

**Queensferry Business Association  
Committee Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

**Present** Douglas Flett, Chairman, Charles Blackwell, Gerardine Durkin, Fiona Christie, Fiona Gray, Kay Blair,

**Apologies:** Ceri Edwards, Rona Martin, Ben Brogan, Will Tunnell

	Action
<p><b>1. Minutes:</b> The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.</p> <p><b>2. Matters Arising</b> Port Edgar: KB reported that Transport had denied that Port Edgar would be utilised as a construction site. The process of formulating a plan for the port Edgar development now appears to be on hold. <b>It was agreed</b> that Chick Medley would be asked to liaise with Adam Cruttenden of Edinburgh Leisure re the Queensferry Waterfront Project</p>	<b>DF</b>
<p><b>3. Treasurer's Report</b> The Treasurer's report was noted in her absence. No surprises.</p> <p><b>4. Membership Report</b> There was a discussion as to the format of emails going out to remind members that their subscription was due. The consensus of opinion was that the current system doesn't seem to be working very well. <b>It was agreed</b> that RM should email a list of all subs due in advance of the due month to KB who would then follow up with a personal contact. The idea of a fixed subscription date for all members was discussed.</p>	<b>RM / KB</b>
<p><b>5. QDCC Report</b> FC attended the recent QDCC meeting. It was noted that the QDCC now have £15,000 of funding for the skatepark. <b>It was agreed</b> that the QBA, whilst unable to make a financial contribution, would offer any other support to the QDCC in the hope of moving this long standing project forward.</p>	
<p><b>6. Enable Scotland</b> A request for raffle &amp; tombola prizes for their Easter Fair on 11<sup>th</sup> April has been received. The letter has been posted on the QBA website.</p>	
<p><b>7. Business Breakfast at The Boat House</b> <b>It was agreed</b> that this event would take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.00 am at the Boat House. CB to ask Duncan Walker to speak "How to Get the Best Out of Your Bank. The cost would be £10 per head for non members and £7.50 for members for a full on fry up and all the trimmings. Invitations to be emailed to all members and to Rotary, QDCC, QA and Christmas in Queensferry <b>Secretary's note: I suggest we move this back to 29th</b></p>	<b>CB</b> <b>FC</b>
<p><b>8. Transport Scotland Consultation</b> The QBA response to the TS proposals was agreed to be a success. Thanks were expressed to WT for his highly professional document.</p>	
<p><b>9. Newsletter</b> <b>It was agreed</b> that the next Newsletter would go out as soon as a speaker has been found for the Business Breakfast</p>	<b>CB</b>
<p><b>10 AOB</b> The Committee's attention was drawn to a number of dilapidated business and residential premises in the High Street. This creates a very poor image and the former Bellstanes Café site was singled out for particular criticism. There was a discussion on the type of stalls the QBA would be happy with during the Christmas in Queensferry celebrations. It was suggested that local traders should be given first option for stalls and that the aim should be for upmarket, quality stalls The Rotary Club are looking for sponsors for the RaftRace. (Contact Basil Baird 07710952300) <b>It was agreed</b> that QBA would take an advert at a cost of £50.00 Meeting closed at 7.15 pm. The Queensferry Ambition Tourism Initiative was discussed and the proposal for a Visitor Centre in the Binks Car Park was welcomed.</p>	<b>WT</b>  <b>DF/CE?</b>
<p><b>Date of next: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009, 5.45pm at 35 High St</b></p>	

