

CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY

**Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2009
At 6.30pm in the Rosebery Hall**

Present: Charles Blackwell, Norman Work, Keith Giblett, Cora Donaldson, Rena Johnston, Ian Harrower, Fiona Christie, Janis Maclean

Apologies: David Steel, Robert Farrelly, Betty Hardie and Diane Brown

Chairperson's Welcome:

Keith thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising:

Minutes proposed by Charles and seconded by Rena.

Proposed lighting onto Rosebery Hall: Keith has spoken to Peter of Orocco Pier – Projected lighting will not include advertising. Also, firework display arrangements in place.

Raffle: Graham reported that tickets should be out by Friday. Committee members encouraged to promote sales.

Ferry Fair Queen is attending the lighting ceremony.

Brackets: to check with Paul.

CEC meeting: rescheduled for Wed 25 November at 10am, to look at ChiQ event and Loony Dook – Keith & David to attend. Keith & David held a meeting with Alan Duthie (Lothian & Borders Police) last Saturday – very productive meeting – considered aspects of safety – robust plan in place.

Race Night Friday 27 November: Graham will pick up race prizes from Rosebery Hall on Friday afternoon. Committee members encouraged to come along & support this event.

Publicity: ChiQ story appeared in Journal & Gazette on Friday 20 November, however several errors in report. Keith to contact J & G and hoping there will be a statement in this week's issue.

Keith has spoken to John King and explained about traders licence.

Red Cross: contract has been signed.

Keith reported that the response from Balfour Beatty has been outstanding. They are offering assistance with the erection of lights onto lamp posts. CEC have now altered street lamps to include socket which lights plug into. CEC have made their contribution to ChinQ by carrying out this work. Balfour Beatty will fit in temporary power from Rosebery Hall to the Gardens.

Toilets in High Street will be open until 8.30 on 3.12.

Disabled toilet: Sign to be put on the door that evening to say key with Charity Shop.

Fundraising:

Charles reported:

£500 from Spencers. £100 from Echline Primary School P.T.A. £100 from Residents in the High Street. £90 from Food Initiative

Hoping for success with raffle and Race Night.

Charles stated that there is still a long way to go with funding this year's event.

Committee are using up the reserve from last year.

Around £250 has been brought in through donations after the leaflet drop.

Charles asked members- if, considering recent events in Cockermonth, the Committee would consider sending a donation to the residents of the town.

It was agreed that the Committee would consider this upon review of accounts.

Programme of Events:

Keith has spoken to Heather Darling, Out of School Co-ordinator of Queensferry High – three acts, taking approximately 10 minutes, would like to appear on stage.

Around 15 students willing to help out on 3.12. – could assist with barriers/chairs at stage area. Committee agreed to hire three costumes – cost around £18-25 per costume. Paul had intimated at a previous meeting that the Hideway Café at the Community Centre would be willing to provide sweets to hand out to the children. Cora and Rena willing to participate in this also.

Keith stated that Blachere have a design project which perhaps some of the High School students could tap into for next year.

Keith stated that Robert Farrelly has been in touch – Rotarians will not be erecting a marquee this year for Santa's grotto. A cover will be put over Santa's Sleigh when it arrives in the High Street and the children will meet Santa there. This would in effect free up Rotarians to help with stewarding in the street.

Jim Connor of Almond Neighbourhood Partnership has been in touch – looking to bring along small vehicle (mobile library). Committee agreed.

Concert on Friday 4.12. at Priory Church. Ian has been in touch with Eternity Re this event. Donation of around £40 to be given to Priory Church.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that should the event go ahead next year, then use should be made of the Church's electronic piano to avoid piano hire costs.

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Keith has written up plan of this year's event – Derry Morrice requesting information regarding stewards.

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Putting up of Christmas trees / decorations – set for Sunday morning (29 Nov)
At 9am. Ian to organise 5' trees for High Street.

Ian produced draft programme for 3.12. Will be sent for printing tomorrow. Students to hand them out on the evening and programmes also distributed via library, shops, Community Centres, Churches and petrol stations.

Date of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 1 December at 6.30pm in the Rosebery Hall