



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF MEETING – MONDAY 26th October 2015
Council Offices, High Street, South Queensferry

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair); June Jansen; Grant Sangster; Councillor Norman Work; David Flint; Diane Job (Treasurer); Ross Martin; PC Chris Harvey; PC Andy Braid; Laura Sexton; Eileen Case ;Fiona Duncan; Councillor Lindsay Paterson; Nicky Service (Scotstoun Association); Eleanor Sneddon (Queensferry Heritage Trust); Stuart Ridge (Rotary)

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting.

Keith mentioned about the upcoming Christmas In Queensferry which is planned for 26 November 2015. There will be Santa's Sleigh, which The Rotary are involved with and there will be parades.

Keith welcomed a number of people to the meeting:

Councillor Andrew Burns, City Of Edinburgh Council Leader
Eleanor Sneddon from Queensferry Heritage Trust
Nicky Service from Scotstoun Residents Association
Stuart Ridge, from Rotary (taking over from Ed Kelly) and
Alison Hobbs (from Queensferry HS)

He also welcomed PC Chris Harvey and PC Andy Braid.

2. Police Report

PC Andy Braid explained that due to data protection requirements, the police report could no longer be provided in written format, and would henceforth be provided as a verbal report to the community council.

E Division has a priority on break-ins, both home and vehicular.

There have also been a number of drug related offences in Queensferry.

A total of 49 report crimes were noted in the time period, with 12 leading to charges.

There was no incidents on the period, nor were there any major incidents during the road closure for the B800 flyover.

There were also a number of hate-crimes and anti-social behaviour incidents reported.

Fiona Duncan raised question about an alleged break in to businesses by individuals wearing masks. **Action Point: PC Andy Braid agreed to make further enquiries about this allegation.**

Alison asked if it was worth reported a minor incident like wing-mirror vandalism. It was deemed worthy as the police can then pick up on any patterns.

The Chair asked Police Scotland Community Police Officers to report back to their Division that QDCC is looking for re-assurance that manpower will be sought to combat the housbreakings in the local area to prevent the number escalating to if it the same level as last year. **Action Point: Police Scotland to report back to local Division about reassurance being sought on police manpower to be allocated to Queensferry**

The Chair also expressed concern at the change to the format of the police report and indicates that he finds it hard to understand why it has been changed.

3. Apologies

Maggie Quayle, Councillor Alastair Shields

4. Councillor Andrew Burns

Councillor Burns serves the Fountainbridge & Craiglockhart Ward and sits of the board/forums for the National Trust of Scotland and the Environmental & Resource Association.

Councillor Burns said that it was good to hear the Police Scotland concerns regarding community policing. He hopes having at least 2 names PC's in each ward will be helpful.

Councillor Burns then discussed the council pledges and budgets.

The council currently has a £1 billion revenue, which is static or is reducing in level in the CEC ward.

The Edinburgh population is also increasing by 1% per year.

There needs to be £141 million in savings over the next 4 years, with non-statutory duties (outwith health and education) being reviewed to see if and how these can be place out of central council controls and budgets.

Councillor Burns also encouraged people to use online reporting tools wherever possible.

Stuart asked about the CEC pledging to take refugees from Syria. Councillor Burns reported that CEC pledge is fully funded by Scottish Government for 1 year, but believes COSLA may be able to secure funding beyond the 1 year limit.

Stuart also expressed concerns that the disabled CEC residents did not have a strong voice and this was reflected in low submissions from older age groups and disability groups in planning objections and other local matters.

A suggestion was to maybe work towards targeted messages being sent to under represented groups.

The Chair expressed the view that the development gain focuses on education, with not enough money for other services.

Councillor Burns discussed the City Regain Deal, where 6 councils have come together and have put forward a submission to obtain an extra £1bn in funding over 6 local council areas.

5. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Proposer: David Flint

Seconder: June Jansen

Keith has made enquiries relating to the cost of the Corus site, and this matter is now closed.

It was confirmed that there the Ferrygait Road would be used to develop the Corus site.

There is no further update regarding the Mosaic, Mike Spring was emailed with no response as yet forthcoming.

Eileen Case has been appointed as convenor of the Health sub committee, and June Jansen has volunteered for the sub-group.

ACTION: Further volunteers required for sub-group.

Councillor Paterson has sent a list of questions that are being asked about CEC funding in relation to the Ferrymuir Site. Action now closed.

The Chair met with Councillor Work to look at the issues raised about Walker Drive in the last business meeting. Keith will address these issues at the Almond Partnership meeting.

Grant has sent an email to Dave Sinclair regarding the WSP manager appointment for the High Street repairs and is awaiting response.

Laura Sexton will meet with EVOC about the possibility of a Third Sector Forum for South Queensferry and Dalmeny.

ACTION: Laura to speak to EVOC and report back at next meeting.

Keith has circulated the Local Interest Group list to councillors and Terry will send these to the new members.

Ross has yet to provide the Queensferry Primary School Parent Council with George Moore's details to allow them to liaise with West Neighbourhood Team regarding Burgess Road and parking issues.

ACTION: Outstanding

CEC Ruling on education provision from Edinburgh Leisure.

ACTION: Ross & Terry to email Crawford McGhie ahead of meeting on 9 December.

6. Chair's Report

Report Circulated.

7. Secretary's Report

Report circulated.

ACTION: Councillor Work & Grant to make enquiries regarding the Council construction of safer routes to schools near Dalmeny Park.

8. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated.

9. Councillor's Reports

Councillor Shields report was circulated.

Councillor Paterson mentioned the B800 closure and specifically the issue with the Hopetoun Road closure which never went ahead as BT did not have the TTRO required.

Councillor Paterson also mentioned that Kirkliston CC were not informed of the road closures required for Cycle for Scotland event.

It was mentioned that the CEC circulation list is too generic and out of control with too many groups circulated into information that doesn't necessarily affect them.

Councillor Paterson also mentioned that she received no email correspondence regarding the B800 closures.

Councillor Work had one person contact him about the traffic in Queensferry. Councillor Work will relay the concerns about the distribution of TTRO's to Dave Sinclair.

10. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

10.1 Transport

Report circulated.

Stagecoach services are now functioning on screens that are active.

Lothian Buses will be attending a meeting with QDCC in a few weeks time.

10.2 Port Edgar Yacht Club

The main news is that there is a committee meeting tomorrow.

10.3 QCCC

Report circulated.

Eileen will pass e-mail regarding a liner meet & greet to Terry.

10.4 George Moore

No report

10.5 Planning

Report circulated.

10.6 Environment

Nothing to add.

10.7 Queensferry Boat Club

A new commodore has been appointed, Rod Hill.

10.8 Education/Recreation

David mentioned that the development of the Pupil Council at QHS is disappointing. There has been no response to the enquiries made regarding Hill Court. The Rosebery Hall committee have expressed concerns about funding.

UPDATE: 28/10/2015 Keith and I spoke with Natalie Honeyford at QCHS yesterday during the Placemaking event. She told us that they are making good progress with the Pupils Council and that several pupils are very enthusiastic about the project. She is going to arrange a meeting with us in about two weeks time.

10.9 Queensferry Heritage Trust

The Heritage Trust want to meet with The Chair and Diane Job regarding the conservation area & extension to Station Road conservation. Keith will get Will Garrett to attend to give professional view from planning officers.

There is a community showcase on the 9 April 2016, and the Heritage Trust require the backing of QDCC. The aim is to get as many local interest groups in Rosebery Hall as possible.

The Chair said he would encourage QDCC to fully back the event and Stuart will also contact Rotary to propose support.

10.10 QH Parent Council

Nothing to report.

10.11 Rotary

There is a meeting about the Queensferry lights in Thursday 29th October. There will also be a meeting to discuss the Rotary Abseil due in June 2016.

10.12 South Scotstoun

Nothing to report.

11. Any other business

Fiona Duncan asked about the latest information on the 'other mosaic' The Guardian of the Bridges', The Chair reported that he had met with the BID Project Manager recently and he had noted that their preferred location for the Guardian was now at the foot of Mclvor Brae.

Diane confirmed that the remembrance wreath has been ordered.

Diane put a motion to councillors, whilst Keith was absent from proceedings, to donate £100 to Christmas in Queensferry.

This motion was passed by councillors.

ACTION: Donation to be made by treasurer.

QDCC will contact NQCC regarding the World Heritage Management Group for the Forth Bridge. The Chair expressed strong views about the format for the Forth Bridges Meeting with the exception of the AMEY presentation.

The Chair also expressed strong views about the letter from Transport Scotland which seemed to indicate that QDCC were not being invited to be a member of the Strategic Management Group. Given that QDCC is the main community body for Queensferry and Dalmeny, There was unanimous agreement that QDCC should have a seat on the WHMG and would press Transport Scotland to ensure that happens. As a first step, QDCC would liaise with North Queensferry Community Council to ensure a joined up approach was made to press their joint case for community representation on that group for communities north and south of the Forth Bridge.

ACTION: QDCC to respond to letter and to engage with NQCC

The Chair mentioned he will be attending transport forum on 9th November 2015.

The Chair also asked if anyone else in the QDCC wishes to lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday on 8th November. Diane Job agreed to represent QDCC.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 23rd November 2015 – 7.30pm at QDCC Offices

Ross Martin

18th November 2015.

Updated – 11th January 2016