



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – MONDAY 24th September 2012 COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE, BURGH CHAMBERS, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie (Secretary); Diane Job (Treasurer); Grant Sangster; David Flint; Doug Ross; Jim Ferguson (Queensferry High School); Kirsty Picton (Queensferry High School); Eilidh Donaldson (Queensferry High School); Mark Ruickbie (Queensferry High School).

Councillor Norman Work; Councillor Lindsay Paterson

PC Douds (Lothian and Borders Police);

VISITOR

Sarah Boyack MSP

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith Giblett (Chair) welcomed everyone to the September business meeting of Queensferry and District Community Council (QDCC).

The Chair reported that once again it had been a busy month dealing with Community Council business matters and introduced firstly Sarah Boyack MSP who had contacted QDCC in her role as Lothians list MSP offering to come and speak to the group on what her role entails, and then extended a warm welcome to the three new QHS student representatives, Kirsty Picton, Eilidh Donaldson and Mark Ruickbie.

It was noted that Bill Fleming (Queensferry Boat Club) had tendered his resignation from QDCC

A round table series of introductions to and from members and our visitor followed.

2. Apologies

Diane Brown (Queensferry Ambition); Laura Sexton; June Jansen; Steve Thomason (Queensferry Churches Care in the Community); Councillor Alistair Shields
Danny Gordon (Minute Secretary); Bill Fleming (Queensferry Boat Club)

3. Police Report

Police Report circulated in advance of meeting. Aidan spoke to the report with additional comments on housebreaking and vehicular incidents.

A discussion followed on dog fouling and interaction between local community, police and environmental wardens.

It was noted that 2 local residents had recently been charged with offences related to dog fouling.

Aidan asked if this information and associated items could be posted on QDCC Facebook page

Action: Secretary to post associated information on QDCC Facebook page

Further discussion took place on setting of local priorities with the Almond Safety Forum, issuing of ASBO's, speed limits on Bulyeon Road and the B904, as well as accidents on M9 spur and the A90.

4. Sarah Boyack MSP

Sarah thanked QDCC for the opportunity to come and speak to the group, and gave a brief resume of her background in terms of profile, interests and positions held within Holyrood both in and out of Government since first being elected in 1999.

She also spoke about the history of devolved Government to Holyrood since its inception.

Sarah further touched on the fact that QDCC have local high school representation, which is not a common practice either across Edinburgh or indeed over a wider area network and complimented the fact that QDCC have this connection which is now well established, recognised and noted the new member induction card as a tool that should be shared as a best practice.

A number of matters were touched upon, including Lothian Health Board, Sick Childrens Hospital, access to hospitals for Queensferry residents, bus services in general, railways in general, Forth Replacement Crossing, Further Education Colleges, Children and Young people, and upcoming matters in Holyrood, especially the Referendum , Community Empowerment, Health & Social Care and Procurement Bills.

The Chair responded, thanked Sarah for her time, indicated some matters of concern for QDCC which included Community Empowerment, Transport issues in general, and work opportunities for QHS pupils.

At this point the floor was opened for questions.

Topics discussed were Lothian Buses, bus fares, Bus Service Operating Grant, and more specifically the influence of the Scottish Parliament in these matters, bus deregulation, the Almond Chord and Gogar Interchange

A discussion ensued on QHS students with regards to the impact of students being offered places on Further Education courses only to find the courses being withdrawn.

This led into other topics of interest, namely positive destinations for QHS pupils, Further Education funding and opportunities, training places and availability of courses as well as the difficulties encountered by QHS students in accessing opportunities available due to poor transport links.

Action: Secretary to follow up with Jim Ferguson/Sarah Boyack re contacting each other to discuss matters further.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposer: Doug Ross Secunder: David Flint

6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

QDCC noted that the action taken on matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting was:

- Police report reminder posted on Facebook – Action Complete
- Planning Convenor confirmed as attending November QDCC Meeting – Action Complete
- RNLI site at Hawes Pier. Confirmed as ongoing business via Queensferry Ambition – Action Complete
- QDCC to write to Sue Bruce, Chief Executive CEC expressing concern about the lack of consultation by CEC City Development Department –

QDCC meeting held and dialogue with CEC continues.

Meeting arranged with Councillor Lesley Hinds to discuss priorities

Action: Chair to feedback to October meeting on update position

- Chair to email QDCC members seeking volunteers to join Community Empowerment Working Group.

Meeting held, responses formulated and submitted on behalf of QDCC

Action: Chair to send copy of QDCC Responses to Sarah Boyack

- Edinburgh Leisure confirmed as attending October Business meeting – Action Complete

- Ongoing dispute between Manor Homes and CEC regarding responsibilities on road repairs in Sommerville Gardens.

Action: Update provided on current position - Secretary to raise at next Partnership Meeting with Natalie Hoy and provide feedback at October meeting

- Tesco trolleys.

Action: Dialogue through Partnership & QA ongoing

- Induction meeting with QHS pupils held – Action Complete
- QDCC Executive meeting – discussion of vacancies.
Meeting held and agreement reached to advertise initially on Facebook and in Journal and Gazette for one member and the role of minute secretary/webmaster in advance of October meeting

Action: Secretary to post advert on Facebook and to contact Journal and Gazette

7. Chair Report

Chairs report had been circulated.

8. Councillor's Reports

Councillor **Lindsay Paterson** report circulated – brief discussion on refuse collections

Councillor **Alastair Shields** report circulated

Action: Councillor Shields to bring to the attention of the Partnership Safety Forum QDCC's concerns as previously noted

Councillor **Norman Work** report circulated. Reminded meeting of Partnership meeting scheduled for 26th September in Rosebery Halls

9. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated.

10. Secretary's Report

Report circulated.

11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

11.1 Transport

Transport Report circulated. Discussion on Horsburgh No 7 service changes and concerns regarding transport links to St Johns Hospital from Queensferry.

Action: To be discussed with CEC Transport Convenor prior to next meeting

11.2 Queensferry Churches Care in the Community

Report circulated

11.3 Queensferry Boat Club

No report available. It was noted that Bill Fleming had tendered his resignation as QBC representative on QDCC

11.4 Queensferry High School

Eilidh spoke about Head of House and deputy elections, the Awards evening, ongoing links to Kenyan schools and Craigie Farm. Mention also made of Junior Awards Scheme (JAS)

Mark spoke about the Interhouse Quiz, upcoming refurbishments due to be carried out during October break, the replacement of the perimeter fence and a slight delay in the issue of the DVD version of the school yearbook

Some discussion followed on the replacement perimeter fence, ongoing issues with littering and proposals to deal with this as well as the possibility of relocating some litter bins

11.5 Community Safety Forum

David Flint provided a verbal update. Safety forum next meeting confirmed as 4th October. Discussion followed on speeding related questions and dog fouling

11.6 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)

Report circulated

11.7 Planning

Planning Report circulated.

11.8 Port Edgar Yacht Club

Report circulated. Additional discussions on East Coast Sailing week in 2013 and possibility of availability of places at PEYC for school pupils

Action: Doug to contact Jim F to follow up and Kirsty to co-ordinate from QHS perspective

11.9 Environmental Report

Report circulated

12. Any Other Business

12.1 Convenors/Councillors reports

It was reiterated that for future meetings to facilitate minute taking, facilitate posting on Facebook and website and to provide better information all reports should be submitted in advance of the business meeting in written format

Action: All members to provide written reports for October and subsequent meetings

12.2 General

Norman highlighted the number of people from Queensferry who were involved in Olympic Torch relay plus those involved in volunteering for the event itself as a result of the CEC celebration held recently for medal winners.

Jim F highlighted the success of Calum Patterson, a recent QHS student who had broken into the Heart of Midlothian first team at the age of 17.

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13 Questions from the Floor

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 22nd October 2012 at 19:30 hours.

Terry Airlie
Correspondence Secretary