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In South Queensferry

We are now online!

Do you feel low, anxious or isolated?

Would you like to join a supportive group with others in a similar situation?

We are meeting every Thursday at 12:00pm - 1pm on an online platform (ZOOM).

For more information and to register email our Support and Development Worker
Anna Chmiel at anna.chmiel@health-in-mind.org.uk

www.health-in-mind.org.uk  

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Queensferry & District Community Council Chairman's April 2020 Report

I hope my report finds you and your loved ones all well and staying safe in these surreal and unprecedented times. Please take the advice offered about social distancing keep well and stay safe.

Website

I would like to place on record my thanks to Graeme for the time spent researching, locating and building a replacement website for QDCC after the existing site failed. We now have a modern up to date live site which in these difficult times is even more important to have information readily available to our residents. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking Graeme for his significant contribution to our communication links with the outside world.

Liner Visits Conference Call

A meeting was planned for the 30th March to with Paul Lawrence and his team of officers to provide an progress update on the liner visits improvement plans. A conference call was put in place for the afternoon of 30th March with myself, Graeme and Grant. Below is a draft email minute of what was discussed;

Thank you for facilitating the conference call where apologies were noted for Paul and Gareth. I hope that Gareth is well. I think its appropriate to place on record that this conference call took place and a summary of the discussion is available for future reference. I consider the document to be in draft form for edit by those who took part.

The email below was the basis for the agenda. Subject to approval from Paul you intended to forward to QDCC your working paper that you referred too during the conference call.

Summary of points discussed and actions;

- CEC is presently discussing the liner operation with Forth Ports authority – action GB to feedback business outstanding
- A two stream strategy might have to be developed 1) to look at short term improvement gains 2) a long term strategy – action PL & GB outstanding
- DS had had discussion with the tour providers and CEC Officers about how the Hawes Car Park is presently used and looking to implement the proposals put forward by QDCC. The TRO is being reviewed and discussed. Action WIP by DS, PL to sign off!
- Hawes Toilets, alternative ideas and solutions were being worked up; convert the ladies toilets to unisex toilets, discussions had been held with Healthmatic about providing on street uni-sex toilet/s, a suggestion that the Coastguard building could be utilised for coffee shop with toilet provision. Healthmatic to feedback comments in 7 days. A budget would be necessary for demolition and removal of the old gents toilets.
- The 200k additional funding that was discussed at the last meeting has ben reallocated and is no longer available to Queensferry!!
- High St Improvements; The present tendering outcome was discussed where only one contractor has bid for the contract. The conclusion is that some of costings are heavily

weighted and not as competitive as they could be. QDCC are not opposed to the package of work being re-tendered. It was agreed that the impacts from COVID 19 were unknown for both the Liner Visits and the High St works and the time should be used to consolidate the approach to both pieces of work.

At the time of writing this report QDCC has received the latest updated TRO for the liner visits which cancels the plans for the June '20 visits advising that the 8th July could be the first visit.

Ferry Glen

Along with Neil I am in discussions with Dave Sinclair and council officers from Parks about the possible closure of the west end upper path of Ferry Glen due to further land slippage. To mitigate the impacts from closure necessitates work in the glen on the footpaths and bridges within the glen. Covid 19 is impacting on what actions can be presently progressed and could result in complete closure of the glen if the work cannot be carried out timely.

Cala Springfield HSG1 Planning Application Conference Call

As reported by the Planning Convenor I participated in the conference call.

Builyeon Rd./ Boness Rd Junction

Following an enquiry from residents at the Cala Springfield consultation about concerns when heading west and turning right from Builyeon Rd to Bo'ness Rd at the traffic signalled junction I accordingly raised this with Transport Scotland. I received an unsatisfactory standard cut and paste reply and asked for my enquiry to be escalated to a higher authority. I am now advised that Amey have been asked to monitor the junction. Quote; "It would be nice to have some physical evidence of the issues that you have mentioned regarding vehicles being "stuck in limbo." To that end, I'm going to ask our Network team to monitor this area, including via dash cams, while they are out on the units' roads. As this is also my normal route home from work, I will also take a personal interest in the issues that you have highlighted."

Health & Wellbeing

I hope you received the comprehensive report produced by Anne about the support that was available in our locality from all of the groups and agencies. Thank you Anne for pulling all the information into one document.

Community Facility

You should have received my email communication that QCCC has in the interim put the progress of the building the 10 bed care home on hold.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC

27th April '20

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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – APRIL REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has been a bit quieter of late despite the current COVID-19 situation. As previously reported most people tend to engage with QDCC through social media rather than direct contact via e-mail although we do still get the occasional phone call.

Following dialogue with the CEC Community Council support team we took the decision last month to suspend all face to face meetings of the Community Council until further notice and informed CEC accordingly, however business continues as best we can using a combination of email and social media.

The mailbox generally consists of three types of communication • mails from local residents • mails from CEC and/or other Community Councils • internal mails between the various sub-groups of the Community Council – where the vast majority of QDCC business occurs.

Whilst it remains encouraging that local residents are keen to engage with QDCC, most communications tend to be complaints, issues with CEC service delivery and queries about local service provision.

Had the April meeting taken place one topic for discussion would have been the forthcoming AGM which is usually held in May. However, given the fact that the current Community Council was only constituted towards the back end of 2019 and office bearers duly elected there is probably no issue in the short to medium term. I will check with CEC to confirm the current position.

2. A number of calls to QDCC were taken over the last month– mainly enquiries on COVID19, the impact on local service provision and requests for information on CEC support.

A number of website enquiries were also received including notification from EMA Architecture on the PAN and Public Event for Builyeon Road development – the public event being cancelled due to ongoing situation with COVID-19. EMA are looking into the possibility of an online event instead.

3. On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and local residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate. Please note the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version and used in any group wide communication. Can I ask all members to ensure all details are properly transcribed. Please reach out with any updates should any contact details change.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 27th April 2020

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Treasurer's Report ▲ Diane Job

Treasurer Report April 2020

Money in this month: None

Money out this month: G McKinley - TSO Host payment - £57.46 Greenferry Trust - Donation towards D Hutchison Memorial - £75.00 Total CC Funds = £860.79

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - Davidson Chalmers Stewart - Solicitors Fees paid for legal work on the Community Facility £4500.00 - £21456.00 95 Day Notice Account - (March interest £20.51) - £60391.79

Nationwide Building Society -(Yearly interest £725.90) - £85892.17

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - (Interest Jan-Mar £159.93) - £85633.37

Charity Bank - £60098.63

Community Facility Funding Total = £398471.96

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

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Communications ▲ Graeme McKinley

Website

The new QDCC website has been set up and is now running. This gives us a more modern site, responsive to mobile devices as well as desktop and full access to the site whereas previously we had limited access. All the various components have now been moved under one company TSOHost, we have unlimited data storage and can host an unlimited number of websites on there should we choose. Previously domain names, hosting accounts and platform access was fragmented across various people and companies. The new site is much less cumbersome to update on the move too.

Monthly reports

The reports section is still a work in progress. The aim is to simplify the reports in to one monthly newsletter type document. Please submit reports as normal and I will merge in to one. Historic reports are available on request if required.

Meetings

The advice from CEC is not to hold virtual scheduled meetings due to the disadvantage to residents without the means to access. However, some CC's are trialling Zoom meetings, we are presently investigating how appropriate and effective that can be in a public community council meeting context. There may be a call for closed virtual meetings within the community council, as some CC's are doing. This is a relatively simple process and one for further discussion.

Social media activity

As expected, social media activity has increased significantly in light of the situation. General issues are : non-compliance of some residents to social distancing directives, cyclists and walkers in confrontation, supermarkets generally seen as doing a good job of putting systems in place although non-compliance by some shoppers. General acceptance and support of the situation by most. However, as restrictions continue, patience may be tested. Glass recycling recommences this week, however garden waste remains unserved.

We have continued to disseminate relevant information to residents through Facebook, Twitter and our website.

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Education ▲ David Flint

n/a

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Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

Queensferry District Community Council – Environmental Sub –Committee Report

Tesco Recycling facilities and general cleanliness of the car park and surrounding areas

It is pleasing to report that progress is being made. The recycling site continues to be kept clean and the overgrown shrubs and rubbish near the car wash area have been cut back /cleared up. The Tesco cleaner appears to have taken notice of the feedback given as Jim Hume has reported a huge improvement in the cleanliness of the car park and surrounding areas. Still issues with the strip of land between Tesco and the Dakota car park. I will follow up on the other outstanding actions with the Tesco Management following our meeting in early March. However with all the Coronavirus

issues that the store are having to contend with (and doing so effectively) it is not appropriate to be too aggressive with our demands

Ferry Glen

This has been covered in Keith Giblett's report. To restate ; the path into the Glen will remain open at this time as will the upper path on the Back Braes at the Bowling Club corner. However the issues regarding raising funding for the replacement of the footbridge in the Glen and also the works to address the land slippage at the Bowling Club still need to be addressed. A grant of £1,500 may be available to help with the costs of repairing the path into the Glen and replacing the footbridge at the foot of the Glen. I will make the application for this grant under the umbrella of QDCC and send this to Terry for submission.

Probably due in part to schools being closed there is surprisingly little litter in evidence along the main pathways in the Glen areas. Social media is reporting increasing incidences of discourteous /aggressive behaviour from some cyclists who are not respecting walkers using the same paths. This issue needs to be tracked although it is a difficult issue to resolve with more and more people now using these recreation areas for their daily exercise.

CleanFerry

Over £600 has now been raised for David Hutcheson's memorial plaques with generous donations received from The Rosebery Halls Management Committee, Christmas in Queensferry and QDCC. A site inspection will be required by CEC Parks Dept. (Ritchie Fraser) to give the green light to have the stone plaque erected however no issues are envisaged. The Coronavirus issues may however delay the project. We would propose to hold an unveiling event at Hawthorn Bank Gardens for David's family and fellow community volunteer friends when the time is right.

General Recycling

The blue glass recycling service will resume week commencing 27th April which will be well received. Fortunately there has been little evidence of "fly tipping" of glass bottles since the service was suspended. No idea as yet when the brown garden waste bin service will resume although private firms are offering a service (at a modest cost) to empty the brown bins.

Neil McKinlay, Convenor QDCC Environmental Committee

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Health & Wellbeing ▲ [Anne Mitchell](#)

Health and wellbeing update April 2010

As there is so much information around at present it seems sensible to try to consolidate some of it for those who may find it helpful. I am very aware that not everybody has access to the internet and hope that families can share this information.

Families with children

The following link is updated regularly covering everything from home learning, autism specific advice and parent support to activities for children.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/coronavirus-4/supporting-parents-carers-children-young-people-coronavirus-advice/1>

My child receives free school meals, what will happen now that the schools are closed?

Parents/carers will receive an electronic payment. This applies for all children from primary 1 to secondary 6 who received a School Clothing Grant between June 2019 and March 2020. Please be aware, that although free meals are given to all pupils across P1-3 when in school, not all P1-3 pupils will be eligible for a payment. Payments are being made to those who received a clothing grant as they meet the income-based eligibility criteria that applies to children in P4 to S6. The payment will be £22.50 per child per fortnight and will cover the last two weeks of term and the two-week Easter break. It will be made directly into the bank account the School Clothing Grant was made into. This arrangement will be reviewed during the Easter break based on advice from Scottish Government.

Organising school Hub facilities has been a huge task and I'm delighted that we have a Hub located at Queensferry Primary School. **Places in the Hub are for children in households where parents are both Key Workers (or one in the case of single parent families) and they have no other means of child care.**



The Hub will run over the Easter Break, however, the City of Edinburgh have informed us that it will not be school staff in charge or running the events. It will be other suitably qualified staff. After the Easter Break there will be fewer Hubs open across the city but at this time, the QPS Hub is listed as one which will be.

For those of you who like a bit of structure in your lives; here's what various celebrities are offering you and your kids for free daily to help with their **education while schools are closed**:

9.00am - PE with Joe Wicks https://youtu.be/6v-a_dpwhro

10.00am - Maths with Carol Vorderman www.themathsfactor.com

11.00am - English with David Walliams <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

12.00pm - Lunch (cooking with Jamie Oliver) <https://www.jamieoliver.com/feat.../category/get-kids-cooking/>

1.00pm - Music with Myleene

Klass <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQh2wgJ5tOrixYBn6jFXsXQ>

1.30pm - Dance with Darcey

Bussel <https://twitter.com/diversedance.../status/1241098264373592065>

2.00pm - History with Dan Snow (free for 30-days) <https://tv.historyhit.com/signup/package>

4.00pm - Home Economics with Theo Michaels

(Mon/Wed/Fri) <https://www.instagram.com/theocooks>

Non-daily events include:

Science with Professor Brian Cox, Robin Ince & Guests <https://cosmicshambles.com/stayathome/upcoming-schedule>

For your older kids, (not sure how much relates to nat 5 or higher) here are 50 free revision resources for 11+, GCSEs and A-Levels:

http://www.eparenting.co.uk/.../50_free_revision_resources_fo...

Gorgie Farm are providing food parcels for families requiring support. The City of Edinburgh are also organising the provision of food parcels where they can. If this is the type of support your families requires please contact Gorgie Farm for further information. (I have not yet managed to verify this)

Parents or carers may be facing even more challenges than usual at the moment and help is available to every family in Edinburgh. It takes all of us to raise happy healthy children. Please talk to us if you are finding it hard to look after your children, your family needs some extra help or if someone you know could do with extra help.

How to get help

For parenting advice and support visit [NSPCC helpline](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) or call **0808 800 5000** weekdays 8am to 10pm and weekends 9am to 6pm. They understand the problems that families and children face and their team will help you get the advice or support you need. www.nspcc.org.uk

You can also contact [Social Care Direct](https://www.scot.nhs.uk/socialcare) **0131 200 2324**

The Scottish Government's [Parent Club](https://www.parentclub.scot) has put together lots of information to help you and your family cope with this huge change to our daily lives. www.parentclub.scot/topics/health/coronavirus

Families can apply for a [crisis grant from the Scottish Welfare Fund](https://www.mygov.scot/scottish-welfare-fund) www.mygov.scot/scottish-welfare-fund

Contacting the Council in a crisis - www.edinburgh.gov.uk/contactus

EVOC Covid 19 directory - information on local support services where you live,
www.directory.evoc.org.uk

Food banks – contact the Scottish Welfare Fund on 0131 529 5299 or find your local food bank,
www.trusselltrust.org **The foodbank is currently operating a home delivery service instead of the usual Thursday morning drop-in. If you need help, in the first instance, please contact your support agency for advice. If you do not have a support worker/ agency, please contact the Scottish Welfare Fund for assistance on 0131 529 5299**

Queensferry Health Centre asks that to avoid handling paper they request that you order scripts via their website; by email or Patient Services.

Mental health and wellbeing

It's always important to look after your mental health, but even more so at times like these when we are all faced with uncertainty and isolation. The Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH) also has a **dedicated web page** (click on bold) with resources to help people maintain good mental health during the ongoing pandemic, including blogs, guided meditation and a wellbeing assessment tool.

We are very lucky with the support our area receives from Health in Mind. Using the platform Zoom they have the facility to continue the drop-in service and to run the next planned anxiety management course. Details below

British Psychological Society website – www.bps.org.uk/responding-coronavirus

CAMHS - advice and resources for parents and carers, www.services.nhslothian.scot/camhs

Young Scot – information for young people on what's happening, simple steps to help prevent catching COVID-19 and spreading to others and what to do if you're feeling anxious and worried,
www.young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus

Edinburgh Crisis Centre – confidential phoneline, call 24/7 0808 801 0414,
www.edinburghcrisiscentre.org.uk

Breathing Space - confidential phoneline for anyone in Scotland over the age of 16, feeling low, anxious or depressed 0800 83 85 87, 6pm to 2am on weekdays and 24 hours at weekends,
www.breathingspace.scot

Living Life to the Full - free online courses covering low mood, stress and resiliency including support for postnatal mothers, <https://littf.com/>

<http://lifelinescotland.org/how-to-stay-well.html>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-mental-health-and-wellbeing-aspects-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

The Wellbeing Space

Health in Mind

In South Queensferry

We are now online!

**Do you feel low, anxious or isolated?
Would you like to join a supportive group
with others in a similar situation?**

We are meeting every Thursday at 12:00pm - 1pm
on an online platform (ZOOM).

For more information and to register email our Support
and Development Worker
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Anxiety Management Drop-in

Health in Mind

Now online!

For South Queensferry

**Are you experiencing anxiety?
Would you like to learn tools that
can help?**

This is a space for people to learn evidence-based tools to reduce symptoms of anxiety.

We are meeting every Tuesday at 2pm
on an online platform (ZOOM)

For more information and to
register: email Zoe Reid at
zoe.reid@health-in-mind.org.uk

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5 ways to wellbeing whilst staying at home during the Coronavirus



1

Connect

It can be stressful being at home continuously, so keep your spirits high by reaching out to your connections; send a text or even video call.

<https://www.ones.co.uk/digitalguide/online-marketing/social-media/skype-alternatives>

2

Be Active

Whether it's by stretching out or becoming your own personal trainer, staying active will keep your mind and body healthy.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-51959557/coronavirus-the-green-goddess-returns-with-self-isolation-fitness-tips>

3

Keep Learning

Our brains love to learn, so keep them engaged and challenge yourself to read a book, work on some puzzles or even try out a new recipe.

<https://www.classcentral.com/collection/viv-league-moocs>

4

Give

Give some time to listen and help those around you, even the smallest act of kindness can improve your mental wellbeing.

<https://www.volunteeredinburgh.org.uk/volunteer/covid-19-faqs>

5

Take Notice

Take notice of your surroundings and practice some mindfulness, making sure that you keep a comfortable space to relax.

<https://www.headspace.com>

Many people could be feeling more isolated and lonely over the coming weeks, so if you are feeling distressed, in a state of despair, suicidal or need emotional support, the following organisations can offer support:

Breathing Space
0800 83 85 87
Mon-Fri (6pm-2am)
Sat-Sun (24 hrs)

Samaritans
116 123
Mon-Sun (24 hrs)

The Silver Line
0800 4 70 80 90
For over 55
Mon-Sun (24 hrs)

Edinburgh Health and
Social Care Partnership



Within our own community Eli Jacks and his colleagues have had an amazing impact on people by taking the initiatives and know how to produce face protection for those who need it.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/south-queensferry-3d-printing-collective?fbclid=IwAR0TGg7sxnBdVllJy0Utb3-BNKS6MJB5CQtSwZW0mX8XCo_mSCMVRGJLQ-g

If anyone has a **NEED** for the masks, please email us at SouthQueensferry3D@gmail.com.

Last but definitely not least “Ferry go for “now has a website to register both volunteers and those needing help <https://ferrygofor.org> There is a lot of wider information on this site. They are a peer-to-peer networking group to support community shopping including for elderly, isolating and essential workers as well as dog walking and a chat. “We're not incorporated but we are in coordination with the council. Our aim is to reduce the curve”. **Call 0131 513 0999 for support**

Other links that may be of use include;

Information about volunteering in Scotland and of you scroll down it tells you how to advertise opportunities for volunteers. This is part of the Ready Scotland consortium.

<https://www.volunteerscotland.net/covid-19/>

Citizens Advice Scotland has created a **section on their website** (click on bold)with lots of useful information for employees who have been impacted by coronavirus, which covers everything from bills to benefits

General accurate information from WHO can be found at <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>

Accurate Scottish government information

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/>

Current NHS information

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/coronavirus>

Information for those who are in the high-risk groups and have been informed by the GP that they are in this group about home deliveries of food. It does not identify how the food is paid for on this link however.

<https://bit.ly/HighRiskDeliveries?fbclid=IwAR2sfq7dxjUVy8NZs0vbysdjrD2Q2NDuSAIyV2DGVHl8MIMYap-VzriDNWA>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our front line workers be they health care or food provision as well as all the community volunteers for all that they are doing, it is very, very much appreciated by everyone.

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Planning & Housing ▲ Diane Job

Planning Report April 2020

Applications

During the four week period three applications were received

20/01207/LBC - Installation of a pontoon walkway along the length of each side of the existing West Pier within Port Edgar Marina. Single galvanized steel columns will be bolted to each of the existing concrete Pier supports using 4 no. fixing plates - West Pier Shore Road

20/01325/ADV - The installation of 4 No. new digital freestanding signs and 1 No. 15" Digital booth screen - 6 Builyeon Road (McDonalds)

Proposal of Application Notice

20/01137/PAN - Residential Led Mixed- Use Development including (but not limited to) Retail (Class 1) Professional Services (Class 2), Food and Drink (class 3), Drive Thru Food and Drink including Hot Food (Sui Generis), Business (Class 4), Hotel (Class 7), Care Home (Class 8), Residential Houses (Class 9), Flats (Sui Generis), Primary School (Class 10), and Leisure (Class 1) - Land 288 Metres Southwest Of 10 Builyeon Road

Decisions

The Planning Authority made fourteen decisions during the four week period

20/00580/FUL - Alter rear windows to form new glazed door-sets with decking area - 37 Farquhar Terrace - GRANTED

20/00095/FUL - Single storey extension to rear of semi detached house and new patio door. (AS AMENDED) - 18 Wester Dalmeny Steading – GRANTED

20/01137/PAN - Residential Led Mixed-Use Development including (but not limited to) Retail (Class 1) Professional Services (Class 2), Food and Drink (class 3), Drive Thru Food and Drink including Hot Food (Sui Generis), Business (Class 4), Hotel (Class 7), Care Home (Class 8), Residential Houses (Class 9), Flats (Sui Generis), Primary School (Class 10), and Leisure (Class 1) - Land 288 Metres Southwest Of 10 Builyeon Road - PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION APPROVED

20/005575/FUL - Proposed garden wall - 12 Sandercombe Drive - GRANTED

20/00553/FUL - Remove existing timber pivot windows and replace with top-hung uPVC windows. Remove existing timber front door, side panels and top panel with composite door and uPVC panels Paint existing uPVC windows Paint existing garage door - 9 Ashburnham Gardens - GRANTED

20/00366/FUL - Proposed rear extension to form family room and utility - 30 Inchcolm Terrace - GRANTED

20/00691/FUL - Proposed window to door alteration with driveway pier relocation, gates and patio (AMENDED) - 1 Springwell Terrace - GRANTED

20/00640/FUL - Replaced existing raised conservatory and patio area with new deck, handrailing, seating and raised garden . With the exception of the handrailing, new works to be made from FSC certified composite material (wood/recycled plastic) for aesthetics, dimensional stability, longevity and environmental considerations. New handrail to be glass/steel. - 14 Ashburnham Gardens - GRANTED

19/04116/FUL - Development of a Forth Bridge Walk Reception Centre; new sections of bridge access system; new viewing platforms; associated car parking; landscaping; servicing and alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian accesses. (as amended) - Forth Rail Bridge Hawes Brae - GRANTED(Committee Hearing)

19/04117/CON - To demolish 2x ancillary buildings of residential property to make way for proposed development of Forth Bridge Experience - Forth Rail Bridge Hawes Brae - GRANTED(Committee Decision)

19/04118/LBC - Installation of bridge access system on Forth Bridge and installation of glazed capping to Dalmeny Battery - Forth Rail Bridge Hawes Brae - GRANTED(Committee Decision)

20/01325/ADV - The installation of 4 No. new digital freestanding signs and 1 No. 15" Digital booth screen - McDonalds 6 Builyeon Road - GRANTED

20/01140/TCO - Two sycamores within garden - Cut back upper boughs of sycamores to reduce height and protect adjacent rowan and cherry - 3 Ashburnham Gardens - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

19/05253/FUL - Erection of one-and-a-half storey, detached, 5 bedrooomed family home - The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm - REFUSED This was refused for various reasons(greenbelt and no functional need for such a dwelling has been established, would harm the rural character of the site, trees and more) the decision notice can be viewed in the planning portal with all the reasons - interestingly car parking was mentioned too - The proposal is contrary to policy Tra 2 as it exceeds the Council's parking standards which seek to limit private car parking and encourage active travel - there was space for 5 cars and transport dept said there should only be 2 . There had been one objection

Planning Matters

Please be advised that during these unprecedented times planning officers are working from home for now. The public office at Waverley Court is closed and plans cannot be viewed, the help desk is also closed.

Dundas Children's Play Park

No further update has been given on the progress securing additional funding - QDCC will contract Alan Grevers again on this matter when some sort of normality resumes

Dalmeny Park

Commercial Land - no further update on if/when building will start. To Let signage is still in place

South Scotstoun Development - Hawthorn Gardens

Due to the Coronavirus construction on this site has been halted

Taylor Wimpey have lodged two planning applications with the planning department

20/00788/FUL - Approval of Matters Specified in Conditions of planning permission in principle PPA-230- 2207 in respect of Condition 9 - Land 100 Metres South Of Dimma Park

20/00802/FUL - Erect 72x dwellings with associated roads and parking spaces - Land 100 Metres South Of Dimma Park The application will allow them to re-plan the existing consented development to provide 39 additional homes that will include 25% affordable properties, as well as a mix of new homes to appeal to a range of potential buyers. This will take the total number of new homes at South Scotstoun to 380. - awaiting assessment

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 Traffic calming and bus stop improvements - CEC are aiming to have construction commencing in September/October this year and the work will take around 3 months to complete. QDCC have communicated with CEC advising that Taylor Wimpey intend to use Scotstoun Avenue for their construction vehicles to access the site for the next 5 years until the development is completed. We not not know at this stage if a knock on effect of the Coronavirus will change the plans for these works.

Builyeon Road Housing Development

16/01797/PPP - 20/01137/PAN

Although working remotely, the Cala Builyeon Road project team (internal and external) continue to progress the development on their proposed plans and they endeavour to progress the drafting of the S75 with The City of Edinburgh Council where possible. Given these unprecedented events however, they expect progress on all fronts will be slower than they had hoped.

The public consultation events which were due to be held in April had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus. In anticipation of the current situation lasting many weeks and probably months, Cala are considering how best they can make available the information which would have been presented at the public consultation event to the people of Queensferry. Cala will continue to keep QDCC updated and work with QDCC on any proposals being made.

Ferrymuir Gait

18/08266/AMC

The new/updated documents have even submitted to the Planning Department and are now available to view in the portal.

QDCC has spoken with the planning officer for this application and been advised the following:

Due to the significant local interest in this application my intention would be to re-open comments for 21 days as the applicant has made a number of changes to the design in an effort to address local concerns - I'm waiting for guidance from management to see how this can be done best due to current restrictions. So the revised plans are uploaded to the portal but comments won't open until the government/council has found a way to notify neighbours in line with requirements. When comments open again those who previously commented will be notified as usual.

High School Build

The final stages of the work required to complete the build has been halted due to Coronavirus it is not known when the work will be completed and when the new school will be able to open.

Network Rail Forth Bridge Experience

No update on how this is progressing re new plans for the redesigning of the car park for the reduced capacity as instructed by the Dev Management sub-committee.

Springfield LDP Site HSG1

19/06079/PAN - Residential Development and Associated Works including formation of Vehicular and Pedestrian Access, SUDS Infrastructure Provision and Hard and Soft Landscaping - Land Bounded By M90, Springfield Lea, Place And Terrace And Bo'nness Road Echline

QDCC reps have met with Cala reps to discuss the responses and the latest site masterplan. Due to the coronavirus we are now unable to meet with Cala reps in person but held a telephone conference call to discuss the Echline Transport Assessment. An Air Quality Document has also been sent for QDCC to read. Cala intend submitting a planning application in the near future. - no further progress

Pre Consultation Letter

QDCC have received a pre consultation letter from WHP Telecoms Ltd as they are in the process of selecting a site within Queensferry for a proposed 5G Telecommunications Installation For H3G UK and invite stakeholders to enter into pre application discussion in relation to the selected option/s prior to the submission of a formal planning application. The location mentioned in the communication is on Station Road in front of the new High School!!!!

Additional Information from the Planning Service Delivery during the Coronavirus

We are adapting our service so that we can support communities and businesses across Edinburgh through this difficult time. Our aim is to boost online public input to planning processes so that we can make and issue decisions which will both help with a swift recovery and a positive future for the city. To do this we have introduced ways for people to stay informed and comment on planning proposals despite the coronavirus lockdown. We are now:

- Starting our publication of applications that we have received since the lockdown commenced in March.
- Issuing neighbour notification letters by post, with the planning portal open for comments to be made on applications.

Due to the closure of our offices we are still unable to receive any paper applications or letters of representation. Online applications are being accepted/validated, online representations are being accepted and, where appropriate, delegated decisions are being issued.

We are able to do this following the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act, which alters how we can publicise the applications we have received. Paragraph 9(2) of Schedule 6, Part 3 of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 makes provision for us not to physically publish weekly lists of planning and related applications and make these available for inspection at our principal office and public

libraries or physically post site notices for all planning and related applications on the basis that doing so:

(a) may give rise to a significant risk of the transmission of coronavirus, or

(b) is likely to be ineffective or inappropriate due to action taken in order to control the incidence or transmission of coronavirus.

Instead we will make copies of these documents available on the Council's Planning and Building Standards On-line Services using this link <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/planning-building>, in accordance with paragraph 9 (3) of Schedule 6, Part 3 to the [Coronavirus \(Scotland\) Act 2020](#). This process will start with the weekly list of 27 April 2020. Further information on our services during the coronavirus lockdown is available on the Council [website](#).

Finally, I would encourage your members to sign up to the [Planning Edinburgh](#) blog to keep up to date with changes to our service and how we are planning for the future Edinburgh through City Plan 2030 and the City Mobility Plan. Stay safe everyone and do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions you may have on planning.

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

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QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Transport Report for April 2020

1. Forth Crossings – The public meeting for the Forth Bridges Forum scheduled for April was cancelled. As mentioned in the Chair's Report, in view of the upcoming Springfield and Builyeon Road site housing developments Keith had some dialogue with Transport Scotland and Amey about the Queensferry Roundabout and Echline Corner traffic lights, where the layouts and sequences often prompt comments from road users. The situation will remain monitored by Amey. Some concerns arose about social distancing on the Forth Road Bridge where people often take recreation at weekends, Graeme has suggested greater use is made of the walkway that is closed for maintenance.

2. Road Conditions and Utility Diversions – Some emergency repairs have taken place over the past month, but routine maintenance has stopped. Many sections of road identified for patching towards the end of February remain uncorrected. Few complaints on road surfaces are being received by the community council compared with January and February, however we recently received an observation about the condition of Station Road.

3. High Street Resurfacing – As mentioned in the Chair's Report, the tender outcome is likely to be revisited in view of the detailed costings received and the present circumstances which could change the marketplace significantly.

4. Car Parking – Most public car parks have either been physically closed off by cones or signed to discourage errant visitors from using them. A reasonable amount of on-street capacity for residents remains in the town centre and charges have been suspended.

5. Public Transport – Bus and train companies have gradually reduced frequencies over the past month such that they now just offer a skeleton service, intended to support essential travel only. Most previous destinations remain reachable by either bus or train, but in general the services operate at much reduced frequency.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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