



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 23rd February 2015 **Council Offices, High Street, South Queensferry**

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie; Diane Job; Grant Sangster; Councillor Work; David Flint; June Jansen; Eileen Case; Anne Fernie; Maggie Quayle; Ross Martin; Ed Kelly; Fiona Duncan; George Moore (QHS Parent Council); Henry Coyle (ANP Manager); Councillor Cammy Day; PC Andy Braid; PC Julian Peukert; Sgt Willie Rennie; Murray Trail (Highland Fling Bungee Jump)

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting, in what has been a busy month for QDCC. Keith also expressed disappointment at our efforts relating to LDP2 being thwarted by the late delay in the process.

2. Police Report

The report was circulated.

PC Peukert mentioned that Operation Pelaton is continuing due to recent house break-ins in Silverknowes.

Terry Airlie asked for the police report to be circulated digitally.

Grant asked if there was any further information on the pedestrian incident on the A90, there was no further information on that incident.

Keith asked if there was any link between the jewellery theft and previous incidents.

Sgt Billy Telford spoke in detail about the recent amalgamation of the police forces throughout Scotland. This was brought about through the Police & Fire Service Reform Act (2012).

The reforms formed a demand led police service, with 1180 officers throughout the 8 territories and drug enforcement agency.

Sgt Telford mentioned that with the introduction of the integrated service delivery model the response officers and community officers made up equal resource with both sets of officers meeting at same time in the same room allowing for a shared workload, and with a longer working day.

The managed call appointment service was also mentioned.

A call is allocated to a community officer, with normally a next day appointment made dependent on higher grade calls/incidents.

The 101 service was detailed, with the service designed to create uniformity and a crime can be reported anywhere in Scotland.

Keith asked for Sgt Telfords view on community policing in South Queensferry. Sgt Telford mentioned that the service was a lot more operational on the community side, with less engagement with public/schools.

3. Apologies

Diane Brown (QA), Councillor Paterson, Councillor Shields, Laura Sexton.

4. George Moore Co-Opt

Proposer: David Flint

Secunder: Diane Job

Keith pointed out an anomaly from the AGM. QDCC always have a co-opted member from the Queensferry Business Association (Now QA).

The co-opted member, Diane Brown, was not formally co-opted.

Proposer: Ed Kelly

Secunder: Maggie Quayle

5. HENRY COYLE – BOLD UPDATE

Henry Cole, the West Neighbourhood Manager for the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership, spoke about BOLD: Delivering a Lean & Agile Council.

The BOLD process is in the very early stages of being presented to City of Edinburgh Council (CEC), however Henry felt that it was important to get the councillors views as a Community Council.

There are no current timetables for the implementation of BOLD.

Henry detailed the various Priorities for Change and confirmed that there was 5 new council directorates:

- 1) BUSINESS
- 2) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- 3) HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE/NHS
- 4) PEOPLE
- 5) PLACE

It is proposed that as part of the BOLD process, where appropriate people will be able to use the online service or use mobile applications, which will free up resource for more complex issues.

June Jansen asked about issues with council tax. Henry hoped that the letters will become more transparent, and that the face to face service will still be available.

Fiona Duncan mentioned that she has had to contact the WNT about the new refuse collection by both phone and email and on both occasions there was no follow up. Councillor Work said that Fiona should contact councillor(s).

Keith felt that a single point of contact within ANP would be efficient and cost effective.

He also felt that planning should be rolled out to the 4 areas.

Henry has mentioned that he believes this should be a blank sheet format and not just an improvement on current model.

6. BUNGEE JUMP PRESENTATION

Murray Trail is the owner and Managing Director of Highland Fling Bungee, which has been running a site in Perthshire for 4 years now.

It took 4 and a half years to get the Perthshire site active, and 3 and a half for planning permission.

Chris Waite, the FRB rep, was originally hoping to have the bungee jump as part of the FRB birthday in 2014.

There has been a site identified in the South Tower of Forth Road Bridge.

Councillor Work said his reservation is that the handover from FETA to Transport Scotland and the time that transition will take.

Murray is fully aware of the handover and will engage with the bodies responsible.

Maggie was worried that it could be seen to glorify suicide. Murray hoped that there was potential for charity days or awareness sessions.

Keith asked how long would the process of setting up the bungee jump from approval?

Murray said that commercially speaking, as this is a seasonal site, this would be set up by Easter 2016 or Easter 2017.

Murray is looking at support from QDCC with a window of opportunity when AMEY take over the running of the bridges.

Keith will let Murray catch site of tourism study on the Forth Estuary.

7. Minutes of Meeting

Proposer: Fiona Duncan

Seconder: June Jansen

8. Chair's Report

Report Circulated.

9. Secretary's Report

Report circulated.

10. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated.

11. Councillor's Reports

Councillor Work discussed an email regarding the condition of the area around Scotstoun Shopping Centre. Formal written letters are to be sent to the proprietors about works required to be done.

12. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

12.1 Transport

Report circulated.

12.2 Queensferry Ambition

Report Circulated.

12.3 Port Edgar Yacht Club

No report to circulate.

12.4 QCCC

Report circulated.

12.5 Rotary

Nothing to add.

12.6 Planning

Diane highlighted the disappointment at the delay in the planning committee meeting for LDP2.

Terry believes that politics has played a part in the delay with the Cammo decision being referred to Scottish Government.

Keith noted about the vast developments in SQ, why should Cammo have preferential treatment.

Councillor Work referred back to the projection of numbers/land available for development.

The Builyeon Road PAN could still be referred back to Scottish Government.

Councillor Day mentioned that the issue is with infrastructure in the West of the City.

Keith reiterated the need for strategic & economic plan for SQ.

12.7 Environment

Report circulated.

12.8 Queensferry Boat Club

Nothing to report

12.9 Tourism

Ed Kelly is finding it difficult to convene business & tourism sub-forum.

A convenor will be appointed at some point in the future, with the majority of the information coming from Diane Brown (QA) and World Heritage Steering Group.

12.10 Education/Safety

There was a subcommittee meeting on 16 February to prepare for the March business meeting with Gillian Tee.

David Flint has circulated the list, once this has been amended with any additional questions from the councillors, Terry will forward the list to Gillian Tee.

13. Making South Queensferry a Dementia Friendly Community.

Eileen Case will be attending the 7 March meeting.

14. Any Other Business

Maggie Quayle mentioned about the bus services to St Johns Hospital from SQ.

Councillor Work and Grant both mentioned that there were reduced services on the back of the 651 service removal, and Grant detailed that there are 2 services (Horsburgh 7 & First 22) with both funded by West Lothian Council.

First have proposed changes to the 21 & 22 service timetables from April 2015.

Keith asked if a collective timetable could be placed in health centre notice boards and at the bus stops at Tesco.

ACTION: GRANT TO LOOK INTO THIS AT ALMOND TRANSPORT FORUM

14. Questions from the Floor

None.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 23rd March 2015 – 7.30pm at QDCC Offices

**Ross Martin
17th March 2015.**