



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 25th AUGUST 2014 **Council Offices, High Street, South Queensferry**

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie; Diane Job; Diane Brown; Grant Sangster; Councillor Work; Councillor Paterson; Councillor Shields; David Flint; June Jansen; Constable Kelly (Police Scotland); Eileen Case; Diane Brown; Fiona Duncan; Anne Fernie; Maggie Quayle; Juliette Summers; Ed Kelly

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

Keith welcomed Barry Colford, Forth Road Bridgmaster and Henry Coyle, the Almond Partnership West Neighbourhood Manager.

2. Apologies

Jim Ferguson; Laura Sexton.

3. Police Report

The report was circulated.

Keith enquired about Buileyon Road traffic incidents with the traffic restrictions. PC Kelly will make enquiries as to specific locations with the Road safety teams if necessary.

4. Barry Colford

Barry Colford was in attendance to highlight the upcoming Forth Bridges festival, celebrating 50 years since the Road Bridge was opened. The festival is being run in partnership with Queensferry Ambition.

Event Scotland have also provided additional funding and Unique Events have been selected as the organiser of the party on 13th September.

There was discussion around the events on 13th September, which will revolve around the Bridge Party at the Forth Bridges contact centre, and the torchlight procession, where 2014 people will cross the bridge, and fireworks display on the bridge.

There will be road and lane closures southbound on the Road Bridge from 7pm on the night, and the bridge will be closed entirely from 10pm to 10.30pm for the fireworks display due at 10.06.

There will be TTRO's in place in North Queensferry and South Queensferry and park and ride facilities in Edinburgh and Fife.

The focus is on attracting local people to the events on both sides of the bridge.

Representatives from Edinburgh will also meet with representatives from Fife on the night.

Barry also highlighted other events during the Festival including the 90 strong Regatta on the Forth, and the successful Tower Top Trips. There is also a biker rally that will travel through South Queensferry.

Fiona Duncan asked about the parking near the Pier.
Henry Coyle mentioned that he would feed this back to events management regarding traffic restrictions at High Street/The Loan.

The question was asked if there is a mechanism in place to prevent people turning up on the 13th and other that having a town wide road block there is no such mechanism.

David Flint asked about the lunches on the street. It was confirmed that there is a cap of 600 tickets, and up to tonight's meeting 500 had been sold.

Keith also asked about the legacy planning for potential future tourism opportunities. Barry said he was unsure about legacy planning but there is scope for tourism on both bridges.

Keith and Diane Brown sit on the Forth Bridges steering group but are finding it a frustrating experience, with not much progress in the last 6 months.

Barry will communicate with QDCC regarding the residents meetings.

5. Henry Coyle

Henry Coyle has been the West Neighbourhood Team Manager since February 2014.

Henry mentioned the various departments that form part of the West Neighbourhood team, and emphasised the key messages of:

Well Housed, Well Maintained, Well Informed, Well Engaged.

Henry met with Keith in June 2014 and discussed the various issues in South Queensferry, both day to day issues and strategic issues. It was agreed that whilst the Neighbourhood Partnership is good at reacting to issues, the W.N.T. need the community to be pro-active.

A copy of the issues raised in an earlier e-mail chain from Keith was distributed to the assembled members, and Henry would like to see the spreadsheet updated with QDCC ownership.

The issues previously raised by David Flint in relation to Hill Court/Rosebery Hall, which is in the budget for 2015/16. Henry also highlighted that works will be carried out on the High Street in terms of an update/repairs.

Henry also mentioned that 20% of the houses planned in the Local Development Plan are for South Queensferry. Keith touched upon the plans and that there are no infrastructures in place.

Juliette Summers asked about the ongoing repairs to the landslip in Ferry Glen. Henry will make sure this issue is added to the list.

Councillor Work asked if there were any updates regarding Manor Homes. Norman pointed out that there is no definitive lists of works, and there could be issues of liability regarding slippages. Henry would like to see details of the streets involved.

ACTION: QDCC to compile a list of the streets.

Henry confirmed that Rosebery Hall is part of the museum & galleries account budget.

The issues with the council building has been referred to Corporate Property. Concerns were also raised about the road marking at the corner of the Loan, which turns into Hopetoun Road and the High Street.

ACTION: Henry Coyle to report back on these issues.

Ed Kelly asked about the flexibility of the spreadsheet, as the original walkthrough of South Queensferry was carried out by David Sinclair and QDCC Executive in October 2013.

Henry mentioned that there is a Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting on 10 September 2014 and there is revenue to be spent so it is important to bring any ideas to the Neighbourhood Partnership.

Keith said that the spreadsheet is an important foundation to track works that need to be carried out.

6. Minutes of Meeting

Proposer: Fiona Duncan

Seconder: June Jansen

7. Matters arising from last meeting

- Street lighting repairs.
Residents are encouraged to contact Clarence/CEC with the serial number of any individual street light.
There is work in progress with the repairs.
- **Action: RESOLVED**

Temporary pedestrian safety measures at Scotstoun for Agilent site:
ACTION: Diane Job has dealt with.

Museum.

Keith met with Gillian Findlay and the History Group.
There is no budget for the building. The Corporate Property team in City of Edinburgh Council to do survey.
ACTION: Ongoing Issue.

School Roll

Diane Job obtained figures.
ACTION: RESOLVED.

Local Development Plan Meeting.

Meeting is on 26th August 2014.
ACTION: RESOLVED

Evans

Keith met with James Pitt.
ACTION: RESOLVED

Road Signs

Email passed to Henry Coyle and David Sinclair.
ACTION: ONGOING

KIRKLISTON ROAD BIN REPLACEMENT
The requested bin has now been put in place
ACTION: RESOLVED

July Meeting

Service Level Agreement.
Questionable about the police provision in South Queensferry.

Counter staff are unavailable due to re-allocation of resource to other area/events.

Condition of Scotstoun Grove Shops.

The land and parking around the shops is owned by Scotmid and Scotstoun Hardware.

There are ongoing issues with the owners and the council.

This is a topic that Ed Kelly and QA may want to discuss.

ACTION: Issue to be added to Council repair spreadsheet.

Agilent site complaints:

QDCC are aiming to meet with Gavin Pope.

It was noted that QDCC are provided with a weekly programme of work from FCBC for the new bridge, and it may be worth suggesting to Agilent to provide something similar.

ACTION: ONGOING

Corus Site:

There was a traffic assessment lodged on the planning portal.

QDCC have lodged comments on the traffic assessment which were compiled by Grant Sangster.

7. Chair's Report

Report Circulated.

Keith would like to compliment the Ferry Fair Committee on a fantastic fair.

He also took time to reflect on the loss of Kenny Sinclair in December and the sad news that Graham Holmes passed away on Thursday 21st August. The funeral is due in Friday 29th August.

Keith proposed a minutes silence to reflect on Grahams passing as he was a friend to many in QDCC. The silence was impeccably observed.

Keith also mentioned the LDP consultation/drop-in sessions due for 26th August.

The information we are looking to capture is if attendees are from South Queensferry primarily and Keith also asked for availability for the event.

8. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated.

9. Councillor's Reports

Councillor Paterson touched upon the education provision noted in her report in relation to LDP. Terry Airlie referred to provision of catchment review which is projected in 2015.

Diane Job asked which schools have space in relation to project population growth with new housing developments.

ACTION: Councillor Paterson to get catchment area maps

A question was raised in relation to Councillor Shields report in relation to the Stagecoach buses having specific advertising promoting South Queensferry.

ACTION: QDCC & QA to look into.

Councillor Paterson also mentioned about the inconsistencies with the bin collections, which range from various areas being completely missed out to streets having half a collection.

Residents and QDCC need answers as to what is causing the problems and who to refer any complaints to.

There is a need to meet with management for assurances over services.

ACTION: List of all problems and streets affected to be compiled.

ACTION: QDCC to arrange evening meeting to discuss waste issues.

Councillor Work noted the work carried out by Queensferry History Group who had proposed 14 streets names for the new developments and these have been accepted.

10. Secretary's Report

Report circulated.

11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

11.1 Transport

Report circulated.

11.2 Queensferry Ambition

Report Circulated.

Diane asked for support from QDCC for a Queensferry Charette to try and obtain grant funding from Neighbourhood Partnership.

There is commitment required from CEC Economic Development.

ACTION: Keith to take on and consult with councillors.

Fiona Duncan asked about the street market.

Diane mentioned that there are 12 extra stalls, which means 12 facing the water and 12 on the high street. There are economic restrictions on the market at present.

The feedback from businesses on and around the high street is that there has been an increase in footfall.

11.3 Port Edgar Yacht Club

Report Circulated.

11.4 QCCC

Report circulated.

Eileen Case confirmed that QCCC are planning meeting with NQ Church to hand over gifts in the centre of the Road Bridge during the Forth Bridge festival.

Eileen also brought up the subject of fundraising, and mentioned a proposed concert in Dalmeny.

ACTION: Keith and Eileen to discuss dates.

11.5 Queensferry High School

Report circulated.

11.6 Planning

Report circulated.

11.7 Environment

Report circulated.

11.8 Queensferry Boat Club

Nothing to report

11.9 Tourism

Report Circulated.

Ed Kelly mentioned that Bungee Jump Scotland are looking to set up a service on the bridges.

Ed will discuss plans, if there is time, at the next meeting.

11.10 Education/Safety

Grant has been asked to attend Queensferry Primary regarding parking on Burgess Road.

The meeting is due on 9 September and Grant will pass details to David.

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12. Any Other Business

Keith discussed the plans for business meetings for the remainder of 2014.

Each councillor was provided with a spreadsheet of proposed dates and contents of meetings.

ACTION: Keith to make enquiries about venues for October meeting.

ACTION: Gillian Tee to be invited along to a future meeting regarding Education.

ACTION: Organise dates for extraordinary meeting to debate future function of High Street.

QDCC need someone to scribe headlines from meetings to be added to the Journal and Gazette Queensferry notes by Iain Russell.

13. Questions from the Floor

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 22nd September 2014 – 7.30pm at QDCC Offices

**Ross Martin
September 16th 2014**