



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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PUBLIC MEETING AND MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2014 ROSEBERY HALL UPPER ROOM – QUEENSFERRY HIGH STREET

QDCC Attendees – Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Secretary), Grant Sangster, Diane Brown, David Flint, Ross Martin, Eileen Case, Fiona Duncan, Laura Sexton, Juliette Summers, Councillor Work, Councillor Paterson, Councillor Shields, Ed Kelly, June Jansen.

Keith welcomed the public to the monthly business meeting.

There was an apology from Rachel Haworth , who was due to give a presentation on the Conservation Area consultation.

Keith used the occasion to allow QDCC officials to introduce themselves to the members of the public in attendance.

WASTE RECYCLING SERVICE

A presentation was provided by Lesley Sugden, the Waste Strategy Manager at City Of Edinburgh Council, and Mak Adebulehin, the Development officer for Waste Strategy.

The Kerbside Recycling Scheme for Edinburgh is running from September 2014 to September 2015.

The Waste Services Team are keen to learn from the lessons of the previous changes, notable the space available in the boxes provided.

The boxes provided in the new scheme will be as follows:

GREEN: everything that is currently placed in the small red and blue boxes.

BLUE: Glass (bottles & jars), batteries, small electrical items (smaller than a microwave) and textiles.

GREY – normal household waste.

There will be around 70% of all household waste eligible for the recycling boxes, and the aim is to reach an increase to 50% of all goods recycled.

Collections for household waste and recycling will be on the same day on alternate weeks.

South Queensferry will be phased in over 4 of the 5 phases in the 12 month period.

Phase 1 saw an increase of recycling of 40-50%, a 25% increase in participation, and saw a contamination issue with plastic bags in recycling boxes.

The floor was then opened for Lesley & Mac to answer questions from the attendees.

One resident asked what happens with the dismantling of the recycling. Lesley confirmed this goes to a transfer centre.

It also transpired that there is an opt out option for the new bins for those who do their own recycling at present. Anyone who doesn't have any private recycling facilities will not be opted in and can contact the Waste Services team should they require further assistance.

It was also noted that the recycling figures and targets take into account the Tesco and Scotmid facilities.

The subject of missed collections was raised by both the public and Terry Airlie. It was noted that QDCC already have contact with John Paterson, where we receive reports of streets that are missed on the collection day. Terry noted that the information is better, however there are still gaps in the report based on community feedback.

Lesley confirmed that there were no extra vehicles on the road and that the new vehicles had split bodies, so 1 vehicle per collection instead of 2.

The Waste Management team confirmed that they report back to the various governmental bodies and where technology allowed, would be looking at ways of improving recycling further.

POLICE REPORT

PC Aiden Douds and Inspector Scobie attended and delivered the monthly police update.

Aiden confirmed, upon questioning, that the police station is currently manned weekdays 9am to 5pm, with every other call fielded to the Bilston control room.

Aiden and Inspector Scobie were also asked if there was a change in policy after the fatal stabbing earlier this year?

The officers confirmed that every shift in this area has 5 officers, and there have been increased visits to licensed premises, making public aware of police presence.

Diane Brown mentioned the Best Bar None policy.

Councillor Work confirmed it is being piloted for city wide roll out on future. South Queensferry already operate a local version of this scheme.

ACTION: Councillor Work to look into the Best Bar None policy with licensing board.

CONSERVATION CHARACTER APPRAISAL

Keith mentioned that City of Edinburgh Council are reviewing character appraisals with South Queensferry and The Grange the first areas to be reviewed.

The nomination for World Heritage status requires the appraisal to be up to date.

The consultation is from 27 October to 1 December 2014.

The next drop-in session is 5 November 2014 at SQ Library from 2pm to 8pm.

QDCC & QA along with Queensferry Trust worked together to compile a list of questions, and the answers provided formed the basis for the character appraisal.

QUESTION AND ANSWER OPEN SESSION.

Keith opened the floor to questions from the public and confirmed that the LDP meeting found there was a raft of general questions.

There were discussions about if there will be another meeting on the conservation character appraisal based on Rachel Haworth being absent.

The 40/40a service and its schedule was also discussed.

The ownership of the East Terrace Railings was also discussed, Keith confirmed that it is owned by private residents, and Ed Kelly mentioned that the residents could look to get a grant as part of conservation appraisal.

There was a discussion around the repairs in the High Street and the wider Queensferry area.

Keith confirmed that the repairs to the High Street are in the 2015/16 budget year.

Planning permission time limits based on the character appraisal were raised, as were the liability on boundary limits on private land.

ACTION: Keith Giblett will take council officer up to Rosshill area in question to check the legal stance.

David Flint asked the public what the best way to advertise these meeting is?

The Gazette published the meeting, and Davids distribution to the church and the bus stops was noted.

Keith asked for contact details of public attendees for the conservation character appraisal before the end of the public meeting and thanked the public for taking the time to attend.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Apologies: Diane Job, Eileen Case, Jim Ferguson.

Keith confirmed that the planning sub-committee need to meet regarding Ferrymuir with Diane Brown also attending.

Keith also thanked Nic Bobb for pulling together public responses for the 3 consultations.

Keith on behalf of QDCC invited Nic as a co-opted member. There was unanimous acceptance of this from committee members.

Nic thanked QDCC for the opportunity and confirmed he would be looking at LDP2 in the short term, with how to get different demographics in the community represented being a long term objective.

The planning sub-committee are looking to meet with James Pitt of Evans when he visits Edinburgh, and QA should attend to discuss alternative business solutions.

Proposals on LDP2 need to be set up for Nic to work with.

Keith was nominated to attend the disaster recovery incident on 13 November regarding the BP/Dalmeny drill.

Nic mentioned that social media is always useful post-event for feedback. We need to be looking at the people who attend our meetings and which local groups they attend, and work with those groups and the wider community from there.

Laura Sexton commented that QDCC need to continue to engage with the local schools and Queensferry HS especially since the 16-17 year old age group being able to vote in the recent referendum.

ACTION: David Flint will look into contacts at the schools and QHS.

Ross Martin asked if there would be public meetings to gauge opinions on the High Street repairs.

Keith confirmed QDCC and QA would continue to prompt CEC to provide meetings and consultations.

Laura Sexton asked about the Evening News report of threats to leisure services in the West of Edinburgh and what QDCC could do to reflect public interest in local leisure services.

NEXT MEETING

Monday 24th November 2014 at QDCC offices.