

QDCC, Ferrymuir group meeting, 11th October 2017

Present. Cllr Kevin Lang, Keith Giblett, Laura Sexton, June Jansen, David Flint.  
Apologies: Anne Mitchell.

Builders, Evans and Bellway are on target to have 50 houses ready early next year, at which time the promised funds and land for QDCC will be released. - early summer?

ECC have declined to help in any way.

We will need to do a community consultation and this will have to be done carefully, explaining the limitations of the site to avoid unrealistic and unnecessary suggestions. Facebook was proposed as a possible method. The trigger point will be the release of the funds.

There is a large demand for meeting facilities from local groups and we need to look at how this demand could best be met.

QDCC has no power to own or build a facility - it has to be done through a trust.

There are already two trusts in Queensferry, The Hub (community development trust) and the Heritage Trust.

We will investigate setting up a purposeful trust, eg for public benefit.

Laura offered to follow this up and will seek further information and possibly arrange a meeting with Ian Cook.

Cala Homes have offered help in the form of time, effort and expertise, (rather than direct finance).

The site is very small and the suggested building has a floor space not much larger than a badminton court, (170 m<sup>2</sup>), this led to discussion about the possibility of adding a 2nd floor which would require extra funding.

We need to investigate possible sourcing, eg. grants.

It could be possible to rent out the space, in a similar way to the scout hall (which is designated as a community hall).

Graham Clarkson might be able to provide information about the trust at Craigie farm.

Cllr Lang suggested possible consultation options.

1. A totally blank sheet
2. Very basic information and suggestions.
3. More detailed information to include our own proposals.

The way forward. Actions:

Laura to investigate funding possibilities and the trust situation, also speak to EVOC.

Keith to contact Indigo for advice.

Cllr Lang offered to consult with ECC, if and when required.

We also need information about the possible structure of a trust - who manages it and what are their responsibilities.

David Flint  
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