



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



CELEBRATING 32 YEARS 1986-2018

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING held on Monday, 22nd January 2018

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice Chair and Correspondence Secretary), Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor), David Flint (Education Convenor), June Jansen (Environment Convenor), Laura Sexton (Advisor to Community Council), Fiona Duncan (Queensferry Boat Club), Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Eleonor Sneddon (Queensferry Heritage Trust) Neil McKinlay (Rotary Club), Gillian Smith (QCCC) Carolyn McDonald (QHS Parent Council) Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Kevin Lang, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Sgt. Richard Homewood (Police Scotland), Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary) Annette Carrie, Jeanette McIvor, Scott McConachie (Commodore Queensferry Boat Club) Douglas Thomson (Vice Commodore QBC), William Samson, Keith Craigie

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2018 and sent his best wishes to members and their families for the new year.

2. Apologies

Diane Job, Councillor Louise Young, Maggie Quayle, Ann Mitchell

3. Police Report – see later

4. Queensferry Fairtrade Group

Annette and Jeanette gave a brief summary of what Fairtrade involved and when the Queensferry Group started. Queensferry became the first Fairtrade Royal Burgh in Scotland in 2007. They felt that there should be some recognition of this fact and asked if signs could be erected on the main roads into Queensferry stating that it was a Fairtrade Royal Burgh. They asked if QDCC could help with advice on how to go about getting signs and where to site them. Suggested signs could go at the top of the Hawes Brae, Bo'ness Road and Kirkliston Road. KG suggested that the group get in touch with CEC Localities Manager in the first instance.

ACTION: KL to speak to Peter Strong, NW Localities Manager

5. QBC Commodore

Commodore Scott McConachie and Vice Commodore Douglas Thomson asked if QDCC could help the Club get repairs done to the harbour. CEC own the harbour and it is leased to the Boat Club who collect mooring fees, manage the harbour and deal with health and safety issues. It has been estimated that £500K is needed to put the harbour back into good repair. Small amounts of money on a regular basis would help towards preventative measures. New mooring chains had been installed last year at a cost of £3K which the Boat Club had provided. (It is noted that some £5k is available through Neighbourhood Partnership)

ACTION: KG to discuss with Dave Sinclair the availability of funding through the NEP for minor repairs and arrange a meeting with Council Officers and QBC Commodore. QDCC will report back through FD QBC representative

3. Police Report

Sgt Homewood apologised for his late arrival. He is being replaced by Sgt Scott Kennedy and as such this was his last QDCC meeting.

There had been 22 recorded crimes in December and to this point 14 have been resolved.

Assault in Tesco car park
2 thefts from Scotmid on the Loan
Drive off from Shell garage
Theft on a bus
Theft from FCBC compound
Attempt to entice a child into a vehicle.
Missing person

Male charged with harbouring under-age children
Person charged with wasting police time after dialling 999.
Person charged with shoplifting from Scotmid
Person charged with threatening / abusive behaviour
Person charged with drunk driving – licence revoked
Person charged with possession of drugs
2 persons charged for not having insurance
Person charged for not having MOT

Sgt Homewood was asked if it was possible to get a written police report prior to the Business Meeting.
For a number of reasons this is not possible at present but hopefully a resolution to this situation will be available soon.
KG thanked Sgt. Homewood for his contributions during his tenure and wished him well in his new position.

6. Minutes from last meeting – circulated

Proposed – David Flint

Seconded – Carolyn McDonald

7. Matters Arising

Email addresses - TA had issued the up-to-date email address list.

Ferrymuir Community Development - Laura – Community Development Trusts – still ongoing

Environment – at the October business meeting the question had been asked whether CEC had and still used the small pavement sweepers. A machine is occasionally used in Queensferry.

Up-dates from CEC (re meeting with Andrew Kerr and Paul Lawrence) – no further progress.

ACTION – TA to see if we could get regular up-dates from CEC

Scot Rail/car parking – KL said he was due to get a report in the spring.

Link Housing contact – KG to speak to Diane to confirm contact details

8. Chair's Report – circulated

9 Councillors' Reports

Graham Hutchison - circulated.

Since issuing his report he had had an email regarding Burnshott Bridge – as had all ward Councillors and QDCC.

There is to be a consultation with stakeholders, local councillors and Community Council.

He gave a summary of the new structure relating to Locality Committees after the Transformation programme at CEC.

The NorthWest Locality will have 18 councillors who make decisions for their local area rather than the full Council of 63. A meeting on 9th February will discuss the role of neighbourhood partnerships and community councils in each locality.

Kevin Lang – circulated. Locality committee will be a positive thing. If decisions are taken locally instead of centrally he felt that this would make sure local issues were covered. There had, however, been some opposition to decisions being taken at a local level.

JJ said that she felt that neighbourhood partnerships were more democratic and that a community voice was important. NP could shape and influence decisions.

Point of contact for QDCC to Locality Committees confirmed as through four Ward Councillors until business rules established

Norman Work – circulated. Nothing further to add to Graham's summary. He is sure, however, that there will be some form of Neighbourhood Partnership.

There had been a lot of complaints about the lack of gritting during the recent bad weather. Some areas were gritted and others were not. NW said the CEC were responsible for areas round health centres and schools. He thought residents were responsible for gritting their own areas using the grit bins provided.

ACTION: NW to check up on who is responsible for what and report back.

13. Community Facility/Update from Evans

KG had received an email confirming that the 50th Bellway home had been sold. This will trigger the release of funding (£400K) and the handover of land at Ferrymuir.

If QDCC accepted this offer as it stands there is a three year period in which to execute that right.

There was much discussion on what steps to take next, including consultation with local community; what type of facility should be built; level of local interest; were there residents who would like to get involved etc.. understanding that this is not a project that could be managed solely by QDCC

It was agreed in principle that QDCC should accept the offer on behalf of the community.

It was further agreed that a sub-committee should decide next steps, method of consultation, formation of proposals etc.

Some concerns do still remain in so far as the plot of is only fairly small, external assistance will be needed, revenue streams would have to be generated, people with necessary project management skills would be required as well as adequate resourcing.

ACTION: Accept the offer. DF to organize meeting - agreed as 5th February 2018 at 7.30pm

14. Business for 2018/Business Protocols

There had been some correspondence about when Minutes and Reports should be issued. At the moment they are not published until after the next Business Meeting. Could group/councillors' reports become available before the next meeting?

KG stressed that it was incumbent on people giving out information or emailing anyone on behalf of QDCC that they include Terry as Secretary on any correspondence.

JJ asked if the code of conduct could be sent out to all CC members. TA said this was done automatically when new members joined and ahead of CC elections.

Everyone should have a copy and they are available online.

It was suggested that JG type up draft minutes and submit them to TA. Once TA had checked them they could be circulated as "DRAFT" Minutes and members had, say, five days to make any comments or amendments.

At this point the minutes will be considered final draft, emailed to members; posted on the website and put in the library.

There are 11 committee reports but not all of them are circulated. Some members prefer to give their reports verbally at the meeting.

ACTION: Discuss further at the next meeting

10. QDCC Sub-Committee Reports

Rotary: Christmas events had gone very well and they had raised £5K. The Young Musician of the Year evening was being held at Kirkliston on 23rd January.

QBC: Nothing to report

QHT: viewed the plans and were content with the planning proposal

KG said Christmas in Queensferry had been successful and expressed his gratitude to the Rotary for their support

11. Any other business

Local Health Centre: QDCC should invite someone from the Health Centre to come to a meeting.

This followed on from the proposal from Queensferry Health Centre via NHS Lothian on proposed boundary changes

ACTION: TA to contact Practice Manager to see if she would come to a meeting.

12. Questions from the floor

William Samson said he had had 135 responses to his questionnaire about a new pharmacy at Scotstoun. He distributed details of how to take part in the survey.

13. Date of next meeting

MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY 2018 – 7.30pm