

NORTH QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING

Held at North Queensferry Community Centre - 7.30pm Thursday 10th April 2025

In attendance: Jim George (Vice-Chair), Peter Selbie, Rob Baker (Secretary), Gary Bald (via Teams), Cllr Brown, Cllr Barratt, Cllr Dempsey, David Katic, Stephen Macintosh

Apologies: Barbara McKechnie, Iain Mitchell

Minutes of Previous Meeting: These were accepted as accurate and approved

Matters Arising: Insurance details for defib distributed to members. RB spoke to BEAR Scotland re: memorial bench, also suggested if they could potentially provide power for the crossing at bottom of Road Bridge steps it may be a great help - no update yet. New member - David should be joining in May. Parks4life details of community fund forwarded to David Neill.

The Albert Hotel: Comments circulated by IM re: appeal that has been lodged with ministers. Still no planning application for works completed. DK has looked into regulations and suggest container companies state planning is required for a conservation area however the planning department of the council appear to not agree. JG questioned if Fife council have viewed the Albert since works during covid, DB believes they have but unsure if they have been inside, DB will query with planning.

Forth Bridge: IM report circulated pre meeting. Cleaning fund not distributed yet, queries as to how this will be done. ORR to have meeting re: debris management and will report back to NQCC. Asbestos raised with Roddy who will report back with a definitive response. GB raised issue of NR adding new complaints to existing complaints/issues which could result in the issue appearing smaller than it really is. Possibility of putting article in Ferry News asking residents for fallen items. SM showed debris falling on his house and reported issues with the noise made during night time works disrupting his & his children's sleep. It was discussed that the Community Council should consider approaching UNESCO regarding the ongoing issues with the bridge

Battery road car park: Barrier was not closing/opening at correct time (9-9 after April 1st). 6.30 times have been covered up and some car park users have been trapped. PS requested possibility of a light over the times on the board for visibility. PB to query timing of contractor if called out to open the gate as it appears there have been significant wait times for some people. GB raised that members of the public have been using behind his garages for toilets, DB confirms work order for WC signage was due to be put forward on 1st April so should be in progress.

Police Report: No report received at time of meeting (MARCH report now available at www.nqcc.couk)

Fife Councillor's reports:

DD - Street light at West Sands not fixed, apparently intermittent issues to be chased. Brock Street parking still being discussed, costs again seem to be the major issue. Consultation on shuttle buses expected mid year to deal with large buses coming into village.

PB - Speed survey awaiting results on B981/Ferryhill Road. Access to Charles Black Lane, Robbie is reaching out to householder. Pier works has line in budget for approx £1.25m over 5 years. Works this year to identify issues with bulk of funding later on in the cycle for repair. Road signage/pinch point on Ferryhill Road requires a survey, issue has been raised and will continue to be pursued.

DB - Ferryhill Road Bridge - masonry fell last month and almost hit a member of the public. NR informed, DB awaiting response. Brae wall structural issues, DB will look at wall due to large gap and has asked for testing on water. SM kindly offered to see if he has any contacts who can look at it. Debris on pavement under road bridge - council will look to see if they can remove the remaining debris.

Review of scheme for Community Councils: Survey online for completion and link available on our website

Treasurer's report: BM shared accounts, no comments.

Planning applications: Picnic area fencing. Pier investigations by council. Windows & single storey extension. No comments.

Correspondence: Compare the Market contacted via website with article on flooding, declined request to add to our links page. SEPA provided with our updated contact details.

AoB: None

**Next meeting: Thursday 8th May 2025 - 7.30pm @ NQ Community Centre or
virtually via MS Teams link available on our website**

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