



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



CELEBRATING 31 YEARS 1986-2017

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, 26th JUNE 2017

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice Chair and Correspondence Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer/Planning Convener), Grant Sangster (Transport Convener), David Flint (Education Convener), June Jansen (Environment Convener), Eleanor Sneddon (QHT) Neil McKinlay (Rotary) Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Sgt. Richard Holmwood (Police Scotland), Ann Mitchell (QHS Parent Council) Councillor Kevin Lang, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Jenny Smith (Dep. Head Teacher, QHS) Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary)

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the June Business Meeting and also welcomed Sgt Richard Holmwood in the absence of PC Aidan Douds. Keith highlighted one or two points:-

The disappointing decision to go ahead with the new houses at Dalmeny.

QDCC had objected to the plan but CEC had approved the plan without taking into consideration the objections.

There were two liner visits this week.

The Lifeboat Open Day had had a good turnout.

Queensferry High School Drop-in Session – There had been some adverse comments and Diane was to forward these to Crawford McGhee.

2. Apologies

Cllr. Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, Laura Sexton, PC Aidan Douds, Fiona Duncan and Maggie Quayle

3. Police Report

House break-ins – 3 (2 actual, 1 attempted)

Garage break-in – 1 attempted

Vandalism – 11. (7 within 24 hours) -Two people charged with three of these incidents

Assaults – 6

Hate crime – 1

Dog attack – 1

Traffic offences - 2 careless driving; 1 no MOT; 1 drunk driving.

Sgt Holmwood again encouraged Queensferry residents to report any incidents, concerns or issues directly to police rather than just on Social Media

Anti-social behaviour Report

Graeme McKinley had spoken to Scott Donkin (Community Development Worker).

His team is liaising with local groups. A “Youth Talk” project has been running in other areas which has been successful. Graeme is to make up a list of local organisations who are keen to get involved with young people.

It was stressed that there is only small number of youths responsible for most of the anti-social behaviour. Scott Donkin and his team are trained to deal with such people.

Jenny Smith (Deputy Head Teacher QHS) said there had been whole school discussions on ASB and these would continue after the summer. It was also hoped to get parents involved.

Keith thanked Graeme, Neil and David for their work with the ASB Group.

4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May** – circulated
Proposed - David Flint; seconded – Ann Mitchell

5, **Matters Arising**

Second Hand Car Dealer Licence
CEC Lawyers letter circulated

LDP2 Live Planning Applications South Queensferry

Terry had written to Paul Lawrence and a copy of his letter and Mr Lawrence's reply had been circulated. Confirmation received that Paul Lawrence and CEC CEO Andrew Kerr will attend August Business Meeting

Crossing at Ferrymuir

Emails had been exchanged about this. Tesco have offered to assist in providing access if a crossing is provided.

Further discussion on need for a crossing near the foot of The Loan.

Footpath at Dalmeny Glebe

Norman Work was to liaise with Almond Neighbourhood Partnership and report back. Still outstanding

Parking – no further action on this at present

6. **Chairman's Report** – circulated

There are rumours that the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership is being dropped in favour of Locality Teams. There had been no discussion/consultation with QDCC about this.

It had been agreed at CEC that there should be a meeting with ANP.

There had been so many changes during the “transformation” that nothing was actually being done. CCs had been told that the transformation would not impact on local services.

Many previously agreed actions were scrapped when the transformation started

ACTION: Ward Councillors to look into when the Transformation will be completed and if ANP was to continue.

7. **Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Graham Hutchison – Committees were only just being formed after the Transformation. It was hoped that there would be a clearer picture after the summer recess particular with regard to the question of NPs.

Cllr Kevin Lang – He mentioned some points which had been brought to his attention including problems with rubbish collection and janitorial cover in schools and community centres and halls. Discussion on CEC service provision

8. **Treasurer's Report** - circulated

Donation to Greenferry agreed

Secretary indicated that QDCC laptop needed a clean up/service and some funding required. Plan to get work done locally.

Concern relating to shop frontage in High Street following fire damage

ACTION: Keith to write to Leslie Deans regarding this

9. **Secretary's Report - circulated**

10. **QDCC Sub-Committee Reports**

Planning – circulated

Buillyeon Road

Planning sub-committee met with Alan Farningham and Robin Matthews to discuss education issues with Buillyeon Road site.

New QHS – disappointment on the proposal for community facilities.

Date to be arranged to meet with CEC and Morrison Construction to discuss proposals

ACTION: Terry to write to Graeme Christie (Morrison Construction) about attending a future meeting

ATM – refused application to site an ATM in the High Street

ACTION: Diane to write to Planning Officer to understand reason for refusal

Lack of planning permission for work at 16 Kirkliston Road – alterations to garden space and access to house did not have necessary permissions. A planning application will have to be submitted.

LDP2 – Letter sent to and reply from Paul Lawrence received. See above

Concern raised in lack of progress in improving Leslie Deans boarded up building.

Further meeting with David Leslie/Will Garrett on Placemaking outcomes required

ACTION: Keith to write to Will Garrett and arrange suitable date

Transport - circulated

Education

Safety Forum. No further progress.

Rosebery Hall update.

Environment – circulated

Communications – Graeme had had talks with Mike Smith regarding QDCC and Local Directory Live. Other topics for discussion included QHS drop in sessions and ballot for places on Queensferry Crossing walks

Rotary – The recent abseil had raised £160K.

Keith wished Neil well for his year as President of Rotary in Queensferry.

Queensferry High School – Jenny Smith mentioned several issues which had been discussed with the Pupil Councils

A third Deputy Head Teacher had been appointed. An initiative which has been funded aimed at closing attainment gap was also highlighted.

Parent Council – There had not been a meeting of the Parent Council since May.

Queensferry Heritage Trust

Eleanor said the QHT would like an update on the refurbishment of the High Street. Things did not seem to be moving forward. No contractor or Project Manager had been approved. Now into third year since this work was promised.

ACTION: Ward Councillors to follow up and report back

Eleanor also mentioned the water fountain in the wall nearly opposite the Council Offices. This feature was 200 years old and in need of refurbishment. A similar water fountain at the Rosebery Hall had been refurbished a few years ago.

ACTION: Keith to speak to Tom Martin as he had been involved with the refurbishment of the fountain at the Rosbery Hall.

Town Hall Clock – repair work still not started.

11, Any Other Business

Landslip at Ferry Glen. Neil said that no further progress had been made with this work.

ACTION: Keith to write to Peter Strong

12, Questions from the floor – None

13, Date of next Meeting

Monday, 24th July 2017 at 7.30pm