



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – MONDAY 22nd October 2012 COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICE, BURGH CHAMBERS, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY

ATTENDEES

Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie (Secretary); Diane Job (Treasurer); Grant Sangster; Doug Ross; Jim Ferguson (Queensferry High School); Kirsty Picton (Queensferry High School); Eilidh Donaldson (Queensferry High School); Mark Ruickbie (Queensferry High School); June Jansen; Diane Brown (Queensferry Ambition); Laura Sexton;

Councillor Norman Work; Councillor Alistair Shields; Councillor Lindsay Paterson

PC Douds (Lothian and Borders Police);

VISITORS

Adam Cruttenden Edinburgh Leisure
Emily Neil Edinburgh Leisure

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith Giblett (Chair) welcomed everyone to the October 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 Emily Neil and Adam Cruttenden from Edinburgh Leisure.

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

2. Apologies

Steve Thomason (Queensferry Churches Care in the Community); Willie Hardie; David Flint

3. Police Report

Police Report circulated in advance of meeting.

Aidan spoke to the report with additional questions and comments on misuse of drugs, vehicular incidents, trail bikes and recent smashing of windows across the Burgh.

It was noted that a car parked on the pavement outside Dalmeny Station had recently been towed away following a discussion on the situation regarding parking at the station.

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

Action: Secretary to post relevant information on QDCC Facebook page

4. Edinburgh Leisure

Adam gave an overview of the current position regarding Port Edgar with respect to the tendering process and an outline of the likely services to be available moving forward including the future of the Sailing School.

Emily spoke about Queensferry and Kirkliston in general and then more specifically about the pool at QHS and the facilities and pitches at the former Leisure Centre now under the guidance of Queensferry Rugby Club.

At this point the floor was opened for questions. A number of points were raised including recent closures of the pool, communication of these closures, staff training and usage levels.

It was agreed that overall communication from Edinburgh Leisure to the local community could be improved.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted as a true record

Proposer: Diane Job Seconder: PC Aidan Douds

6. Matters arising from Previous Meeting

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

- Police request regarding information on parking at Dalmeny Station to be posted on Facebook

Action Complete

- Secretary to follow up with Jim Ferguson/Sarah Boyack establishing contact to discuss matters further

Action Complete

- RNLI site at Hawes Pier. Confirmed as ongoing business via Queensferry Ambition – Initial Action Complete
Follow up information on discussions with Craig Lamont (CEC) to be pursued.

Action: Queensferry Ambition to provide updates as and when applicable

- QDCC to write to Sue Bruce, Chief Executive CEC expressing concern about the lack of consultation by CEC City Development Department
Meeting arranged with Councillor Lesley Hinds to discuss priorities.
Chair to feedback to October meeting on update position

Action: Update provided – Action Complete

- Chair to email QDCC members seeking volunteers to join Community Empowerment Working Group.
Meeting held, responses formulated and submitted on behalf of QDCC
Chair to send copy of QDCC Responses to Sarah Boyack

Action Complete

- Ongoing dispute between Manor Homes and CEC regarding responsibilities on road repairs in Sommerville Gardens.
Update provided on current position - Secretary to raise at next Partnership Meeting with Natalie Hoy and provide feedback at October meeting.

**Action: Dialogue with Natalie Hoy initiated. Feedback and update provided. Further information via Councillor Work 's report.
Action Complete**

- Tesco trolleys.

Action: Dialogue through Partnership & QA ongoing

- 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
Secretary to post advert on Facebook and to contact Journal and Gazette for publication in District Diary.

Action Complete

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

Action: Dialogue continues. Further updates as and when available

- Discussion on Horsburgh No 7 service changes and concerns regarding transport links to St Johns Hospital from Queensferry and general provision on information on local services.
Discussions with CEC Transport Convenor to be held prior to next meeting

Action: Meeting held. Dialogue continues.

Almond Ward Councillors requested to prepare motion for submission to CEC Transport Committee (TIE) on topic of bus stop flags/timetables/information across Queensferry.

Secretary to contact Colin Keir MSP on behalf of QDCC to raise matter with Transport Minister (Keith Brown) on statutory responsibilities and duties.

- Discussions on East Coast Sailing week in 2013 and possibility of availability of places at PEYC for school pupils
Doug to contact Jim F to follow up and Kirsty to co-ordinate from QHS perspective

Action Complete

7. Chair Report

Report circulated.

Further discussion regarding planning and canopies outside Scotts Ice Cream Parlour on the High Street

8. Councillor's Reports

Councillor **Lindsay Paterson** report circulated.

Further discussions on standard bin collections, communal bins, rubbish chutes and collections in cul-de-sacs.

Keith asked a question regarding Councillors surgeries, attendance and issues raised.

Councillor **Alastair Shields** delivered a verbal report.

Mention made on dialogue with West Team re bin collections, Ferrymuir meeting with Evans of Leeds and the fact that the minutes from most recent Safety Forum have not yet been issued.

Also highlighted was the forthcoming Robert Louis Stevenson day.

Councillor **Norman Work** report circulated.

Discussion on the continuing dispute between CEC and Manor Homes on ownership of paths, pavements and roads ensued.

9. Treasurer's Report

Report circulated.

Update on expenditure on Partnership grant for website and laptop delivered

10. Secretary's Report

Report circulated.

Reminder on forthcoming visit by CEC Leader Andrew Burns to QDCC to discuss Co-operative Councils/Edinburgh

Expectations of Almond Ward Councillors with respect to QDCC on CEC committee discussions and actions on matters affecting Queensferry discussed

11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports

11.1 Transport

Report circulated.

Further discussions on FRC and associated road networks, parking at Dalmeny Station, possibility of parking charges at Dalmeny Station, and possibility of QDCC holding a public meeting to look at all options for Dalmeny Station moving forward, including impact of development of former Agilent Site.

Action: Chair to contact CEC (John Bury/Lesley Hinds) to explore further

11.2 Queensferry Churches Care in the Community

No report available

11.3 Queensferry Boat Club

No report available. As Bill Fleming had tendered his resignation as QBC representative on QDCC, Chair to contact QBC for update.

Action: Chair to contact QBC regarding representation on QDCC by QBC

11.4 Queensferry High School

Kirsty updated the meeting on recent events at QHS including the Quiz Night, as well as highlighting the availability of the DVD yearbook which is now available. A copy was provided to QDCC

Mark spoke about upgrades to QHS facilities, including the PE dry area, fitness room, the cleaning of the pool, new carpets and improvements in the business area.

Jim mentioned some future developments, and a brief discussion on QHS pupil involvement with Christmas in Queensferry took place.

11.5 Community Safety Forum

Update provided in advance by David.

11.6 Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)

Report circulated.

Discussions on Cruise Liners, Tourism Group, Homecoming Event (2014), dialogue with Historic Scotland on World Heritage Status and new Brand Logo/ Smart Phone App launch

11.7 Planning

Planning Report circulated.

Discussion on Christmas in Queensferry and Wil Tunnell Priory Church/Binks presentation

11.8 Port Edgar Yacht Club

Update provided.

Discussion followed on sailing provision for groups of all ages and both sexes.

11.9 Environmental Report

Report circulated

12. Any Other Business

12.1 General

- Parking Bays in High Street – Boat Club and boats out of water
- Street naming committee
- Progress Rail (Balfour Beatty) application in Edinburgh Gazette
- New Member Induction

13 Questions from the Floor

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 26th November 2012 at 19:30 hours which will be the last business meeting of 2012

Terry Airlie
Correspondence Secretary
18th November 2012