

## **CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY**

### **Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2009 At 6.30pm in Rosebery Hall**

**Present:** Keith Giblett, Ian Harrower, Sian Brady, Alan Potters  
Fiona Christie, Janis Maclean, Gerald Smith,  
Diane Brown, Robert Farrelly and Charles Blackwell

#### **Chairman's Welcome & Introductions**

Keith welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming along.

#### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Graham Holmes, David Steel, Cora Donaldson, Betty Hardie Rena Johnstone and Jim Ferguson

#### **Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising**

Alan proposed and Fiona seconded that the Minutes of 2 September 2009 be accepted.

#### **Feedback & Learning from Consultation Meetings**

Keith reported that the consultation on Saturday 5 September was not as well attended as hoped, however the feedback had been very positive. Ian stated it was interesting to see peoples' reaction to the proposed lighting scheme.

Keith has spoken to local traders over the past week or so i.e. Orocco Pier, Jean Winning, Jewellers, Neilson, Seakist – all have been very supportive. Keith hoping to meet with owner of Niche Gallery at some point. Keith also to meet up with Karen at the Stagshead.

Orocco Pier could project Christmas motifs onto wall of Rosebery Hall, which may include some advertising. Jean Winning willing to open the shop on the evening of 3 December. The evening is an opportunity for traders to do whatever they wish.

Ian reported that there has been a good feedback from the Parish Church – Ian has spoken about the consultation on Thursday (10 September). The Church is very interested in the proposed nativity scene.

Fiona has been looking on the website feedback info.

#### **Grant Applications**

Keith has submitted two grant applications: One to Almond Neighbourhood Partnership – for approval on 15 September – indications are fairly good, but still has to be ratified by the full committee.

Awards for All: Ian and Keith completed application. Keith has received letter stating application is in processing and has been accepted as a grant application which is a good sign.

Keith, on behalf of the Committee, has written to various bodies requesting help with fundraising (First Bus, Feta, Scotmid) and Ian has started writing to groups as well.

### **Sub Committee Reports**

#### Fundraising:

Betty, Rena & Cora's fundraising event at the Masonic well organised – still looking for raffle prizes. (David has contacted Campbell Gunn and he will attend this event) Quiz Night at Rosebery Hall on Friday 16 October being organised. The Management Committee of the Hall have put up a prize of £100 for the winning team.

Ian suggested approaching groups with a view to 50/50 fundraising – also looking for more fundraising ideas. Robert stressed that groups be reminded they are not being asked to raise a lot of money.

Costs of a banner across the street is £1,370 and motifs on lamp standards are £69. Diane suggested that if groups are aware of costs of the lighting system then they would perhaps be more motivated to help. Again, publicity in the Journal & Gazette would be helpful.

#### Event Programming:

Ian stated that the main aim is to promote a Christmas Festival programme from 1 December to 1 January which will hopefully include as many community events as possible – whether they are closed events or open to the public. This may avoid a clash of dates; advertising what is on and maximise publicity and co-ordinate a programme of events. Keith stressed the importance of getting the event programming together as soon as possible and suggested approaching printer who produced the Community Council leaflet when info is ready for printing; also info to Journal & Gazette; putting info on the web site and circulating leaflets within Queensferry & Dalmeny.

Keith also suggested tapping into the local schools – asking what each school would be willing to be involved in. The Ferry Finches have already expressed an interest in participating. The Accordion Band and Community Band also willing to participate. Keith stated that this year the stage and PA system were better and groups should be made aware of this. It is intended to have the switch on of the lights and then have entertainment involving the schools and church groups, an entirely local themed event.

Gerald stated that the Rotary are intending to have Santa's Grotto open after the switching on ceremony. Keith stressed the importance of having a person "in charge" on the night, co-ordinating the entertainment. Gerald stated that the entire parade should start at Scotmid.

Event Programming Sub Committee: Ian (Chair), Fiona, Diane and Robert.

Lighting Scheme:

Keith reported that a meeting had taken place with representatives of EPOG. Approval given to fit motif decoration to lamp posts with the exception of lamp posts in East Terrace. Looking to site eight lights (from Council) from posts from Bella Vista to McIver's Brae and from Plewlands House to Hopetoun Road. Ian MacFadyen (Council) very supportive.

Keith has been in touch with Blanchere keeping them up to date. Feedback from consultation with traders – suggesting a Christmas tree at “Tesco” roundabout – Keith offered to contact Evans, owners of the Ferrymuir Site with a view to this request, also asking if reference could be made to ChinQ website.

**A.O.C.B.**

Ian suggested looking back at expenses incurred over the last year, to work out exactly what funds are needed. Charles willing to help out in this.

Diane asked about fireworks. Keith informed the Committee that Orocco Pier is willing to put on firework display.

Finance and Fundraising Sub Committee: Keith, Charles, Graham, Robert.

Following public consultation Committee has to decide what lighting is most popular and move forward with this.

Thanks to Tom Martin for providing info board etc for comments during public consultation.

**Dates of Meetings:**

Tuesdays: 22 Sep; 6 Oct; 20 Oct; 3 Nov; 17 Nov; 24 Nov; 1 Dec.

Sub Committees to meet at 6.30pm Full Committee meeting at 7.30pm  
all in Rosebery Hall.