

**Queensferry Business Association
Minutes of Committee meeting held 13th March 2008
Venue Bella Vista Lounge – prior to members meeting**

Present: Gerardine Durkin, Fiona Christie, Kirsty Hodge, Douglas Flett, Kay Blair, Charles Blackwell, Joanne McDonald.

Apologies

Rona Martin, Lucy Sillitoe,

Previous meeting's Minutes

Minutes have been mislaid. It is hoped that they will be recovered for a subsequent meeting.

Chairmans Report – DF

DF is keen for there to be local input to the national Planning Framework for Scotland
West Lothian Council Chamber of Commerce has invited QBA to join at a reduced price as affiliate members. Committee to decide how this should be presented to the membership – for a vote to be taken by the members or for the committee to decide. There has also been a similar offer from Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce. Decision to be taken at next months committee meeting.

Regarding the proposed development of the vacant site at Ferrymuir, DF gives example of Linlithgow's twin town in Texas who have seen considerable development of their town due to having a large convention centre. Other options possible too. There is an opportunity for the QBA to become involved with this – KB to be our representative. DF to send copy of the minutes to KB. Committee all to feed ideas regarding this site to KB. DF will maintain link with QA regarding this.

DF concerned re empty retail units in the high street and suggests that a survey is run where residents are asked what businesses they would like to have there. (this also ties in with QA)
GD to follow up on idea of having a road-train attraction in the village that could take people to the main attractions of the area and also serve as a local transport route. GD to speak to Ed Kelly Architect who is also interested in the scheme. (this could be a possible subject for a BID project)

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by KH. KH to arrange to have CB as a signatory on the account since RM will no longer be based in the High Street.

Queensferry Ambition/Roads

There is to be some paid parking spaces in the Loan and on High Street
Agilent Housing plans – pressing the planners for more money back into the community or some facility that would benefit the local area

MembershipReport

Web Site Report

FC to progress the use of a database for member information as at least 2 separate lists of details are being held at present.

Suggested changes/improvements to the website to be tabled at the next meeting – JM to put on agenda

Community Council Report

Please refer to Community Council minutes.

Newsletter

The newsletter is now an agenda item for each meeting where the committee will have the opportunity to contribute items of interest for the next issue.

The deadline for production of each newsletter will be the middle of the month (by CB) with the target of circulating it to the membership by the end of the month by JM

Events

27th June is the date for the Power Boat Race in Queensferry. FC to publicise on website. There will be much media coverage and therefore a possible opportunity.

1st June is the raft race at the Hawes Pier. FC to also put this on the website, possibly in a 'coming months events' section. DF to send FC details.

Cruise Liners – there is an opportunity here to encourage liner visitors to come into queensferry and to use the local services. KB to pursue with others involved for example Jim and Pam Anderson at the Rail Bridge, Adam Crutenden who looks after the waterside.

Items from Agenda

Fairtrade – GD to keep links with them.

Date of Next Meeting

10th April 5.45pm at Picnic Cafe