

**Queensferry Business Association  
Minutes of Committee meeting held 4th October 2007**

**Present:** Gerardine Durkin, Joanne McDonald, Douglas Flett, Charles Blackwell, Kirsty Hodge, Moira Cunningham, Kay Blair.

**Apologies** Rona Martin

**August Minutes**

The minutes of previous meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2007 were approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report**

The bank has changed the way that mini-statements are issued, and these are now charged for. KH to set up an internet banking facility on the account to allow her to access statements free of charge.

In summary £6000 for Queensferry Ambition has been lodged in the cash management account. £3000 is to be transferred to the current account to allow the cheque to Goddard & Socha to be prepared. DF to clarify payment required by G&S.

**Secretary's Report**

**Members Report**

Outstanding renewals standing at two at present.

CB has sent a list of businesses not already known to QBA to RM as possible contacts to approach to suggest membership.

**Web Site Report**

KB has confirmed that Fiona Christie will be taking over as web editor, and will put Fiona in touch with Simon Carvisiglia to obtain passwords and other information that she will require. KB to invite Fiona to come along at the end of one of the committee meetings to meet everyone.

**Community Council Report**

KB summarised highlights from the last CC meeting. Date for final decision on next Forth crossing is not clear.

Improvements of facilities for teenagers was discussed at CC meeting. Suggestion by DF that a junior QBA is set up for schoolchildren to make their own plans for this. DF to approach Robert Birch at the High School with this suggestion.

The previous plans for building a skateboard park with contributions from Evans builders and the Council are to be revisited, with DF is to email Norman Work to this end.

Old Motorola building at Newton has been taken over by Balfour Beatty and has been extended somewhat, the CC will find out more information on their operation to assess impact to neighbouring properties regarding noise and disturbance.

**Queensferry Ambition**

Programme is now due to launch January/February 2008, there may be some pre-launch PR before Christmas.

**Christmas in Queensferry**

Plans and arrangements are well under way for this event as per previously minuted. The Aberlour childrens trust has been chosen as the beneficiary of funds to be raised at the event. CB has come on board the team to assist with fundraising, and KH has offered to progress the application for the Economic Development Grant through the QBA.

MC to copy JM on correspondence in relation to this grant.

The QBA committee expressed their thanks to Moira and the other active members of the Christmas in Queensferry committee for the tremendous work that has been done to date on this project.

MC to let QBA know if there is any other help that we could be giving.

QBA members to be asked to contribute items for the raffle by sending out an email/placing it in the newsletter.

### **Cruise Liners**

(DF/MC) The council is looking for ideas for ways to welcome cruise liner passengers when they land onshore at Queensferry. This would provide an opportunity to promote queensferry businesses to this market. An estimated 30% of visitors remain in and around queensferry.

GD suggests a pocket map of Queensferry with adverts from local businesses who may be of interest to the visitors. GD to investigate this with the printers who put Essential Queensferry together.

GD will approach to Donald Dewar from Forth tours for ideas

### **Items from Agenda**

JM/MC to send letter of support from the committee to Mr Keith Hart in respect of Paul's illness.

GD brings up subject of commercial properties on the High Street whose lease comes up for renewal, that it would be best for the life of the high street if there could be maintained a good percentage of retail to help attract people into the town during the daytime. KB to speak to Ranald regarding this.

All committee members to retrieve files from past office bearers to bring them to current office bearers.

The QBA AGM will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – MC to approach Dalmeny House as a possible venue. Priory Church to be approached if Dalmeny is not available.

A December get-together for members on the Sunday of Christmas in Queensferry (2<sup>nd</sup> Dec) is planned. Informal drinks and nibbles from 2-4pm at Charles Blackwell's offices 35 High Street.

Members meeting at Orrocco Pier to be planned for December when there will be concrete information regarding the planned extension there.