

## **CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY**

### **Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 30 June 2009 At 7pm in the Rosebery Hall**

**Present:** Sian Brady, Alan Potters, Graham Holmes, Betty Hardie, Cora Donaldson, Rena Johnston, Ian Harrower, Richard Brown

#### **1. Opening & Welcome**

In Keith's absence, Ian opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming along.

#### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from: Keith Giblett, David Steel, Jim Ferguson, Fiona Christie and Diane Brown.

#### **3. Developments**

Graham reported that a very positive meeting had been held on 16 June with a potential supplier of a lighting system called Blachere Illumination. A rep from the company had visited Queensferry and along with..... toured the High Street to view potential areas for lighting and options available.

Graham said there were two issues:

1. Not to have the current lighting system (with large yellow block bases)
2. Try to increase the spread of the lighting system

The company have motifs that would fit on to lamp standards and Graham is currently waiting to hear back from EDC if they would allow adaptations to the lampposts to be made.

Also looking at: Christmas trees in some areas; highlighting some buildings; entry and exit points to the town/High Street? to have lighting, however it is all down to costs. Could consider a rolling programme over the years. The lighting system supplied by Blachere should last for about five years, then would need maintenance. The system could also be leased and stored by the company.

A presentation from Blachere (passed in by Keith) was passed around. This entailed a childrens' competition to design a lighting system. A rep was going to take photos of the street and come back with outlines of what is possible. All agreed that it would be good to get in the schools involved in this.

#### **4. Ideas farming on fundraising possibilities**

Holding a raffle was discussed and Graham gave information on how the Ferry Fair raffle is organised.

Alan stated that the Accordion Band would be willing to do a concert for fundraising. Alan also added that the Band had busked (with permission of EDC) in Edinburgh and had raised several hundred pounds.

Ian reported on several family ceilidhs he had attended and felt this was a good fundraising idea.

The Committee felt that they could/should? canvas support from other groups within Queensferry with a view to joint fundraising. The Committee has a good database with information on local groups/organisations.

#### **5. Seeds for ChiQ Programme**

Ian suggested that the Committee get a programme together listing all community events throughout Queensferry in December and have it published.

He felt that this is a challenge for the programme sub committee.

Hopefully by the time of the next meeting the following will materialise:

1. Have costings for new lighting schemes.
2. Firm up any fundraising ideas, grant bodies and application forms
3. Start piecing together basis of programme

#### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 23 July 2009 at 6.30pm in the Rosebery Hall