

## CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY

### Notes of Meeting held on Wednesday 4 February 2009 At 6.30pm in the Rosebery Hall

Present: Keith Giblett & Tom Martin, QDCC, David Steel & Graham Holmes, Ferry Fair, Fiona Christie, QBA/website, Ian Harrower, Scouts, Councillor Norman Work, Charles Blackwell, Janis Maclean.

KG welcomed everyone to the meeting, stating the main business was to be a brain storming session regarding the type of street lighting for Christmas 2009. Everyone felt that it was imperative that planning start early this year. KG & TM had met Ian McFadyn and Derry Morrice prior to the royal visit and they were supportive and willing to attend meetings.

CB handed out accounts information. Book balance of £1,433. Ferry Finches yet to cash cheque. Account awaited from City of Edinburgh Council. Cheque for £125 to go to QHS for the printing of programmes.

Discussion followed on types of Christmas lighting in other towns, i.e. Dunbar & Innerleithen. It was agreed to set up a sub group to look into types of lighting available (GH, DS, TM & CB); to approach an electrician for advice and then to approach local residents/businesses in the High Street for feedback. Replies could be forwarded either to the website or Rosebery Hall. GH agreed to contact electrician. Everyone agreed that the return of a firework display would be good!

TM has been contacted by Eternity regarding possible bookings for December. It was agreed to reply stating provisional date of Friday 4 December. IH suggested asking the group along to do a fundraising concert during the year. It was agreed that ChinQ should be seen to be raising funds throughout the year and that the group could not rely solely on grants.

Further discussion took place as to what date/time of possible event in December, however it was agreed that firstly an annual general meeting date should be set. Agreed on **Thursday 5 March 2009** in the upper hall of Rosebery Hall. Invitations will be issued to all those listed in accounts for this year, Rotary, Masonic, QHS and all primary schools.

IH reported that he had received a letter from Malcolm Kennedy, Building Control Surveyor of the City of Edinburgh Council dated 14.01.09. referring to "wind management plan" for the event and asking about suitability of market stalls. IH stated that the City of Edinburgh Council representatives who had visited Queensferry on the day had been quite happy with arrangements. Letter is to be copied and given to KG and NW who will look into the matter. IH stated that no official licence had been received, despite the application having been made 30 days before the event and the cheque for £99 for the market licence is yet to be cashed.

Meeting closed at 19.35

