

CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 20 August 2009 At 6pm in the Rosebery Hall

Present: Graham Holmes, David Steel, Norman Work, Keith Giblett, Betty Hardie, Rena Johnstone, Cora Donaldson, Fiona Christie, Alan Potters, Ian Harrower, Robert Farrelly, Janis Maclean

Apologies: Jim Ferguson and Sian Brady

Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Graham and David for an update on Ferry Fair. Both Graham and David reported that everything had gone extremely well, especially with the turn of the weather on Saturday. Delivery of the safety barriers had been a problem on the Friday, however as several events were cancelled that evening due to the weather the barriers that had been delivered were sufficient. Further barriers were delivered early Saturday morning.

Keith reported that a meeting had taken place on Wednesday 5 August with two representatives of EPOG to discuss proposals for lighting as put forward by Blanchere. The proposals were well received with perhaps one or two reservations. Electrical work by the Council which was to take place in the High Street has been stopped meantime, so that consideration may be given to accommodate a system that would suit the lighting proposals. Those who attended the meeting felt it was very positive.

Keith also presented a plan sent by the Council to provide same type of lighting as before but instead of being supported on concrete blocks could be fitted to existing lamp posts in the area from the Hawes to Bella Vista (8 in all).

FUNDING:

Keith and Ian have made an application for funding to the Neighbourhood Partnership for £5,000 for the lighting scheme. The application has been accepted in principle but the fund is over subscribed, so it is unlikely the full sum will be awarded. Keith also compiling an application to Awards for All for £10,000. Robert offered assistance with this.

Alan offered information on Community Chest, Dunfermline who gives awards to community groups throughout Scotland. Alan will e.mail info to Keith and Robert about this organisation.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED LIGHTING SCHEME:

After discussion, two dates were set – Saturday 5 August 10am-1pm and Thursday 10 August 6-9pm in the courtroom, Rosebery Hall. A projected view of the proposals will be set up, as well as hard copies being available. Several members offered to be

present during the public consultation to get people's views and comments.(See attached list). All agreed it was essential that the public be offered the opportunity to express their opinions on the proposals. Local traders will also be approached and invited to the presentation.

Publicity for public consultation: ChinQ web site, press, e.mail and Fiona offered to contact members of QBA. Sponsorship of some of the lighting was also mentioned.

PROGRAMMING:

Ian reported that he intends writing to groups in Queensferry to compile list of events running in Queensferry from end November to 1 January, to make people aware of what is happening locally. It is also hoped that groups would consider ways of supporting ChinQ either by running a fundraising event wholly for the group or perhaps a "half and half" fundraiser between themselves and ChiQ, encouraging community involvement. Letter to be drafted and content agreed.

Diane reported that she will be back on duty in Queensferry on 31 August and she is willing to visit groups to follow up Ian's letter.

FUNDRAISING:

Graham reported that a **Race Night** will take place in the Bowling Club – date to be determined.

David reported that a **Quiz Night** will take place in the Rosebery Hall – Friday 16 October. Further details to be announced later.

Betty/Rena/Cora reported that a **Fundraising Event** will take place at the Masonic on Friday 13 November. Tickets £5 includes supper. Accordion Band, School Choir will attend. Graham offered to contact Campbell (singer) for this event.

!!!ACTION – RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED FOR EACH EVENT!!!

Discussion followed on the possibility of running a raffle open to the general public, but due to timescale it was decided that instead of trying to round up "prizes", a cash raffle prize would be more attractive to the public. This to be followed up at a further meeting.

AOCB:

Graham distributed information about a stage/lighting system/pa system that was used at the High School during Ferry Fair week. Everyone was impressed with this and it was agreed to book the 26' x 16' stage for 3 December.

John King who runs a children's carousel has contacted David asking if he could come along on 3 December. Keith reminded everyone that an entertainment licence of £350 would have to be applied for to cover this. It was agreed that this request be denied.

Keith stressed that the whole ChinQ event would hopefully be run on a Christmas theme rather than a funfair, however local traders would be welcome to develop their own event/programme on the night.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 8 September at 6.30pm in Rosebery Hall.

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ROSEBERY HALL

Saturday 5 September 10am – 1pm

Betty
Rena
Cora
Ian
Robert (12noon – 1pm)
Diane
Norman
Keith
Janis (10am-12noon)

Thursday 10 September 6-9pm

Fiona (6-7pm)
Alan (7-8pm)
Ian
Robert (6-6.50pm)
Graham
David
Keith
Janis