



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**CELEBRATING 30 YEARS 1986-2016**

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2016

**ATTENDEES:** Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie (Vice Chair/Correspondence Secretary); Diane Job (Treasurer/Planning Convenor); Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor); David Flint (Education Convenor and Community Safety); PC Aidan Doud (Police Scotland); Maggie Quayle (QYC); Chris Connor;; Eleonor Sneddon (QHT), Neil McKinlay (Rotary) Fiona Duncan (QBC); Michelle Thomson MP, Councillor Norman Work; Councillor Lindsay Paterson; Councillor Alastair Shields.; Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary); Peter Strong (CEC NW Locality Manager); Anne Marie Appleby (Queensferry Resident) Graham McKinley (Queensferry Resident)

### 1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the August meeting. He thanked Chris for producing the newsletter and Eleanor and Jennifer for distributing them at the Ferry Fair. He also thanked Jim Connor for his help at the Ferry Fair. This was the 80<sup>th</sup> Ferry Fair and thanks were expressed to the Ferry Fair Committee for all their hard work. Three liners had been to Queensferry during August. There had been a lot of concern about congestion with the fair at the Hawes Pier plus the impact of coaches when a liner was docked. . It was suggested that CEC look at the number of events being held at the Hawes Pier, There had been a number of complaints on Facebook about the 40/40A bus service and 20mph speed limit. Bus service would be dealt with under Transport Report. Bill Elliott (Scottish Water) who was meant to have attended this meeting had given his apologies and it was hoped he would be able to attend the September meeting.

### 2. Apologies

June Jansen, Nicky Service, Laura Sexton, Daniel Young, Amy Rankin.

### 3. Police Report for July

No major incidents reported. A summary of issues as follows:-

- ⑩ 2 garages broken into
- ⑩ man arrested for vandalism

- ⑩ disturbance at Orocco Pier
- ⑩ 2 shoplifting – people charged
- ⑩ car vandalism
- ⑩ youth disorder down
- ⑩ window smashed
- ⑩ no bad accidents
- ⑩ policing 20mph speed limit

QDCC very keen to ensure that community policing continues.

#### 4. Transformation and Outstanding business matters

The Chairman introduced Peter Strong the NW Locality Manager for CEC to give an update on the current situation. Unfortunately all the reorganisation isn't yet completed so he couldn't give a final list of personnel. A comprehensive list of “who does what” should be available by the end of September. CEC were downsizing and many areas/departments were being amalgamated.

Health and Social care being combined. City now divided into four areas. Family and Household Support; Transport and Environment; libraries and community planning; neighbourhood partnerships. Burgess Road depot will remain. Street cleaning, waste disposal now a city wide concern. Neighbourhood Partnership sub-groups continuing as they are until after next CEC elections. Each locality has to say how they are going to meet priorities – report by October 2017. Consultation on improvement plan will start shortly.

Asset Review

Council looking at assets – libraries, community centres, schools, health centres, etc. Could some of these be combined into one building? The review will be hard hitting further down the line but there is no time scale at the moment – probably after the next Council elections.

**ACTION: Terry to contact Crawford McGhee**

Peter said he would prefer to hold off going through the action plan at this moment in time.

LDP2 – Developers' plans have to include infrastructure which has to come before houses are built. They have a legal obligation to provide infrastructure

**Change to Agenda – item 11 brought forward**

11. Transport Report – circulated.

Bus service has declined over last few years. Only commercially viable service is from Queensferry to city centre.

The recent changes have been very badly handled. Bus companies are responsible for letting customers and CEC know what is happening. There are no new timetables at bus stops. Alex Cole-Hamilton has set up a petition. Lothian Buses will not run a service to Queensferry as it is not commercially viable. Local Councillors very frustrated at the situation. Service provider promised to work things out but have not done so. Operators responsible for providing information at bus stops. CEC provides display cases for this information. No flags at bus stops.

There has been a service reduction and a truncation in route, not simply a timetable change.

**ACTION: Councillor Work to pursue matter of timetables and flags at bus stops.**

**ACTION: QDCC to seek meeting with Stagecoach and invite councillors and MSP to attend.**

Suggested that Transport Scotland be involved if Stagecoach are not delivering what they say they are. Traffic Commissioner could also be involved.

5. Minutes of previous Meetings

June Minutes – proposed Diane Job, seconded Neil McKinlay.

July Minutes – proposed Diane Job, seconded Fiona Duncan.

6. Matters Arising

June

School safety – no further action. Councillor Paterson still waiting to hear from school.

Jutland Commemoration Plaque – suggested second plaque be put at the Rosebery Hall near the War Memorial.

Councillor Alastair Shields to be the Returning Officer for the Community Council Elections.

July

Camper Vans – barrier at the Binks now in place which has stopped camper vans parking.

7. Chair's Report – circulated

8. Councillor's Reports

Lindsay Paterson – circulated – no questions

Alastair Shields – apologised for not circulating report.. He had had a meeting with Cramond CC about the proposed new flight path.

Councillor Work – circulated

Michelle Thomsson MP – duties at Westminster meant she couldn't attend many QDCC meetings but she was delighted to be able to attend this one. She updates her Twitter Account and Facebook every week to let people know what is happening. She is happy to help with any issues.

9. Treasurer's Report = circulated.

**ACTION Annual Accounts to be approved at next meeting.**

10. Secretary's Report – circulated

11. Sub-Committee Reports

Maggie Quayle – Yacht Club. Nothing to report since last meeting,

Fiona Duncan - Queensferry Boat Club. Nothing to report.

Neil McKinlay – Rotary. Nothing to report.

Eleonor Sneddon - Queensferry Heritage Trust. Meeting at end of September regarding upgrade of High Street. Jacob's Ladder – Friends of Ferry Glen together with Amey and Network Rail to upgrade path from Jacob's Ladder to Dalmeny Station.

David Flint - Education Convenor and Community Safety. Nothing to report.

12. Community Council Elections

Nomination can be submitted from 5<sup>th</sup> September, closing at 4.0pm on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Election, if required, – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Alastair, as Returning Officer, has nomination forms.

**Local interest groups must complete a nomination form to maintain registration as a nominated interest group.**

13, Any Other Business

Graham McKinley had attended the meeting to discuss how QDCC could improve its Facebook account. He administers “The Only Way is The Ferry” Facebook page and he wondered if he could help promote QDCC by building up links between the two groups.

It was stressed that QDCC, as a statutory organisation, has to be very careful what it releases to the public arena. Facebook is an important link to the community but that is not the only function of the community council.

Graham had Terry's contact details and would be in touch with him to progress matters further.

Fiona wondered if it would be possible to have the monthly reports slightly earlier. She appreciated that it was not always possible but if the reports are not sent out until the day of the meeting it was difficult to read them all.

Builyeon Road development. Revised draft plan prepared by Alan Farningham Planning. A meeting has been organised on 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 to discuss this.

Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30.**