



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



CELEBRATING 31 YEARS 1986-2017

MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, 22nd OCTOBER 2017

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Cllr Louise Young, Diane Job (Planning Convenor), Grant Sangster (Transport Convener), David Flint (Education Convener), June Jansen (Environment Convener), Eleanor Sneddon (QHT), Neil McKinlay (Rotary), Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Laura Sexton (Advisor), Anne Mitchell, Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary), PC Jim Loosemore (Police Scotland), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Carolyn McDonald (QHS Parent Council), Lindsay Thompson (Napier University), 1 x member of the public

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the October meeting. He introduced Lindsay Thompson who was studying journalism at Napier University and attending as part of her degree course. He also introduced a member of the public who wished to elaborate on a previous discussion with QDCC regarding stopping arrangements for Stagecoach bus services at the Forth Road Bridge.

2. Apologies

Paul Griffith (intended speaker for liner visits), Maggie Quayle, Fiona Duncan, Terry Airlie, Cllr Kevin Lang, Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Jennifer Garner

3. Police Report for August

41 recorded crimes over the past month, of which 13 were solved. 222 calls to the police from WA4 area, fairly comparable with nearby areas. It was highlighted that two incidents alone were responsible for about a dozen separate crimes.

4 people charged with breach of the peace; 4 assaults; 6 vandalisms; 1 attempt to steal contents of a locked item; 4 shopliftings (different premises); 1 cycle theft; 3 traffic accidents without stopping (minor); 1 drink driving; 1 fire raising; 1 bail jump; 1 coercion of presence during sexual activity; 1 racial abuse.

There was further discussion regarding anti-social behaviour from drivers of cars and motor bikes. Some ASBO-related warnings had been issued for this, and in persistent cases the offender's property could be confiscated. Random speed checks are becoming more difficult to implement with the onset of darker conditions.

Lindsay Thompson – Lindsay spoke about the Journalism degree course that she was pursuing, which was still in the early stages. She had a requirement to consider various potential sources of news stories together with their background and report back on these.

4. Minutes of Meeting Held on 25th September 2017 - circulated

Carolyn requested a change to the draft minutes from September, affecting a sentence relating to the links between parent and pupil councils. She also mentioned some reports weren't being distributed to the entire circulation list. It was hoped this was just an exception for October and as Terry had recently updated the list, everyone would now be using the latest version.

ACTION – Everyone to ensure they are using the most recent version of the QDCC distribution list for their reports

With the provision of an edit for QHS, September's minutes were proposed by David Flint and seconded by Anne Mitchell.

5. Matters Arising from September Meeting

Make representation to CEC to ask Dave Sinclair to attend a meeting of QDCC to give an up to date report on the traffic situation – Ward Councillors. Louise would cover all road safety matters at a public meeting in Echline Primary School on Wednesday 8 November. This would also be added to the meeting between QDCC and CEC Chief Executive on Monday 13 November

Ask CEC to enforce a delay in consideration of Builyeon Road development application. QDCC were referred back to the original transport assessment in the applicant's site submission, and there could be no negotiation beyond the objections already lodged prior to the applications being considered. However Builyeon Rd and S Scotstoun are no longer anticipated to come forward in 2017.

Keith to invite Ken Grier or Dave Sinclair to the October QDCC meeting regarding liner visits Paul Griffiths unable to attend this evening's meeting but hopefully another suitable date can be found. There was also interest hearing more about leasing issues and TTROs when parallel events occur, such as the Ferry Fair.

Safety Forum. Nothing further on this. If the Neighbourhood Partnerships are restored then the sub-committees will be re-formed

Councillor Work to check money for High Street refurbishment is in the 2017/18 budget. Ask Andrew Kerr or Paul Lawrence to attend a meeting with QDCC and four Ward Councillors. Meeting with QDCC arranged for Monday 13 November which will also cover the High Street refurbishment action

6. Chair's Report – circulated. More detail on the above action relating to the Builyeon Road housing proposal can be found in the report.

7. Treasurer's Report – circulated

8. Secretary's Report – circulated

9. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Graham Hutchison – circulated

Kevin Lang/Louise Young – circulated.

Some discussion regarding a recent advert by Rettie regarding housing development at Ferrymuir Gait which allows all vehicle access being through the existing Varney estate.

Success in highlighting the issue of car parking at Dalmeny Station to fellow councillors. A report will be compiled in 2018 outlining a plan for Queensferry's S75 transport contribution zone. CEC were thought to be failing in the Scottish Government's requirement to codesign policy with communities.

Councillor Norman Work – circulated.

Various topics for the meeting with CEC's Chief Executive were discussed: High St; Port Edgar; Back

Braes; grounds maintenance; waste collection; street lighting and Christmas decorations. Regarding the latter, new columns are not presently intended to support opportunity for Christmas lights.

10. Questions from the Floor – A member of the public asked about QDCC's consideration of the Stagecoach bus stopping arrangements at the south end of the Forth Road Bridge while it was closed to all traffic. There had been dialogue on QDCC's Facebook page attempting to explain the advertised convention but subsequently Stagecoach separately accepted potential for confusion existed. Drivers were asked to be aware of passengers wishing to use either stop for destinations in either direction. Graeme pointed out that QDCC tried to ensure that the original Stagecoach publicity was accurately conveyed to the community, however could not control the behaviour of every driver. Grant mentioned that many aspects of the Forth Road Bridge closure had been unsatisfactory and QDCC tried to highlight these to Transport Scotland through the FRC Community Forums with varying degrees of success. He hoped things would improve in future as the bridge gradually re-opens and everyone becomes familiar with the new road layouts.

11. QDCC Sub-Committees

Planning – report circulated

No longer any issues with the applications for QHS rebuild or the pitch replacements at Dundas Park. Commitment to lower fencing and reduced light spill for the artificial pitch resulted in withdrawal of the QDCC objection.

A very enjoyable informal evening was spent at the recently-renovated Barnbogle House along with the History Group and Heritage Trust. A building warrant was still necessary before the venue could be considered acceptable for holding events

ACTION – Terry to write to Dalmeny Estate thanking them for the reception

ACTION – Diane and Norman to look into the building warrant requirement

Transport – report circulated

Graeme asked about the supposedly removable central reservation on the A90 behind the Dakota hotel. This appeared to be solid concrete

ACTION – Grant to find out if the present barrier would be removable to allow general traffic onto the Forth Road Bridge under emergency conditions, and how long it might take to carry out the swap.

Publicity & Community Engagement – report circulated

Graeme reported that the 6-month trial period of having community council sections in the Local Directory Live was coming to an end and he was seeking feedback on its effectiveness. While social media lends itself quite well to interaction, it is difficult to gauge whether printed material is being read by those who aren't also QDCC Facebook users.

Ferrymuir Community Facility – report circulated

Laura is looking to get a speaker (possibly Ian Leaver) to address the group regarding logistics of community development trusts. She would also engage with EVOC.

ACTION – Laura to progress community development trust and EVOC investigations

Environment – June mentioned that sweeper vehicles had been observed attending to fallen leaves, which was an improvement over last year’s situation. However no persons with barrows had been spotted, and this was a particular concern as leaves were accumulating in areas which could not be accessed by vehicles.

ACTION – Keith to speak with Murray Black (CEC North West Locality) regarding barrow deployment

Education, Rosebery Hall, Queensferry High School and Parent Council – reports circulated.

A newsletter had been written and distributed by the parent council

12. QDCC Interest Groups

Rotary – Neil reported that preparation had begun for Santa’s sleigh tour of Queensferry in 2017. A Myanmar refugee fundraising event was being planned for 18-19 November, involving collection cans for ShelterBox who collaborate with Rotary International with the intention of delivering aid. Closing out a non-Rotary action, Neil and Anne had met Crawford Paris to discuss very long-term aspirations for the Forth shoreline.

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community – Gillian reported that the Dementia Friendly Initiative AGM would be held on Saturday 28 October in The Haven. Results were being collated from a recent survey asking about gaps in existing levels of service provision and what people might be willing to pay for.

ACTION – Gillian to circulate survey results amongst QDCC members

Also, QCCC bins had recently been installed at Tesco stores around the ward for collecting blue tokens towards fundraising prizes

Queensferry Heritage Trust – Eleanor reported that the Barnbogle Castle visit had been enjoyed by all. The next Heritage Trust meeting was scheduled for 8 November with guests from Hopetoun Estate.

Port Edgar & Queensferry Boat Club – No reports this month

12 Any Other Business - None

13 Date and time of next meeting

Monday 27th November 2017 at 7.30pm in Council Offices