

**Queensferry Business Association
Minutes of Committee meeting held 3rd May 2007**

Present: Dawn Carvisiglia, Paul Hart, Janette Anderson, Kirsty Hodge, Moira Cunningham, Rona Martin, Douglas Flett, Kay Blair, Joanne McDonald.

Apologies

none

April's Minutes

April's minutes are to be put together by DC from notes taken by DF. November's minutes are to be created in a similar manner.

Treasurer's Report

By Kirsty Hodge. Report that April has been a good month with a healthy income from membership fees.

Secretary's Report

By Janette Anderson. Nothing to report this month.

Members Report

By Rona Martin. All members have paid except 3 – Sea Kist, Sodexho and the Moorings. Sodexho and Moorings to be encouraged to pay. Sea Kist to be removed from membership.

Web Site Report

By Dawn Carvisiglia. Website updates are in place. PH reports great improvements. Google search brings QBA website up first in the listings.

DC suggests local information page format with 3 separate info pages – one for each of tourist, business and resident with information appropriate to each category. This suggestion was generally accepted by the meeting.

The Terrace details are now out of date on the website. DC to call Carrie at the Terrace to ask her to update her details..

DC requests that the committee uses the forums to get discussions going before system goes live to the membership. DC to send out email to remind committee of this.

Community Council Report

By Kay Blair. CC are having similar concerns as the QBA about the implication being put about by the "save our beach" campaign that they are in some way involved with the Orrocco Pier expansion decision.

PH recommends that QBA do not send a representative to the public meeting regarding this.

New Forth crossing – following the surveys carried out the CC are in the process of deciding how to represent the views gathered to the Council.

Roads and Planning Issues

Subject of possible road disruption during building works and congestion when new Orocco extension open came up.

DF suggests that a small group from the High Street approaches Peter at Orocco Pier to work together to minimise disruption.

Queensferry Ambition project will look at parking/roads as a whole.

MC describes the new parking arrangements for cruise ship coaches which will take up around 75% of the parking at the Hawes car park and parking on the opposite side of the road. MC suggests a meeting

with the organisers to work with them to hopefully decrease the amount of parking allocated for this purpose, perhaps by the use of shuttle busses. MC to set up this meeting with her contact, Mike Lowry of CoEC.

DF would like loss of business information for Queensferry to be presented to the Council to put pressure on them on providing reductions in business rates. DC to invite FSB rep to our June committee meeting regarding this.

School Awards

By Moira Cunningham. Judging will be on 23rd May, with presentation of awards on 13th June. Echline, St. Margarets, Queensferry, Dalmeny Schools and Kirkliston Pre-School will all be participating. DF suggests putting info in the Gazette, MC to send him some information for this purpose.

Members Meeting

DC is preparing an application information pack to hand out to any prospective members at the members meeting on the 17th of May.

Regarding other promotional materials such as QBA pens, DC/PH investigating budget suppliers of these pens.

Committee members to wear badges on the night, PH/DC to organise badges.

Essential Queensferry

Re-run of this being considered, this time with arrangements for QBA to gain a % of the income from advertising. Also to have some local information such as a directory to encourage people to hold onto and use their copy. Discussion to decide whether a nominal price is to be printed on the booklet. Consideration to be given to producing a CD version of the publication. DC and PH to progress.

KB suggests that as the Dakota hotel will not take Essential Queensferry that an approach is made to them to promote the QBA website instead.

Committee Meetings

It was decided that Picnic will continue as the venue for the meetings, thanks to Gerardine/Janette kindly offering it.

Future meetings to be held at 5.45pm.

Summer Ball

No venue found for this years ball as yet. PH/MC to arrange meeting with organisers of the now defunct Balfour Ball to plan future events. Consideration to be given to rebranding the ball under the Balfour Ball name and suggestion is for an end of June date. Planning for next year to start now.

Queensferry Ambition

Project progressing. Funding is expected shortly. In June a 4-6 week promotion period will commence, and over the summer a stakeholder group will be established and an executive group will be formed within this. First stakeholder meeting will be held in September. The project activity is to be communicated to the QBA members, consideration to be given to doing this at a members meeting. DF requests suggestions from QBA committee for candidates for stakeholder group.

Christmas Pageant

The new committee for this is now up and running and arrangements have begun for the now rebranded event.

Date of Next Meeting

14th June 5.45pm in Picnic Cate.