



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

ATTENJDEES: 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 Douds (Police Scotland), Fiona Duncan (QBC), Chris Connor, Maggie Quayle (QYC), Laura Sexton (Governance Advisor), June Janson (Environment Convenor), Graham McKinley, Ann Mitchell (QHS Parent Council), Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Alastair Shields, Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary)

## 1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the last meeting of the current Community Council. Nominations had now closed for the new Community Council. There had been a lot of changes in South Queensferry in the last four years including the new bridge, new houses, refurbishment of High Street.

## 2. Apologies

Neil McKinlay, Nicky Service, Eleonor Sneddon, Eileen Case, Any Rankin, Daniel Young and Bill Elliott (Scottish Water)

## 3. Police Report for August

No major incidents.

2 house broken into

Shed and garage broken into

1 incidence of violence.

Ferry Fair had passed off peacefully.

2 acts of vandalism

1 fire raising (refuse bin)

1 report of youth disorder in Dalmeny

2 cannabis cultivations discovered – one very large one at Craigie Quarry.

No road traffic accidents

Police still monitoring drug problem.

There was some discussion about drinking in the street on Ferry Fair Day. PC Douds said that it was not an offence to drink outside as long as there was no anti-social behaviour. Queensferry's Fair Day is quite different from most other Gala Days.

PC Douds was asked if there was any way cyclists could be asked to slow down on the cycle ways. He said this was a problem all over the ward and wider.

**ACTION:** David Flint was asked to bring this up at the next Safety Community Forum.

There was some concern about the management of traffic at the recent Church Parade. PC Douds said he would follow this up.

Police continue monitoring the 20mph speed limit.  
Thanks were expressed to PC Douds.

4. Bill Elliott from Scottish Water had given his apologies. There was an emergency with a burst water main and he had to attend.

5. Minutes of last meeting – Circulated

Proposed = Fiona Duncan  
Seconded – David Flint

6. Matters Arising

Asset Review: Terry had contacted Crawford McGhee but he had nothing to report back.

**ACTION** Terry to contact Crawford McGhee again and ask him if he would attend the November Meeting to give a report.

Annual Accounts: To be dealt with under Treasurer's Report

7. Chair's Report – circulated

8. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Work apologised for not circulating his report before the meeting. He had attended a "Pondlife" event down under the bridge near the Rat Track. Hoping to get local schools involved in environmental issues. The fire brigade had filled up the pond. Councillor Work had also been at a Bikers' event – RNLI and First Responders also involved.

As part of the discussion it was noted that QDCC executive had had a meeting with the residents of Bridge House and they were very unhappy with all the bikers congregating around the Hawes and the over use of the Hawes Promenade as well as the increasing number of events held in and around Hawes Pier.

It was stressed that any "event" must have a license and permission before it is held.

An application had been submitted for a new cafe/bar selling craft beers. An application had also been received to increase the shelf space for alcohol at the shops at Scotstoun. Two shops are being combined to make one large shop. This had been granted.

Councillor Alastair Shields – circulated

Councillor Lindsay Paterson – circulated

9. Treasurer's Report – circulated

Yearly Accounts were also presented for approval  
Proposed – Terry Airlie. Seconded Grant Sangster.

It was noted that work would commence on 28th September to improve the path from the top of Jacob's Ladder and QDCC had agreed to provide lunches for the people involved. (£350)

10. Secretary's Report – circulated. No questions.

11 Sub Committee Reports

Planning – QDCC Councillors had had a meeting with Alan Farningham Planning regarding the Builyeon Road development. Diane had plans which she could send to members if they wanted to see them.

There was a great deal of discussion about this development.

Also a number of issues relating to potential provision of new Primary School on this site, school provision across the burgh in general, new High School, and utilisation of development gain monies were also covered. Concern was raised about the impact of Council Transformation program and loss of staff with long standing local knowledge

**ACTION:** Terry to contact Crawford McGhee to ask him to attend a meeting with QDCC in early November.

Transport – circulated

After the meeting with Stagecoach it is obvious they are not prepared to increase the service although they will look at re-routing the 40B once the new bridge is open.

Education David Flint had attended a meeting at Queensferry Primary School regarding traffic in Burgess Road. Both David and Councillor Paterson had emailed St. Margaret's about the traffic but neither had received a reply.

Environment – nothing to report

QYC – nothing to report

QBC – coming to the end of the season. Nothing else to report

Queensferry High School – Ann reported that the school were proud of the exam results this year and financially were on a good footing. The two pupil members of the QDCC had only been to one meeting and this was disappointing. David Flint said he would speak to Gillian Honeyford about this.

12. Community Council Elections

Cllr Alastair Shields, as Returning Officer, had received all the applications. He hadn't exact numbers but would email Keith and Terry with the results. There would be no need for an election

although enough nominations had been received to re-constitute QDCC

13. Any Other Business

Road Closure Two signs had been placed outside the Inchcolm Inn advising that Hopetoun Road would be closed on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September. No reason given. No TTRO notice had been given. When phoning Keith had been told that the official dealing with this matter was off sick. The CEC seems to be in turmoil during its “transformation” and QDCC cannot get any details of who they can contact or who is dealing with what. The Chair asked Councillors Work and Shields to try to arrange a meeting with Andrew Kerr (Chief Executive of CEC) with a view to getting some answers.

**ACTION:** Cllr Shields to request meeting on behalf of QDCC with CEO of CEC

14. Questions from the floor – None

15. Date of Next Meeting

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 in the Council Offices**

**The first part of this meeting will be the formation of the new Community Council with election of office bearers and sub Committee Conveners followed by the normal business meeting.**