

## **CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 2009 At 6.30pm in the Rosebery Hall**

Present: Keith Giblett, Graham Holmes, Norman Work, David Steel,  
Robert Farrelly, Rena Johnston, Sian Brady

#### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

Keith welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming along to the meeting.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Betty Hardie, Cora Donaldson, Fiona Christie, Charles Blackwell and Alan Potters.

#### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting – Approval & Matters Arising**

Graham proposed and Rena seconded the approval of the previous Minutes.

Keith reported that the Funding Group met on 12 October.

Event Planning – Keith to write to Gracious Lady and Ferry Fair Queen. Has spoken to the Cool Club and Lewis Drysdale will represent the Cool Club at the switch on ceremony.

Programme: High School Choir, artists for the proposed events at Priory – input awaited from Ian. Rena asked about the nativity scene mentioned in previous minutes – Ian and Diane were writing to local groups/small businesses on this matter.

#### **4. Financial Report, Budget, Fundraising Events & Activities**

Keith stated that he was hoping for as many people as possible at tonight's meeting as there are serious decisions to be made. Keith suggesting calling an extra meeting to get full representation of the Committee.

Keith circulated ChinQ Budget 2009. (copy attached).

Keith and Graham had met with Ian MacFadyen this afternoon and a figure of £1,900 for a bill for the TTRO was discussed. This charge came as a complete surprise and as a result Ian will meet with Tom O'Brien of CEC to look into this matter.

The Committee felt very strongly that this figure is unacceptable, considering there is no erection of concrete blocks – this figure is for a road closure from approx 3-8pm and safety fencing only.

The Committee are aware that the Homecoming Parade last month were not charged for the TTRO (as a community group). Norman agreed to look into this matter further.

Graham reported that he looking to book stewards for the event for the cost of around £100.00 – to check with company on availability.

Keith reported that the following had been received:

£500 from Stagshead; £100 from Queens Spice; £100 from the Jewellers; £100 from Callum Cassie, Dentist.

Keith has contacted First Bus, Dakota, Tesco, Feta, Horsburgh, Scotmid, Arup and Balfour Beatty at the Motorola site.

Keith has also circulated letter along the High Street. Still to meet with Peter Wilson of Orocco Pier and Paul Stewart of the Boathouse. Bella Vista, Neilsons and Deaf Action also willing to contribute. Scotmid have offered £200 in vouchers – this could be used for raffle prizes.

Ian and Diane writing to small businesses regarding funding – news awaited.

A successful Quiz Night has taken place at Rosebery Hall on 16 October and £325 has been raised. Thanks passed to David and Steve Stewart of Community Learning & Development for their help in organising this event.

Graham reported that the Race Night will now go ahead on 27 November at the Bowling Club.

Rena presented tickets for the fundraising event on Friday 13 November at the Lodge. Further tickets available from Cora/Rena. No posters have been made for this event. David/Janis offered to make posters and will pass on to Fiona to put on web site.

Fundraising: Charles/Ian organising a leaflet drop throughout the town (through the Scouts) of over 5,000 leaflets.

## **5. Lighting Scheme**

Keith has been keeping Blachere informed of the up to date situation, however decision on what lighting is to be ordered must be made very soon.

Due to present funding situation the banner at Sealscraig will not be ordered this year, however CEC are putting power into place at this area, so hopefully next year if funds permit, then the banner could be purchased.

## **6. Event Programme**

Keith stated that as Ian was not present he could not add to what has already been proposed. Graham stated that he has a potential booking for a jazz quartet for the Sunday evening at the Priory Church.

Keith has been trying to source a nativity scene through the internet, but to date this has not been successful. However on a visit to a Dobbies Garden Centre a nativity scene display caught his eye! The whole display (7 figures) cost £750. Keith has

written to Dobbies asking if (a) could a set be purchased at cost; (b) would they be willing to donate a set. Reply awaited.

It is unclear if the Churches have been approached to ask about the possibility of providing a nativity scene. This will hopefully be clarified at the next meeting. Location for such a scene was discussed and Sian stated that the Deaf Action Shop would be willing to host the display.

#### **7. Publicity & Web Site**

Keith reported that he has spoken to Evans who are willing to participate in providing a display at the roundabout at Ferrymuir. Permission has been given from the Police and Highways Department for this. There is an existing tree which could be used as part of the display. Ian McFadyen contacting Highways to get power to this area.

#### **8. A.O.C.B.**

David stated that the insurance for the event only covers public liability. Further insurance would have to be taken out for lights when purchased.

Robert reported that the Rotary have the Santa Sleigh and Grotto well organised.

#### **9. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

##### **EXTRA MEETING:**

**Finance & Programming meeting set for Tuesday 27 October 2009 at 6.30pm.**