

**Queensferry Business Association
Minutes of Committee meeting held 30th August 2007**

Present: Gerardine Durkin, Kay Blair, Moira Cunningham, Rona Martin, Charles Blackwell, Douglas Flett, Joanne McDonald

Apologies: Kirsty Hodge, Jean Winning, Paul Hart

Committee

Dawn Carvisiglia has now left the committee and has stood down from the role of Chairperson. Douglas Flett has kindly agreed to step into the role as acting chairman pending the AGM. Janette Anderson has stepped down from her role as Secretary for health reasons. Joanne McDonald will take on the role of acting secretary.

The committee send thanks to both Dawn and Janette for their valuable contribution to the Committee over the course of their term.

Charles Blackwell has been welcomed onto the committee.

Current signatories are Kirsty, Moira and Rona.

PH has been taken seriously ill and will for the foreseeable future be unable to continue his role as Vice Chairman. The cause is a brain virus, and whilst thankfully seems now to be out of danger, is likely to be facing an extremely long convalescence. All in the QBA committee wish Paul and his family the very best of wishes at this time.

JM and MC to write a letter to Paul's father Keith to offer our support.

The QBA constitution requires a minimum of 7 to make decisions, with a maximum number of 12 committee members. DF to draft a note to be emailed out (by JM/SC) to the membership asking for nominations for new committee members.

It was agreed to hold the committee meetings on the 1st Thursday of every month except July and January.

The AGM will be held in November. Suggested date Thurs 22nd, with Priory Church as a possible venue. MC to speak to her contact Terry regarding this and report back.

Members Meeting

MC to speak to Angela at Orocco Pier to make arrangements for the next Members meeting either last week in September or 1st half of October.

Website

KB suggested a contact of hers (Fiona) as a possible name to take over the website management from Simon Carvisiglia. KB to find out from Kirsty H what we are currently paying Simon, then will approach Fiona.

Membership Report – Rona Martin

Membership total is running just under the 60 mark.

There are 4 members who have not as yet renewed their membership

Emails and letters have been sent to all by RM.

Roads and Transport and Development – Doug Flett

Forth Crossing – the consensus of the Community Council, based on questioning some of those leaving the presentation on the proposed crossing, was that it was too short and presented conflicting information. This appears to have led to much confusion for those who visited it.

DF, in conjunction with John Carson and Keith Gibley, to maintain correspondence with Transport Scotland to encourage them to present real information in a balanced manner, and also to incorporate information on the heavy rail future requirements for Scotland.

DF to update QBA website with the latest information on the crossing.

KB reports that 30th September is the date for the final decision to be taken on the crossing.

Parking – changes to parking restrictions proposed relate to spaces that currently have restrictions.

Queensferry Ambition

DF reports that the grant had been subjected to further delays, and that the proposal had to be resubmitted. Since the committee meeting DF is pleased to report that the funds have now been granted. Copies of QBA/DF resubmission letter and Edinburgh Councils response are held by QBA secretary.

Next Meeting

Next Committee meeting is Thursday 4th October at 5.45pm at Picnic.