

CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13 September 2011
At 6.30pm in the Rosebery Hall**

Present: Keith Giblett, Graham Holmes, Aidan Doudds, Fiona Christie, Charles Blackwell, Cora Donaldson, Ian Harrower, Robert Farrelly, Diane Brown

In attendance: Janis Maclean

1. Chairman's Welcome & Introductions

Keith introduced Aidan Doudds the new Lothian & Borders Police representative.

2. Apologies

Apologies received from Rena Johnston, Betty Hardie, Norman Work and David Steel.

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Cora Donaldson proposed and Charles Blackwell seconded the Minutes

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

Insurance – David has organised insurance.

5. Treasurer's Report

Balance of £6,992.33 brought forward from last year.

6. Plans for 2011, expectations etc.

Application for closure of the High Street has been completed and sent to CEC.

Graham will organise stage.

Robert will speak to Ferry Singers.

Ian will confirm band with Queensferry High. QHS participants – Ian will speak to James Ferguson. Ian will also get in touch with Ferry Finches.

Stewards for event – Graham to organise three stewards (SIA accredited). Graham will also organise six radios.

Keith will speak to Peter at Orocco Pier re the fireworks.

7. Christmas Light Switch On

The usual format is to have the Gracious Lady, Ferry Fair Queen and a member of the Cool Club on the Santa Sleigh. Suggestion put forward that Diane Brown (ex L & B Police) would be invited was agreed. Keith to write to Diane inviting her to “switch on the lights”.

8. Grant Applications / Funding

Grant applications have been sent to BAA and Tesco. It is hoped that some funding would be coming from Agilent. Evans of Leeds Balfour Beatty and Frankie & Benny’s also to be approached.

Keith reported that David Steel has organised with Rosebery Hall to hold a fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 25 November – it was agreed that this should be a “BOYB” event.

Aidan suggested that an approach be made to First Bus for funding. Suggestions also put forward to approach Forth Bridge, but it was agreed that assistance with assembling and dismantling the decorations is invaluable.

9. A.O.C.B.

Ian as written to the three churches re their involvement in the event. There is a meeting on 27 September and Ian will feed back on this.

Keith met with Ross Syme, Blachere; looking at ex display nativity scenes for The Priory Church location.

Boathouse area – design decoration to fit into hanging basket brackets. Re-configure fixing in line with the original design and quotation for the Bellstane.

Council office – considering uplighters from roof behind Christmas tree.

Charles suggested a spend of around £4k on new decorations – all agreed. Agreed to purchase another lamp post decoration – this should be seen as a cycle of replacement. All agreed.

Diane stated that by next year hopefully businesses at Hawes Pier would become involved. Keith stated that the cost of wiring up lamp posts to make them suitable for decorations is around £300 each.

Fiona stated that she will re-design the website.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11 October 2011 @ 6.30pm in Rosebery Hall.