

CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY

Notes of Meeting held on Tuesday 27 October 2009 At 6.30pm in the Rosebery Hall

Present: David Steel, Graham Holmes, Keith Giblett, Fiona Christie,
Alan Potters, Robert Farrelly, Ian Harrower, Janis Maclean

Apologies: Betty Hardie, Cora Donaldson, Rena Johnston, Sian Brady

Keith stated that the purpose of this extra meeting was to discuss the reply from Tom O'Brien of CEC to Keith's email regarding the CEC's proposed bill of £1,900 to cover the TTRO for this year's event.

Lengthy discussion took place over costs for previous years and the Committee are extremely dismayed at the Council's response regarding costs. Keith is to contact Tom O'Brien to request an urgent meeting in Queensferry (Keith, Ian, Graham & David offered to attend depending on work commitments).

Fundraising:

There has been a technical hitch re the leaflet drop. Decision made to meet on Thursday to alter leaflets; Ian stated scouts will deliver to homes in Queensferry, but this will take around two weeks to do. Decision made not to do house to house collection with cans. No dates available before Christmas for collection outside Tesco. Donation cans to be handed into:
Chemists, Ferry Tap, Queens Retreat, 2 x Fish & Chip Shops and Picnic.

Keith reported that Forth Road Bridge have donated £500. Other businesses still to reply. David offered two names – Ian Heigh of Network Rail and Ken Brown of Balfour Beatty – Keith to follow up.

Ian reported that 179 letters had been sent to small businesses in and throughout Queensferry. Ian also going out to small businesses at East Craigie Farm and Royal Elizabeth Yard.

Keith visiting the following on Thursday morning:

Niche Gallery, Orocco Pier, Cycle Shop, Boathouse, Maises and Jean Winning.

David reported that Cora has everything in hand for fundraising night on 13 November. Still looking for raffle prizes.

Robert reported that the Rotary Club have arrangements for the Santa Sleigh and Grotto in hand.

Alan reported that rehearsals are going well with the Accordion Band.

Keith stated that he hoped an event could be staged in the Rosebery Hall to attract children down into the street – glowsticks could be given out from this venue.

Ian is willing to write to John Gilmour of the Community Brass Band and Ferry Finches re the programme on the night. Will also contact Jim (Joyce and Jim). Chairs needed for the stage area on the night – Rosebery Hall and Community Council to supply.

Jim Ferguson has been in touch to say 5/6 High School pupils willing to help out with event.

Review of timetable of events – next meeting on Tuesday 3 November at 6.30pm in the Rosebery Hall.