

NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at North Queensferry Community Centre - 7.30pm Thursday 9th July 2026

In Attendance: Iain Michell IM (Chair), Jim George JG (Vice Chair), David Katic DK (Treasurer), Rob Baker RB (Secretary), Gary Bald GB, Peter Selbie PS, Cllr Brown PB, Cllr Barratt DB, Cllr Dempsey DD, David Boyce - Network Rail (DBNR)

Apologies: Cllr Bruce Neal

Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted as accurate / approved

Matters Arising: N/A

Forth Bridge: DBNR circulated a Forth Bridge Management Programme Update document which will be available on our [website](#) (News article posted 9th July 2026)

There are delays to the assessment of the water management, options for slip resistant coating are still in progress. DK noted a change in the colouring and consistency of the dirty water coming off the bridge, DK will pass photos to DBNR. Span 11 has been stripped to be coated however changes are also being noticed in spans 12 to 15. GB asks if works are likely to continue into 2027 given the current pace, DBNR believes this may occur. RB asks if we can be informed of what tests will be completed on span 11, DBNR confirms this can be done. Noise on the bridge on Saturday 4th was emergency repairs to rails and could not be avoided.

DBNR will raise if the current schedule for examinations of the stonework are suitable and if it is needed more frequently. Burning item review is still not available, IM confirms that the ORR and Balfour Beatty have had discussions on this, mitigations should be in place including additional spotters and an exclusion zone at certain times as confirmed previously. A reminder that any fallen items should be reported to Network Rail as this is then logged.

A replacement lock for the noticeboard has been requested at Battery Road car park.

DK attended the Bridge World Heritage Management Group and the picnic area was discussed, DBNR confirms that as it is not operational land it cannot be maintained by certain parts of NR, he has asked the maintenance team based in Inverkeithing pick this up and he awaits a response. There is no programme setup for this yet but it is in the works.

Regarding the bridge lighting it was discussed by the management group however the response is that only 5% of the lights remain in partially working order and discussions are underway to turn those off. Opinions are mixed on whether the bridge should be illuminated at all considering the cost and environmental impact.

DBNR will check if testing on span 11 would be completed by September and if Network Rail could attend the Community Council meeting that month.

Edinburgh Airport: No major updates, DK has circulated a summary of the recent meeting to the Community Council.

Battery Road Carpark: PB confirms budget for the replacement barrier is in place, we await a quote. Maintenance of the toilet is still in progress, funding appears to be the delaying factor. Issues with the door locking properly continue.

Police Report: No report received

Fife Councillors Reports:

Cllr Dempsey

Road narrowing on Ferryhills Road remains an issue, the road cannot be widened and the transportation officer does not appear keen for a priority sign.

No movement on pavement extension at the bottom of the Forth Road Bridge.

DD has been attempting to set up a meeting with NQCAN re: buses but has not been able to.

Beamer lighthouse is still in storage, no updates from the time it was last discussed. IM will contact NQ Heritage Trust

Brock Street parking has had a small amount of cash released for investigations on utilities in the area where works would take place.

Cllr Patrick Browne

Plan for Brock Street parking is 9 spaces, discussion with area roads project resulted in an increase in budget. Work still continues on finding further budget.

Keys to Caledonia High School were received. Pitches at the Inverkeithing High School may have fencing removed after public requests. There are no long term plans for the site yet as it is a listed building.

OB will speak to grounds maintenance re: verges and overgrown areas in the village.

Cllr Barratt

DB showed new signage for the Brae well, it remains a large sign however has been deemed necessary by Fife Council due to liability.

The monument in Inverkeithing High Street is being worked on, but no further updates are available.

Site visit was completed on Ferryhills Road, it is due for resurfacing next year so changes may be possible at that time.

A road narrowing sign is the only potential short term change.

Treasurer's Report: DK shared the report with councillors

Planning Applications: 2 applications, no comments.

Floral Enhancement: It would be appreciated if Fife Council could provide additional compost as per last year, DK will reach out to the council contact. DB will look into the possibility of a tour of the Fife waste processing facilities.

Date of next meeting: No meeting will be held in August, the next meeting will be in September

Correspondence: N/A

AOB: JG asks if mirrors could be fitted on the Brae to allow drivers to see oncoming traffic. DB states Fife Council have a standing policy of not fitting mirrors.

Next meeting: 10th September 2026 - 7.30pm @ NQ Community Centre or virtually via MS Teams link available on our website www.nqcc.co.uk - scan the QR code for a link.

