



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 27th April 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; Maggie Quayle; Ross Martin; Fiona Duncan; George Moore (QHS Parent Council); PC Aidan Douds

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

2. Police Report

The report was circulated.

PC Douds mentioned that there was a meeting in relation to domestic security on 14 May at 8pm in the Rosebery Halls.

There have been instance of aquaplaning on the A90 near Burnshot.

ACTION: Grant to pursue aquaplaning on the A90.

Keith mentioned a scheme that involved children at schools being trained as junior road safety officers to monitor drivers in 20mph zones.

ACTION: DAVID FLINT TO TAKE TO SAFETY FORUM

Keith attended an EACC meeting and when policing was raised it was noted that other community councils were envious of QDCC having the regular police attendance at monthly meetings.

3. Apologies

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

4. Minutes of Meeting

Keith thanked David Flint for assisting and compiling the minutes for this meeting.

Proposer: Diane Job
Secunder: Maggie Quayle

The pupil council scored really poorly and will be raised at next meeting. The schools new timetable starts on 1 June, QDCC will look at potential pupil representation.

ACTION: George Moore will make contact with Ms Smith at QHS to discuss

Councillor Work gave an update on Scotstoun Shopping Centre. Grant has had no response as to which areas will be redeveloped.

Keith emailed Diane Brown in relation to the Guardian of the Bridge.

5. Chair's Report

Report Circulated.

Keith mentioned that he had attended the sub group meeting of the World Heritage Tourism Group to discuss the draft Tourism report prepared by Dunira Strategy.

On 20th April, David Flint and Keith attended the inaugural meeting of the Queensferry Heritage Trust held in the Rosebery Hall. John Murphyy was elected chair and Mike McDowall as Treasurer. Six members were elected to the committee. David hoped that QHT and QDCC can develop a close relationship.

Keith also noted that on the morning of the 25th April he had attended a meeting of the EACC as an observer. The objective was to glean first hand information about the impending EGM. There were various conclusions drawn from the meeting, notably that a new EACC Executive needs to be elected. Keith said it was important QDCC has representation at the EGM.

Keith has written by email to Malcolm Brown and QA seeking a retraction of email correspondence to QDCC Councillors David Flint and Maggie Quayle from Diane Brown QA Project Manager reminding them both of a conflict of interest in discussions about any RNLI/QA business and the councillors code of conduct.

Keith provided David and Maggie with reassurances that QDCC saw no conflict of interest on the councillors part, and following the aforementioned correspondence with QA and other concerned parties, Keith asked for a retraction of the email,

No response at the time of the meeting was forthcoming.

The next event that QDCC and QA will be in joint attendance is the events planning meeting on Thursday 30th April at 11am.

There was a discussion relating to the market application by QA which stemmed from a query about whether there had been a market the day before the meeting (26th April)

There was also a discussion relating to the Guardian of the Bridges application. Keith has received a response clarifying the position with relation to planning application and the number of participants involved in the process.

It was noted that QDCCs input was welcomed, and that Grant attends the PLACE meetings, where possible and also receives minutes of the meetings.

Fiona Duncan felt that there was a perceived lack of public consultation on the process.

Keith hoped that going forward there was clarity with QDCC and QA on any licensing or planning applications to allow both parties to work together.

6. Secretary's Report

Report circulated.

7. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated.

There is a very healthy balance, and Diane would like us to think about spending money from the budget.

We really need to prove to Doug Ross that we are spending his donation.

Keith mentioned that we should spend some of the balance on producing the annual report.

8. Councillor's Reports

Councillor Shields announced that the new port Facility Security Officer for the Hawes Pier, David McAdam, has introduced himself to the 3 ward councillors. Keith has emailed David to congratulate him.

Councillor Work noted that he had attended the meeting with Alex Neil MSP. He also attended the FETA meeting and dissolution of the group.

Councillor Work mentioned an email from Monica Boyle, Head of Old People Services at CEC.

ACTION: Councillor Work to ask Monica for list of Care Home providers.

9. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

9.1 Transport

Report circulated.

The Traffic Impact Assessment for the additional tourism impact on South Queensferry has been received within QDCC, and there is a meeting with Transport Scotland and the authors on 5 May at 6pm in the QDCC offices. Keith expressed his apologies for being unable to attend.

The NCN Route 1 cycle path upgrade is now complete and the route has reopened.

Diane Job said she will find out the timescales for the Scotstoun Terminus at the new development at Dalmeny Park/Scotstoun.

9.2 Queensferry Ambition

Report Circulated.

9.3 Port Edgar Yacht Club

Sailing season has started.

The starters box at the East breakwater has been removed, and the new box will go up on main pier.

9.4 QCCC

Report circulated.

Eileen mentioned that QCCC appears to have sorted out the financial issues. There was a silent auction held by QCCC. Eileen asked for suggestions from QDCC.

9.5 George Moore

Timetable to start from 1 June, George will try to discuss with QHS pupil and parent council.

9.6 Planning

Report circulated.

Diane mentioned that the plans for the new pathway through the CALA site at Dalmeny Park are going to the development sub-committee on 29 April.

The next scheduled meeting of the planning committee at CEC for the delayed LDP is due on the 14 May 2015.

Keith suggested that we aim to get the newsletter circulated before the report is published.

ACTION: Councillor Work to provide list of councillors email addresses to Diane Job to allow us to circulate newsletter.

Will Garrett is now engaged with the development of the Builyeon Road site, which is still to go to public consultation. There is a meeting scheduled in May with the planning officers, the developers agent Alan Farningham and QDCC.

9.7 Environment

Report circulated.

June had mentioned that there was a lamppost laid out on the path where the flood from the burst water mains occurred on the Back Braes.

9.8 Queensferry Boat Club

Fiona mentioned the no through road signs on Port Lane, this is on the list of council jobs to be done.

9.9 Education/Safety

David mentioned that he emailed West Team in relation to Hill Court Lane access, fouling in Scotstoun and cemetery signage.

David will also meet with James Mackay about his support for QDCC to access grants.

10. May 2015 AGM

This will be held on the same night as the next business meeting and will consist of the election of the office bearers, following into the normal business meeting.

Keith would like the annual report to be published to allow affiliate groups and sub-committees to put their point across. QDCC will look to get the report completed by a third-party professional.

ACTION: All groups should send drafts to Terry

There is a vacancy on QDCC as Juliette Summers no longer part of QDCC.

Councillor Work will act as Chief Returning Officer.

ACTION: Circulation of previous AGM minutes.

11. Questions from the Floor

Grant asked if the remit of the new Greenferry group extending purely to the Hawthorn Bank development. It was confirmed that this is the sole concern at present.

Diane asked about the timetable for the High Street repairs on behalf of the Ferry Fair committee, as the event is just over 3 months away and the official programmes will be issued shortly.

ACTION: Keith to raise the issue of the High Street repairs to West Neighbourhood Partnership

Keith raised the Hawes Toilets questionnaire. It appears that the building concerned is not fit for purpose however some form of toilets are required for the circa 15000 visitors from the ferry visits.

Grant mentioned that the form can be filled in by groups and individuals.

ACTION: Terry will submit a group questionnaire on behalf of QDCC Executive.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 25th May 2015 – 7.30pm at QDCC Offices

**Ross Martin
19th March 2015.**