



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**CELEBRATING 29 YEARS 1986-2015**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 27th July 2015** **Council Offices, High Street, South Queensferry**

### **ATTENDEES**

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie; June Jansen; Eileen Case; Fiona Duncan; David Flint; Diane Job (Treasurer); Laura Sexton; Maggie Quayle; George Moore; PC Walter Millar

### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting, commenting that the depleted attendance was due to the holiday period. Recent celebrations for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Forth Bridge opening in 1890 were noted, although it was too early for feedback on how successful these had been. The quiet passage of responsibility for the Forth Road Bridge from FETA to Amey had occurred during the past month, and the post of Project Manager for Queensferry Ambition had been advertised, as Diane Brown decided to move on.

### **2. Police Report**

The report was circulated at the meeting.

Over the past month, 22 crimes were recorded in the South Queensferry area, seven of these being assaults. No housebreakings were reported, perhaps because several people had already been remanded for similar offences. A spate of fire-raising incidents could cause concern but these were thought to be related to frustration at unsuccessful attempts to remove fuel from construction equipment from various sites around the area. These are not yet resolved, although positive progress has been made with theft of red diesel around the area.

### **3. Apologies**

Ed Kelly; Ross Martin; Councillor Norman Work; Councillor Lindsay Paterson

### **4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Two changes were identified. In section 12.6, *Priory* Church should have read *Parish* Church and in section 13, Ferry Fair *arches* should have read *floats*

Proposer: Diane Job  
Secunder: June Jansen

## **5. Actions Arising from Previous Meeting**

Living Landscapes briefing pack and website link from Lindsay Grant is expected to be provided through Jim Conner at the ANP. Action continues.

Terry had arranged a meeting with Crawford McGhie from CEC's Children and Families department, to be held on Thursday 30 July. Action closed.

June had found that Dalmeny Church Hall was already heavily used and decided that additional publicity might not be beneficial. Action retired.

## **6. Chair's Report**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

The meeting with QHS was reported as being positive, with the expectation of a 'Junior QDCC' being formed. More feedback would be provided during the first few weeks of the new term.

High Street road surface repairs are likely to be made in 2016.

All liner berthing locations were reported as being determined by Forth Ports. Landing fees from Newhaven are entirely retained by Forth Ports, unlike those at CEC premises, such as Hawes Pier.

Questions were raised about CEC's Bustracker displays, which presently only show data for Lothian Buses. Laura asked if CEC's Bustracker system could use information from the SEStran database and felt the exclusive display of Lothian Buses services put Queensferry at a disadvantage, at odds with the perceived Transport for Edinburgh aims.

**Action: Grant to arrange meeting with representatives from Transport for Edinburgh regarding their obligations and commitment to Queensferry**

## **7. Councillors reports**

Alastair reminded everyone that Robert Louis Stevenson Day would be on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Funding for various event initiatives would be possible under Edinburgh's UNESCO City of Literature status. The deadline for entering costed ideas is 15 August. Budgets in the region of a few hundred pounds are expected to be considered.

## **8. Secretary's Report**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

Correspondence had been received relating to direction signs in Queensferry.

**Action: Grant to provide visibility of pedestrian signage enquiry to QA Place subgroup and Paul Hogarth**

**Action: Grant to contact the complainant relating to signage provision**

A formal twinning arrangement with Pineuilh and St Foy la Grande was viewed as unlikely, given that Edinburgh is already twinned with Nice. However an informal relationship may be possible

**Action: George to ask if anyone at Queensferry High School is interested in pursuing a twinning initiative**

## **10. Treasurer's Report**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

## **11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports**

### **11.1 Transport**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

### **11.2 Port Edgar Yacht Club**

Development at Port Edgar is continuing. Plans for the Hub building are progressing and on schedule.

### **11.3 QCCC**

Eileen reported on three new initiatives which might benefit from more publicity. Firstly, a carpet uplifting service is now available. Secondly, a pastoral group has been formed, supplementing the bereavement counselling service which has operated well for some time. Thirdly, a leaflet outlining the behaviours necessary to become a dementia-friendly community called Dementia Friendly Queensferry has been produced. This could be distributed amongst the Queensferry community and to all nearby community councils.

### **11.4 Queensferry High School**

George reported that the school had been in recess over the past month.

### **11.5 Planning**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

A dispute over developer contribution to Children & Families has led to a delay in the Ferrymuir housing proposal being considered by the Development Management Sub-Committee. There is a possibility of the development being considered at the 26<sup>th</sup> August meeting

Diane appealed for QDCC presence at the Placemaking preparation session in Market Street on Wednesday 29 July. Laura said she would attend. The actual Placemaking session takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August in Queensferry High School and the format is like a 'rolling workshop', taking about an hour for each participant. QDCC members should publicise the sessions widely but

ensure people are aware it is an opportunity to provide constructive comments on the town rather than a reaction to LDP2. **Action: Laura to attend meeting and All to support workshop**

At the meeting with Taylor Wimpey, the prospective developers proposed housing numbers towards the lower end of the indicative LDP2 capacity of 365- 510 units.

June presented a diagram of Scotstoun Avenue showing junctions, pavements, bus stops and the traffic island, suggesting improvements to the layout might benefit both existing residents and those of the prospective South Scotstoun estate. In connection with the Agilent development, June mentioned CEC's stopping up order relating to the section of Lovers Lane adjacent to Scotstoun Avenue. Due to objections being raised this order had been referred for inquiry by the Scottish Government.

## **11.6 Environment**

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

## **11.7 Queensferry Boat Club**

Fiona expressed disappointment that a 'No Through Road' sign had still not been installed at the junction of the High Street with Gote Lane. However this should appear on the updated action list for the West Team to address. **Action: Keith**

Communal bins at old Post Office Close were reported as becoming quite smelly. CEC have advised that a stricter waste storage regime will be rolled out soon, so the practice of storing waste in public areas should become less frequent as more businesses are prosecuted.

Resident bins on Gote Lane were not being emptied regularly due to access difficulties caused by badly parked vehicles. This was typically resolved by contacting the Environmental Health department.

## **11.8 Education/Recreation/Rosebery Hall/Safety Forum**

David outlined some upcoming meetings worthy of note which he aimed to attend. A Rosebery Hall Committee meeting would be held on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 5.30pm, the QHS Parent Council AGM would be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August and the next ANP Safety Forum meeting would be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September, probably at 2pm. David and Alastair reported that the way in which the forum operated had been questioned recently, with the format of choosing a 'top 3 per quarter year' priority list for each area perhaps not being sufficiently dynamic to address emerging local issues.

## **12. Any other business**

Terry raised an enquiry received from the recently-elected MP regarding her attendance at a future QDCC meeting. After some discussion it was decided that all MSPs should be invited to attend a meeting along with the MP to outline how they intend to serve Queensferry. This should be separate to a routine business meeting. **Action: Terry**

June mentioned she had recently visited Redhall Walled Garden, which provides horticulture related training for people from Edinburgh with mental health problems. The experience was inspirational.

Diane identified a need for volunteers to judge the Ferry Fair floats on the morning of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August. The floats are sponsored by QDCC. Those willing to help should contact Diane directly. **Action: All**

Keith highlighted that vacancies exist on QDCC and encouraged the roles to be widely advertised. There are two elected positions and two group positions available. Tentative interest had been indicated from two groups already, namely the Queensferry Heritage Trust and the Dalmeny Station Residents' Association. **Action: All**

The newsletter would be progressed and possibly supplemented with an insert to advertise the vacancies. Roughly 1000 hard copies would be printed and distributed on the Ferry Fair stall. **Action: Grant**

Keith asked for QDCC volunteers to staff the Ferry Fair stall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, which would be located adjacent to the usual Almond Neighbourhood Partnership stall on the Boathouse Steps. **Action: All**

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – 7.30pm at QDCC Offices**

**Grant Sangster  
16<sup>th</sup> August 2015**