



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



CELEBRATING 29 YEARS 1986-2015

MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2014
Council Offices, High Street, South Queensferry

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie; Diane Brown; Grant Sangster; Councillor Work; Councillor Paterson; David Flint; June Jansen; Eileen Case; Diane Brown; Anne Fernie; Jim Ferguson; Laura Sexton; Ross Martin; Sgt Billy Telford (Police Scotland)

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting, extending a welcome to Sgt Billy Telford, who was attending the monthly business meeting for the first time.

2. Licensing Board Presentation

Councillor Work gave an overview of the Licensing Act 2005, which replaced the 1976 Act. The new act has an emphasis in Health and Safety, training, Licensing objectives and child accessibility.

The areas covered included the objectives, which are to prevent crime, secure public safety and prevent nuisance.

Councillor Work mentioned that the licensing board consisted of 10 councillors, with each councillor receiving a vote and the convenor getting the casting vote should that be required. There is also representation from the Police, Health (NHS), Building Standards, Licensing Standard Officers and the Clerk to the Board (a Solicitor).

All authorities must establish a licensing forum, that can advise the Board.

There was information provided on Overprovisions, where the board can prevent streets or areas from granting new licensing.

There are also mandatory conditions for licenses, which include operating plans, premises management, personal licences for every staff member, staff training, pricing and prevention of irresponsible drinks promotions.

There are currently around 25 licensed premises in South Queensferry.

Jim Ferguson asked if there was any stipulation to price increases, Councillor Work confirming that the Chancellors Budget would normally dictate this.

Keith asked about overprovision, with Councillor Work re-iterating that the board define specific areas under various circumstances should there be a requirement for restricting licenses.

Keith also asked if there were disturbances, what the process was for reporting these and what happens after reporting.

Councillor Work confirmed that the police would normally attend the premises in question and pass any report to the Licensing board.

Laura Sexton asked how the licensing forum is chosen and how often is the forum membership reviewed, and can QDCC have representation?

Terry confirmed that the QDCC Secretary will review invitations by email or letter asking QDCC to attend.

Terry also asked how easy it was for a licence to be withdrawn.

Councillor Work confirmed that there were many facets to withdrawing a licence, and it is based on individual circumstances.

3. Police Report

The report was circulated.

The incident at Hawes Pier was noted, but no further comment could be made outwith the information already available to the public.

4. Apologies

Diane Job, Fiona Duncan, Nicholas Bobb, Councillor Alistair Shields, Juliette Summers, Ed Kelly, Maggie Quayle

5. Matters arising from last meeting

Keith mentioned that this was the 1st business meeting since August due to the LDP2 public meeting in September and the October meeting, which produced high quality questions from the public attendees.

There were thanks extended to Grant for attending the Armistice Day service with 150 programmes sold.

Keith was grateful to the Fire Brigade for assistance in putting the Christmas lights up in readiness for the light switch on due on Thursday.

6. Minutes of Meeting

Proposer: June Jansen

Seconder: David Flint

Diane Brown raised the issue of the Queensferry Ambition variation licence relating to the licensing board decision not to grant the extension to the existing market licence.

Diane was under the impression that everyone agreed to support the extension at the August meeting.

The licensing board noted that there was not enough evidence of support from local groups, QDCC included.

Terry Airlie asked for clarity on the process in email correspondence however at no point did QDCC object to the extension.

Keith pointed out that there is no obligation on the licensing authority to discuss this with QDCC.

It also appears that the licensing board were off the view that understanding of the extension at community level was not sufficient.

Diane feels that there should be no reason why QDCC and the councillors cant speak to her directly about any issues or objections they may have on any issue.

There will now be an EPOG announced in the next few days by Jim Mitchell (Public Safety Officer).

Diane asked if QDCC would write a letter of support for doubling the market and also for more than one meeting per calendar month.

WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES MEETINGS

2 meetings have been held including the October public meeting. A list of the streets affected has been provided by the council.

The attendance of Gillian Tee at a QDCC meeting will be discussed at a later date.

There will also need to be discussions regarding an EGM for the proposed High Street repairs in the upcoming monthly business meeting in 2015.

OCTOBER MINUTES

Approved – Terry Airlie

Seconded – David Flint

ACTION PLAN – Best Bar None policy with licencing board. Councillor Work will enquire at the upcoming awards ceremony, he thinks it is city-wide now.

ROSSHILL REPAIRS

ACTION PLAN – Keith to take a council officer up to have an official look at any issues.

QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL CONTACTS

We may hear more from Jim Ferguson regarding engagement with potential contacts at QHS later in the meeting.

7. Chair's Report

Report Circulated.

.8. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated.

9. Councillor's Reports

Councillor Paterson's report has been circulated.

The Question raised by Hamish Campbell will come under the planning report.

Councillor Work's report was circulated.

Terry Airlie asked about the plan of works in Somerville/Scotstoun area.
Councillor Work will find out why it is taking so long

ACTION: Councillor Work to obtain list of works and timescales.

Grant Sangster asked about the removal of the First Bus service to Livingston.
Councillor Work mentioned that he had tweeted and emailed First, with no response to speak of at the time of the meeting.

Grant asked if there was any back up plan to replace the service, and it appears that it would only be to travel on connecting buses on the route.

ACTION: Grant to mention this at Almond Forum

10. Secretary's Report

Report circulated.

11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

11.1 Transport

Report circulated.

11.2 Queensferry Ambition

Report Circulated.

Councillor Paterson asked how many booklets had been distributed for Christmas In Queensferry. Diane Brown confirmed 6,500 had been issued in the local area.

Diane mentioned that there will be an announcement on the Skills Partnership soon.

11.3 Port Edgar Yacht Club

Report Circulated.

11.4 QCCC

Report circulated.

Eileen announced the tendering for daycare services has been awarded to another organisation, and QCCC don't have the level of funding to cope with servicing the local area.

There are plans in 2015 for the service provision of 'The Haven' to be reviewed and QCCC expect this to be centralised due to the financial restrictions that QCCC have.

Laura Sexton offered her support in reviewing QCCC service to assist them with how they can operate going forward. QDCC will also need to work with the new service provider on behalf of the community.

Keith also mentioned that QCCC could also look at linking with other organisations.

ACTION: Councillor Work & Laura Sexton to liaise with QCCC on an ongoing basis.

11.5 Queensferry High School

Report circulated.

Jim mentioned that there was an impact on school repairs after the recent announcement of the new school.

Recent events have included remembrance assemblies, and debates on the recent referendum.

Jim also announced that he is due to retire on 19th December 2014 from QHS.

Jim expressed his pleasure & privilege at being a representative of QHS and having the relationship with QDCC and also our relationship with young people.

Keith noted that QDCC have now had a partnership with QHS for over 12 years, and in that time Jim has become a friend as well as an important figurehead in QHS amongst pupils, teachers and stakeholders.

Keith on behalf of QDCC would like to wish Jim well for the future and presented him with a framed picture of the two bridges.

11.6 Planning

Report circulated.

In the recent planning meeting, there was a discussion amongst the Group about the LDP2, as well as discussing Nic's project on the 25-45 age group. Grant and Nic will lead this with Fiona Duncan, June Jansen and Eileen Case. Will Tunnell was also engaged on this project.

There is a list of concerns on the Ferrymuir Site which need to be discussed at the meeting with James Pitt and Evans on Wednesday 26th November.

QDCC understands that the application for the Corus site has been held over, with planning officers supposedly due to meet FETA, and the application is due to come back to committee next week.

Keith asked if the councillors can check if this information is correct, as information from FETA and CEC is conflicting.

ACTION: Councillors to check with planning regarding stance with FETA.

Keith also confirmed the formation of a group as a direct result of the West End Charette.

They are called Young Greenferry or Greenferry 2, and their key project is Hawthorn Bank area. Keith has offered the group the QDCC premises on 8 December to formalise the group.

11.7 Environment

Report circulated.

June mentioned about a proposal to escort children in a walking bus incentive which she had seen in a tv report.

This could be highlighted locally to try to alleviate the traffic issues around the primary schools.

11.8 Queensferry Boat Club

Nothing to report

11.9 Tourism

Nothing to report.

11.10 Education/Safety

Keith mentioned that he attended the Parent Council meeting on Davids behalf. Jim mentioned that there are plans in place for Queensferry Primary but nothing has been publicised yet.

12. Any Other Business

Keith noted that this was the last meeting of 2014, however the councillors will continue usual contact through e-mail.

The plans for 2015 include meeting Gillian Tee regarding the school catchment areas.

Sgt Billy Telford needs to attend to discuss the changes in Police Scotland.

Updates from David Climbie regarding the progress of the new Crossing.

Update from Henry Coyle regarding the West Neighbourhood Team.

Presentation in relation to the Forth Bridge Visitor Centre.

An enquiry has come from BP/Dalmeny offering sponsorship of the Christmas Tree and Christmas lights.

ACTION: Terry Airlie to reply to BP/Dalmeny.

Keith asked that everyone has a great festive period and brought the meeting to a close.

13. Questions from the Floor

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 26th January 2015 – 7.30pm at QDCC Offices

Ross Martin

9th January 2015