



# Minutes of Meeting

4 March 2008 @ Andrea's House

GreenFerry is a registered Scottish Charity SC038774

**Present:** Joyce, Andrea, June, Jeana. Graham (briefly at the start)

1. **Apologies**

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2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

Once posted on website, minutes are always assumed to be a true record of events.

3. **Review**

Using participatory methods, June outlined the group's priorities based on our discussions last year. We then examined our priorities for the coming year. Happily there was much agreement within the group – that we should continue with planting/flower/clean-up projects and that we should continue to engage the community (which we do well). We were agreed that we should **not** to take on too many projects at one time, and not allow individuals to drain our energies in the form of mild social work. We will concentrate on projects.

**Fund-raising**

There will be a hole in our budget this year as Sportsman Events (who have traditional been very supportive) have moved their dinner to the autumn. We must now find other means of financing the summer flowers. We will do this in the following ways:

- Joyce and Jim have arranged to busk extra days in the supermarkets
- Agilent Technologies have agreed to increase the newsletter print run to 1500
- Andrea will seek Gift Aid/tax relief
- We will sell our new video for a small profit.
- Joyce will also make it clear in the newsletter that our projects are always increasing and emphasise that we must raise more money for these every year.

Joyce/Andrea

4. **Video**

Our video showing a complete year of environmental work in Queensferry has now been completed. It will now be used to support further (larger) grant applications, and for conference/PR purposes. The

group members are well pleased with the video and wish to thank Mike for all his hard work in putting it together. Mike will supply 50 copies. We agreed we would distribute these free as follows:

- to organisations who have supported us (eg Agilent, Sportsman Events, Staghead, Orocco Pier, Scotmid, Tesco's etc).
- to schools possibly to show on their screens in the foyer
- to nurseries.

This was considered good PR. A few will also be sent out to organisations such as to the Community Woodlands Association and the Forth Estuary Forum.

Joyce/June

Additionally, we hope to raise funds from the sale of the video to the public (assuming that Mike can burn these for us.) Suggestions for selling it were as follows:

- We will ask schools to advertise it in their school newsletter and take orders for further copies (charging £5 each).
- Joyce will advertise the video in the Ferry Attractive newsletter.
- Diary entry in the Gazette
- Copies to sell at the raft race.

Graham suggested a cheaper/eco-friendly cover eg paper/cardboard. Joyce will discuss this with Mike.

Joyce

We agreed that the video will not be copied any other way. Previous copies were a short-term measure for committee members.

#### 5. **New Projects: Rosebery Court**

Rosebery Court is a small housing complex for the disabled. There is a garden area within it which is traditionally kept by the council. GreenFerry have become involved in talking to residents and learning of the need for raised gardens so that those in wheelchairs can enjoy gardening. Graham is taking this forward by liaising between Sam (Council) and Interact (Young Rotary) who have expressed an interest in GreenFerry projects. Graham has also written to Oatridge College to see if they can become involved. Jeana will offer advice at the planning stages with regards to design and planting.

Graham/Jeana

Graham left the meeting at this point.

#### 6. **Accounts**

GreenFerry is now an OSCR registered charity. Andrea presented a very thorough set of accounts and answered questions from the committee. It was

agreed that, with some minor amendments, these were acceptable and ready to pass on for an external examination. OSCR need to be notified of the year-end change from 31 January to 28 February as agreed by the committee. Joyce thanked Andrea for the hours of hard work she had put into preparing these and for keeping all the accounts in good order throughout the year.

Andrea

7. **Morison Gardens**

Joyce showed before/after photographs of this project which was recently completed. Everyone is VERY delighted with it, not least the residents of Morison Gardens who have taken over maintenance. GreenFerry paid for and supplied all the plants and flowers for the planters. Thanks to June and Jeana for their hard work on this. A letter will be sent to Sam to thank him for his help. This project was a fine example of partnership working.

June/Andea?

8. **AGM**

Preparations for the AGM were as follows (subject to agreement from the Priory and Friends of the Ferry Glen)

Date: 18 March 2008

Time: 6.30pm

Place: Priory Church (Café area)

To be advertised: in Scotmid, the Gazette, GreenFerry e-mailing.

The AGM will be brief, and in advance of Friends of the Ferry Glen AGM. If possible, the GreenFerry video will be shown at the FoFG AGM afterwards where more people will attend.

Joyce

Joyce

Required for the AGM:

All

- Chair's report
- Accounts to be presented
- Election of the committee.

(It was suggested we specifically invite Liz, Harumi, Robina and any others who may like to play a more active role in the group.)

9. **Hanging Baskets**

Joyce presented a projection of the number of baskets needed for the summer. (50) Ballantyne's would be asked to supply 44 of these) There were some unknowns, however. Some properties are empty this year, and we do not know if they will want baskets. GreenFerry agreed to pay the costs of those at the Kilt Shop, to fill the gap there (unless a new owner comes in). Joyce will check with the Queen's Spice (who own Bellstane's) if the water can be switched on there to support the other baskets. Bellstane's serves 5 baskets. Without the watering, we cannot put the baskets up serviced by this water point.

10. **Planting day**

This was confirmed as Sunday 8 June at 10am.

Jeana has already ordered up the plants (including those for new containers). She and Andrea will now get together to draw up new laminated planting plans for each tub (for which we are all very grateful!)

Andrea/Jeana

11. **New container projects**

Joyce and Jeana had surveyed the High Street and East Terrace and suggested new containers as follows:

- 11 new planters for various locations in the High Street
- 3 huge planters for Scotstoun shops
- 33 window boxes for residents' windows of East Terrace (most have already agreed to this)

Joyce has submitted a new application for £980 to the Parks and Gardens Capital Programme. Failing this, Greenferry will fund this project independently.

Joyce will also ask Kenny if he can raise these and existing tubs onto blocks to prevent them rotting so fast.

Joyce

12. **New garden projects**

Joyce and Jeana met with Douglas on Monday to discuss possible garden/green projects as follows:

- The cyclepath (defensive screen of hawthorn to be planted protect houses opposite from stone-throwing)
- The library (long-term project) -- only to be done if/after mosaic goes up.
- The Priory Church Garden. Various possibilities: plant a small herb garden in a raised bed at the bottom. Possibly develop the side garden. Much more could be done there. For example, could we build a wall for the mosaic project and re-design the garden beside it? Front garden area also has possibilities. Tree overhanging planters will be cut back.
- Hill Court raised garden. Dougie suggested Sam Smith could include this in the plans for the Rosebery Hall rear entrance to be adapted as a disabled/main entrance. Joyce will ask Sam about this.

Douglas

Douglas/Jeana

Joyce/Sam

13. **Reports**

Joyce had completed and sent (or will send) three reports:

- Awards for All (video project)
- Karen, Parks and Gardens (BIG clean-up)
- West LDC (Five Gardens project)

Joyce

14. **Newsletter**

Joyce will write this as soon as she can. She aims to have it ready to distribute in the Easter holidays (last week March) but realistically this is likely to be nearer mid-April. Suggestions for articles welcome – including those from other groups such as Echline Community Woodland, and Friends of the Ferry Glen.

Joyce/Jim S

15. **Environment/Arts projects**

June presented many ideas for this, but it was felt that time was short and it would be difficult to get resources in place. Besides this, there is additional pressure on this weekend which is the same on as our planting weekend. June agreed to lead a small outdoor project this year (eg mask painting and/or costume-making for the Ferry Fair). We will consider larger projects (such as wigwam-making and story-telling events) next year.

June

16. **CleanFerry**

The BIG village clean-up on 8 February was a huge success. (See separate report.) Well over 500 people had taken part. It made STV's "Scotland Today", BBC's Website, Keep Scotland Beautiful Website, and various press features such as the double centre page spread in the Gazette. A grant from Parks and Gardens Capital Programme had paid for additional equipment (70 gloves and litter-pickers) now held in the GreenFerry store.

The CleanFerry team are continuing on with clean-ups every two weeks as necessary until the end of March. So far they have done: The A8000; The Queen's Crossing (slip-road to road bridge); Tesco's (again!); and Echline play park. Well done all, and special thanks to co-organisers of the BIG clean-up: Iain (Neighbourhood Police Action Unit), Iwan (Park Ranger), as well as team leaders. Photographs will be available on our website shortly.

17. **Publicity/Presentations**

Following on from last year's joint clean-up, and Joyce's presentation to Kirkliston, a new group had now formed there – Kirkliston Environmental Group (KEG). This group has already completed half a dozen clean-ups. GreenFerry have agreed to support this group with equipment until such time as they raise funds for their own, and Joyce will offer advice on getting grants etc.

Joyce gave a presentation on Monday evening to a green group in Linlithgow and Bo'ness, who are looking to start similar projects. This was well received.

Joyce was interviewed for Talk 107 about CleanFerry's "poop scoop" publicity activities. This was broadcast live from the cyclepath.

Joyce was interviewed by a free-lance writer who wants to write some articles about the group and the work it does in the community.

Thanks to Joyce for all her hard work on publicity.

18. **AOB**

None

19. **Date and time of next meeting**

Tuesday, 8 May @ Andrea's house. 7.30pm.