

**Queensferry Business Association
Minutes of Committee meeting held 1st May 2008**

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

Apologies

Kirsty Hodge, Lucy Scillitoe, Rona Martin

Chairmans Report

Chamber of commerce invite – Edinburgh has 2000 businesses, West Lothian has 400 businesses as members – DF to invite Edinburgh chamber representative to speak briefly at our next committee meeting to explain the benefits.

KB to find alternative venue for this meeting – suggestions CB's office, Orrocco Pier, Rosebery Hall.

GD to check with Orrocco. JM email Rosebery Hall contact info to KB.

KH had emailed that she would like to support the West Lothian chamber.

Proposed Forth Crossing – route has been determined now, and test boring is taking place, but as yet no information regarding construction sites or access routes – all of which will affect Queensferry businesses. DF to monitor. JM to check with the FSB what compensation there may be available for businesses who are adversely affected by the works (forth crossing and road works in general). Also if the works are extended or require to be redone, do the penalty clauses allow money to go to the businesses who suffer from that.

Port Edgar development plans have been issued and appear to be different from those discussed previously DF/KB to draft a letter to the Planning department regarding this.

Committee Members

JM to investigate drafting one additional committee member.

Treasurer's Report

Queensferry Ambition

Invoice from Goddard and Socha has been received for £2000. DF to request breakdown of this prior to authorising payment.

George Grubb will chair first stakeholder group meeting. Stakeholder group members list has been published, DF to take up with G&S regarding representation balance.

Membership Report

RM regarding the Moorings membership – suggest sending one more renewal reminder email.

Web Site Report

Community Council Report

It was felt that the question of the proposed skateboard park should be left to the Community Council. Regarding the Agilent site, DF believes that more community funding should be forthcoming from the developer than is offered at present.

Please refer to Community Council minutes.

Events

Next social event May 29th at Boat House for summer networking evening. £10 ticket, buffet and wine on arrival. No of tickets will be around 30/35 – no partners/guests, just members. No speaker for this event as venue is open to the public.

Suggest business card prize draw, GD to approach Boat House to investigate what prize for the draw they would be willing to put up.
FC and JM to prepare flyer and send out by the end of this week.

Future meetings – JM to contact Andy Willox of the FSB to see if he would be willing to speak at one of our members meetings.

Newsletter

All – send items of interest to CB for inclusion in next issue.

Items from Agenda

Road Train – GD has researched this by speaking to Arbroath who report that it has been extremely difficult to operate in practice.

Cruise Liners

GD had organised a piper, when he phoned organiser from Edinburgh Council was told there was already another piper organised. DF to contact Lucy Parsons at EC to find out what went wrong.
GD to set up the piper and trestle table with info on Queensferry for future cruise liner visits. KB to help on days of the visits.

KB to pick up remaining Essential Queensferry booklets from Keith Hart, and to deliver trestle table, white tablecloth and tartan sash to GD, and in due course to organise a welcome banner for the table.

Mosaic Project – DF tables common ground arts request for sponsorship of the library mosaic. This request is now on the website.

Date of Next Meeting

5th June venue Orocco Pier side room. 5.45