



## QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



### CELEBRATING 32 YEARS 1986-2018

#### MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Grant Sangster (Transport Convener), David Flint (Education Convener), June Jansen (Environment Convener), Eleanor Sneddon (QHT), Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Laura Sexton (Governance Advisor), Maggie Quayle (PEYC) Ann Mitchell, Jenny Smith (QHS), Councillor Kevin Lang, Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary) PC Aidan Douds (Police Scotland) Gillian Smith (QCCC), Carolyn McDonald (QHS Parent Council), Peter Jackson, William Samson and Babs Shaw.

#### 1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members to the last meeting of 2017. It had been a very busy year with local government elections, liner visits, public events and the opening of the new Queensferry Crossing. KG said he was pleased to represent QDCC at the Remembrance Day Service and pleased that the Queensferry Heritage Group had also received recognition for their work. KG also welcomed three members of the public to the meeting.

#### 2. Apologies

Terry Airlie, Diane Job, Neil McKinlay, Fiona Duncan, Cllr Louise Young

#### 6. Police Report

There had been some petty crime during October. Break-in at the Manna House Bakery, 2 shed break-ins, break-in at storage containers at Dalmeny Church, 3 shop-liftings, 2 bikes stolen, some anti-social behaviour when cars were vandalised.

GMcK mentioned that there had been some fly tipping at Tesco. This was the responsibility of Tesco and not a police matter.

#### 4. Minutes of Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Maggie Quayle was included in "Present" but had not, in fact, attended. GS to delete her name from this list. Subject to this alteration the Minutes were proposed by June Jansen and seconded by Eleonor Sneddon.

#### 5. Matters Arising

KG asked that all members make sure they use the most up-to-date list of names when sending out emails.

**ACTION: TA to be asked to re-issue the latest list of names and email addresses.**

**Planning.** Barnbogle House – Terry had written thanking them for a most enjoyable evening. Norman and Diane were to look into the building warrant – this had been done.

**Transport** Grant was looking into the removal of the concrete central reservation on the A90 behind the Dakota Hotel.

**Ferrymuir Community Development** Laura was looking into community development trusts and would report back.

**Environment** KG had not spoken to Murray Black but would do so in the new year.

**QCCC** Gillian had circulated the results of the survey into future facilities for the elderly and disable people in the Almond Ward.

#### 10. Queensferry High School Report

This report was brought forward as Jenny Smith had to leave the meeting early.

The plans for the new school are progressing well. The staff and pupils were all involved in the decisions on

furniture and decoration and IT provision for the new school. John Wood would be pleased to come to QDCC to give a presentation. It was stressed that the once the new school was completed it was important that the old school be kept open so that pupils could take their exams in the same environment as they had sat their prelims.

The pupils councils were working well and it was hoped to hold youth talk events next year. Pupil councils were also involved in the recruitment of new teachers.

Pupil equity funding – money had been allocated to the school to try to close the poverty gap. S1-S3 pupils and families were involved with family learning activities. Some 30 S4-S6 pupils were being mentored

Because of the increasing pupil numbers they are re-designing the one way system in the building.

Focusing on achievement. Two new initiatives were being progressed – getting young people to be responsible citizens; getting involved in community projects, doing voluntary work, etc. The other initiative was supporting LGBT young people in the school. The school had signed up to the LGBT Charter.

Laura said she would liaise with the school about volunteering opportunities.

Carolyn McDonald (QHS Parent Council) said the Parent Council was anxious that the old school was not demolished too quickly. They were also very supportive of the staff and pupils in their visions for the future of the school.

#### 6. **Chair's Report** – circulated

QDCC Councillors, Councillors Work and Hutchison had met with Andrew Kerr (CEO) and Paul Lawrence (Exec Director of Place). Topics discussed -

High Street improvements – money is available for this. The work will have a big impact on traders in the High Street. Ferry Glen land slippage – This is on the CEC priority list. £200K will be needed for this project.

CEC service delivery – waste collection, ground maintenance and grass cutting, road repairs - PL agreed that there were issues and the Council was working to resolve these matters..

Street lighting – complaints at the length of time taken to make repairs. This was mainly due to a shortage of electricians.

Congestion at Queensferry Crossing - This is a Transport Scotland issue. Doesn't seem to be any engagement with CEC.

Sea Cadets extended lease for facility at Port Edgar – Andrew Kerr to look into this.

Graeme McKinley wondered if it was possible for QDCC to get a regular up-date from CEC as this would be helpful when dealing with queries on Facebook, web page, etc.

#### **ACTION – follow up with Andrew Kerr in new year**

GMcK had attended a meeting of Community Councillors from all over Scotland and gave a brief summary of this meeting.

#### 7. **Councillors' Reports**

**Cllr. Graham Hutchison** - circulated. He confirmed that the work to repairs the pavements at Scotstoun would start next week.

**Cllr. Norman Work** – circulated

**Cllr. Kevin Lang** - circulated

Parking at Dalmeny Station -

**ACTION – is there a CEC Councillor who can engage with Scot-rail. Kevin Lang to look into this.**

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

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

10. **QDCC Sub-Committee Reports**

**Transport** - circulated

**Planning** – circulated

An explanation about the two applications for Builyeon Rd and why the one had been removed as officers had confirmed the land requirements necessary to protect the oil pipeline which determined the number of homes to be built was delivered

**Environment** – circulated

**Queensferry High School** – dealt with earlier

**QCCC** – Gillian had circulated the results of the survey. They were delighted with the response. They are now looking at a 6-8 bedded care home. QDCC wondered if future developers could be asked to build such a unit as part of their development. KG suggested QDCC get in touch with Link Housing regarding supported living accommodation.

**ACTION** – KG to give QCCC details of Link Housing contact.

**Recreation** – circulated

**Communication** – circulated

**Queensferry Heritage Trust** – growing in number. Their last meeting of the year is on 14<sup>th</sup> December. There events and talks are publicised on Facebook and web page.

**Port Edgar Yacht Club** – nothing further to report this month.

#### **11. Any Other Business**

William Sampson is a pharmacist who is hoping to open a pharmacy at Scotstoun shops. If he is successful he will open until 8.0pm and open on Sundays. He is hoping people in South Queensferry will support his application.

#### **12. Questions from the floor**

Peter Jackson was concerned at the speed of cars on Station Road. He was also concerned about the lack of space at Dalmeny Station car park and the fact that people are now parking in front of the new houses at the old Agilent site. Suggested that developers be asked to put money into car parking area at Dalmeny Station.

Babs Shaw said that the Bo'ness Road Pressure Group had had several meetings and they were composing a complaints letter which could be given out to residents and sent to Transport Scotland and Edinburgh Council. They were also trying to organise more publicity.

Echline Primary School had asked if the local primary schools could have representatives on the QDCC.

Christmas light will be switched on in SQ on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.

#### **13. Date of next Meeting**

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm.**