette Summers:

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the March meeting. He also thanked Ed Kelly for chairing the February meeting.

Keith also welcome Colin Keir MSP, as well as Constable Colin Glenn and Constable Miller.

It was noted that there is a lot of work going on in the Queensferry area, with the towers on the new Road Bridge appearing out of the water.

There is work continuing on the Progression action plan list, with the high street closed on the night of the meeting for long awaited repairs.

The building that formerly housed the 2 bridges restaurant has re-opened as the Three Bridges, and on behalf of QDCC wished the proprietors every success.

The nomination for the Forth Bridges World Heritage application is now a public document for world heritage status. A management plan is important to allow for infrastructure improvements in South Queensferry.

The stagecoach 40/40a bus service has also launched in the last month.

There are plans afoot for 120 homes in the old Corus site.

There has been interest from developers for the Ferrymuir Site.

The Queensferry Conservation area is still open for consultation.

2. Apologies

Aiden Douds; Jim Ferguson; Laura Sexton; Councillor Paterson:

3. Police Report

The Police Report has been circulated. Members were reminded of the sensitivity of some of the discussions surrounding the content.

Diane Job asked Constable Glenn about parking in Station Road, particularly in front of housing in the adjacent estate. Constable Glenn confirmed that if there was any illegal parking then the right was reserved for the cars to be lifted from the site.

4. Colin Keir Visit

Colin Keir mentioned the Public Service reform, he noted that the reform of the police service in Scotland has been implemented with relative success. The service had encountered two huge events recently with the Clutha Bar incident and the Mikhael Kular search.

Colin also mentioned the Health & Social care reforms. Health and Social Care currently accounts for one-third of parliament budget (circa £12billion) and with budget cuts there is no additional amount to borrow. Colin also mentioned that there needs to be integration of NHS & Local Authorities to come to better solutions, with clearer pathways laid out to avoid unnecessary obstacles in care.

College courses and places are also an issue as they are being prioritised with specific courses to get people into work.

Colin also made reference to the Cross Party Group for Air Travel which has allowed for more direct flights from Edinburgh to new destinations.

There was a discussion about planning, specifically about development in green belt areas of Edinburgh. There was also mention of the previously discussed areas in Queensferry.

Juliette Summers asked about the timescale for the community empowerment bill. Colin wasn't sure of the timescale or indeed the content.

It was mentioned that the consultation finished in January and QDCC were invited to a conference in May 2014.

Terry confirmed that it cost £200 after VAT to attend which is too much for community councils.

Keith was part of the strategic part of the consultation and the huge attendance costs sends out wrong message to communities.

There was a query raised by Eileen Case in relation to care homes in the Queensferry/Dalmeny area.

Colin couldn't confirm for sure if there would be as this was an issue for the local authorities to decide.

It is anticipated that the growth of the city will have knock-on effects on care for the elderly.

There is a 60 bed care home outlined for the Ferrymuir area.

There was a lengthy discussion between Colin Keir, Keith and Councillor Work regarding the need to discuss with any organization about implementing care homes into their plans, and Colin mentioned that section 75 planning needs to prioritise health care.

ACTION: Keith to arrange meeting between QDCC/Councillors and Evans.

Colin Keir mentioned that councils and community groups all need to have a long term (20-30 years) plan for the areas of the city.

Councillor Shields noted that CEC have a decide now, discuss later attitude to West Edinburgh.

Terry mentioned that 10 years ago there was a 2 stage plan for Ferrymuir, however the new bridge development and economic downturn has put paid to this.

Ed Kelly asked about Colin's views on the Heritage Centre/site: Colin fully sports this.

Terry posted on QDCC Facebook site that Colin would be in attendance and if there was any questions to be posed.

There were 2 key questions:

- 1) When are Queensferry getting super fast broadband?

There was support from the UK government to implement broadband and for a period the Scottish government had to step back with their proposals. The next tranche is in West Edinburgh, but there are no timescales.

- 2) What has Colin Keir MSP done to benefit Queensferry?

Colin feels that dealing with constituents face-to-face is hugely beneficial. He also said that he has an excellent support staff around him.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed: June Jansen (February)

Seconded: Diane Job (February)

Proposed: Ed Kelly (January)

Seconded: Diane Job (January)

6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting and Outstanding Issues

- Digital Presentation date: Details of meeting were posted on QDCC Facebook page, meeting occurred on 26 February 2014.

RESOLVED

Manor Homes/CEC Dispute.

Action: Diane Job to discuss with Terry. Ongoing.

- No cold calling scheme – Councillor Work noted that Almond Grove will be one of the first areas to implement the scheme.

Action: Councillor Work will report back when necessary.

- Street lighting repairs. Laura Sexton (Environment Convenor) has spoken to Paul Clark at CEC and he has confirmed that repairs are ongoing. Residents are encouraged to contact Clarence/CEC with the serial number of the individual street light.

David Flint mentioned that the lighting at Rosebery Hall had started to be fixed but the workers went to get parts and haven't returned in months.

- **Action: Laura Sexton will report back when necessary. Councillor Work will look into Rosebery Hall lighting as this is not a normal street light.**

- Echline Drive parking. Councilor Shields had no new news.

Action: Councilor Shields to update QDCC as any new news arrives.

Business meeting in Dalmeny. June Jansen is to have a meeting with Dalmeny

June mentioned that the church hall was booked for Monday 26 May 2014 between 8pm and 10pm.

Action: Keith to look at meetings around that time and ensure that this is a suitable date.

Corus Plans – the development plans were sent to the Varney residents to allow them to voice their opinions on this. These plans are not final however the developers could launch the plans within 2 weeks of this meeting.

Action: Keith to feed back with any news on the development.

Social Media- Keith confirmed that the administrators will remain the same, all administrators except Laura Sexton are happy for their names to be added to any comments made on Facebook.

RESOLVED

Minutes Secretary – Executive Members were to look at a volunteer group to take minutes of meetings. A posting was added to the QDCC Facebook page on Friday before the meeting. Keith apologised to Ross as this posting should not have been added until Ross had been consulted about the proposal.

ACTION – Keith to speak to Ross about the proposal.

Stagecoach 40/40a service - Councillor Work emailed Executive at Stagecoach, who confirmed that they would consider the additional services that may arise with the withdrawal of the First Bus service. Stagecoach confirmed that there is nothing that can be done in the first 90 days of the service.

ACTION – Grant to email Euan Horne and copy in Colin Keir MSP in any correspondence.

7. Chair's Report

Report Circulated.

Keith publicly thanked Eilidh and Mark for their attendance at West End Realm Charette.

8. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated.

9. Councillor's Reports

Councillor Paterson report circulated.

Councillor Shields report circulated – Councilor Shields will find out from Alex Paterson at CEC about his replacement.

Councilor Shields will be at the Parent Council meeting w/b 31st March 2014.

Councillor Work report circulated – Councilor Work mentioned QDCC in his speech at the event noted in his report in Kirkliston on 27 February.

Queensferry Rugby Club have also applied successfully for outside seating/tables. Plans are afoot and will be announced in due course.

10. Secretary's Report

Report circulated. Terry confirmed that QDCC received 504 emails in March 2014, Keith confirmed that he alone came back to 262 emails after his holiday specifically relating to QDCC issues.

Colin Keir MSP gets around 140 emails every day.

11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

11.1 Transport

Report circulated.

Grant mentioned that the 64 Horsburgh service is missing the Gyle on its route, and there is a concern that with the tender for the service, the 63 may also cut out the Gyle.

Councillor Work mentioned that a few residents in Somerville had raised issues with the buses bleeping. This may be due to Stagecoach driving right to the gates at the old Agilent site before turning.

11.2 Queensferry Ambition

Report Circulated

There was a discussion about signage in South Queensferry, with Miles Ogilthorpe being a huge support.

QA will try and campaign Transport Scotland & Network Rail about funding support for the signage and Colin Kier MSP will also feed back to Transport Scotland.

Diane also acknowledged that the World Heritage application for the Forth Bridge had went through Westminster Parliament.

ACTION – Colin Keir MSP will approach Network Rail and Transport Scotland on the back of Diane Brown/QA.

11.3 Port Edgar Yacht Club

Nothing to report.

11.4 Community Safety Forum

Nothing to report.

11.5 Queensferry High School

Mark and Eilidh delivered a verbal report on Jim Ferguson's behalf.

The health and safety issues mentioned in the last meeting have been audited and this is now complete.

The stage however is still banned from usage.

11.6 Planning

Report circulated.

11.7 Environment

There was no report to circulate.

There was a query raised the diaries for the bin uplifts not being circulated this year. There are paper copies available in the library, according to Councillor Work, however any other copies appear to be online,

ACTION: Councilor Work to look into and find out.

11.8 Queensferry Boat Club

Fiona mentioned that the harbour cleaning was scheduled for 5th April, and the cranes were due in for boat lifting on 14th April.

11.9 Tourism

Report Circulated.

11.10 Community Group

Report circulated.

12. Any Other Business

June Jansen mentioned that the AGM for Greenferry, VATRUN and Friends of Ferry Glen will be held jointly at Priory Church on 1st April.

Diane Job mentioned an Evening News article regarding costs for community fairs. It was noted that if these costs were implemented this would raise concerns with both the Ferry Fair and Christmas In Queensferry.

13. Questions from the Floor

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 28th April 2014 at 7.30

**Ross Martin
27th April 2014**