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Thank you



Chairs report for September '20 Virtual Business Meeting

Correspondence and meetings

I have attended the meetings noted below on behalf of QDCC and been engaged in correspondence with the organisations and individuals noted.

Memorial unveiling for David Hutcheson 29th Aug

On the morning of 29th Aug '20 I was invited and attended the unveiling of a stone Plaque and tree planting by David's Wife Mary and grandchildren in Hawthorn Bank gardens on behalf of QDCC and Christmas in Queensferry. A small number of representatives attended from the organisation's that David was passionate about. My thanks to Neil McKinlay and Fiona Chandler GreenFerry for organising the stone plaque, the installation and the unveiling event. When you have time please visit and enjoy the gardens.

High St Improvements & Spaces for People proposal meeting 9th Sep '20

A virtual meeting was held for the Steering Group to re-visit the one-way system proposal for the High St. The Spaces for People (SfP) project was discussed at the same time as the opportunity will be taken to use the SfP Project to trial the one-way system running from west to east from Gote Lane to Edinburgh Road. Parking in Queensferry featured heavily in these discussions about capacity and alternative locations and where car parking could be expanded. This topic is still a live discussion with ideas and sites being investigated. Improved signage to parking locations is a requirement and desirable and under discussion. We were advised that the SfP was going before the Board for approval on 11th Sep '20.

Shop local framework virtual meeting 14th Sep

I was passed a communication from our Secretary inviting QDCC to attend a virtual meeting about a project titled Shop Local Framework.

The Council is keen to help retailers and businesses to strengthen local high streets and to encourage

our citizens and visitors to Shop Local. We will shortly be launching a Shop Local framework, which provides practical advice on adapting to new ways of working, introducing physical distancing, health protection measures and adequate signage (with up to date information), making changes to how payments are taken, and using digital communications and resourcing.

We hope you would be able to act as a key contact in your community, to help us get this message out to local businesses and to enable the Council to consult directly with local businesses on additional actions which they would like the Council to take in order to provide further support.

We would like to start off with a dialogue on how we see this network working and how we can work together to support local businesses. Would you be free for a Teams Meeting on the proposed time. If you are not able to make this time, might you be able to suggest another time and/or key contact for us from the local business community.

I invited Jenni Meldrum to join me and we both participated in the virtual meeting. The concept is in its early days but Jenni and I think there could be a big benefit to participate in the Framework We made officers aware of the High St Improvements and SfP project and the discussion was focused around promoting of our High Street prior to and through the changes. Our views were well received and they agreed to reach out to Dave Sinclair CEC Officer leading the SfP and High Street Improvement's. I too have discussed this opportunity with Dave who was very interested to learn more.

Cala Builyeon Rd Development meeting 23rd Sep

I attended the virtual meeting to learn about the revised masterplan being developed by Cala Homes and their plans to hold a virtual consultation. Diane will no doubt cover this in the Planning Conveners report.

The virtual consultation information and the plans are posted on QDCC media sites. My thanks to Graeme for posting this information promptly. There are some posters placed around the town.

Correspondence with Rosshill residents

I have been in email correspondence with Fran Kirkwood Rosshill residents about their concerns for the potential increased traffic movements particularly at Rosshill when the High St changes to a one-way system. And seeking QDCC support and assurances for the traffic calming measures that have yet to be installed by CEC Roads.

Correspondence with High St Businesses

I have been in email correspondence and conversations with High St businesses about the plans seeking assurances about retention of parking, seeking information about timescales for both SfP changes and High St improvements which is necessary for the businesses to plan ahead.

Forth Bridge World Heritage Meeting 11th Aug'20

In my August report I referred to the FBWHMC meeting held on 11th Aug '20 and attach the draft minutes. I'm questioning the value of attending these meetings as the meeting does little to inform QDCC. Please do not circulate them outside of QDCC as I'm providing them for your information only. They will be approved at November meeting.

West Edinburgh Community Councils

The Neighbourhood Almond Partnership was one of the more successful partnerships that worked well and served West Edinburgh Communities over a number of years. The Community Councils, CBCC, Ratho, Kirkliston and QDCC along with Silverknowes Residents Association were not just saddened at their demise but became aggrieved by the approach taken by the authority and its autocratic decision making. The so called transfer of the Partnerships responsibilities to The Edinburgh Partnership is fundamentally flawed as the representatives are not democratically elected but have been placed on a committee by officers to represent us. Whilst there are minutes that make heavy reading for these meetings none of the Community Councils have been contacted about the agenda or consulted about the material matter of the business being discussed.

To this end the four community council chairs have had been in correspondence with the Council Leader who gave assurances that Community Councils have a role to play, we have met with Paul Lawrence Director of Place,

CEC Officers from compliance, to no avail. Jointly we propose to raise a Community Participation Request to CEC.

Edinburgh Development Group – Lottery Project

You might have seen the bulletin about setting up a people's cooperative: EDG is starting a new project, funded by the National

Lottery Community Fund and City of Edinburgh, that focuses on the South Queensferry and Kirkliston area. We are interested in bringing local people together to form a co-operative for people who have skills and knowledge to offer.

I met with Claire Edwards PM for the project to learn

more about their plans and exchange information.

I continue to supporting QDCC convenors particularly this month with QDCC business matters about planning and the environment that will be covered in the convenors reports.

Keith Giblett 27th Sept 2020

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Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – SEPTEMBER REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has remained steady in terms of volume since the August Meeting. As previously reported most people tend to engage with QDCC through social media rather than direct contact via e-mail although we do still receive some phone calls, which this month included yet another request for information on how to get a memorial bench installed, two requests for assistance relating to Council House provision, a query relating to Scotstoun Avenue surface skimming activities, some concern as to the ongoing issue of sewage in Ferry Burn and latterly on the footpath adjacent to QHS and the Hub, and a query on the First Bus 63 service

Following dialogue with the CEC Community Council support team we took the decision in March to suspend all face to face meetings of the Community Council until further notice and informed CEC accordingly and we now know this will continue until at least the end of this year.

Business continues as best we can using a combination of email and social media and following a successful trial in holding the August Business meeting via MS Teams the decision was taken to open up future virtual meetings to the general public.

The September Meeting will therefore be the first and to date there has been 3 positive notes of interest and invitations will be circulated ahead of time.

Dialogue with CEC continues and we have had some initial information on holding remote meetings which we have acted upon but await further detail and a response to some questions posed as an indication was given as to possible support for Community Councils during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The decision has also been taken to hold the AGM in conjunction with the October Business Meeting.

We had one enquiry from a local resident who expressed interest in taking up the role of Minute Secretary, but following a series of email exchanges no positive outcome was possible.

The position therefore remains open and once again I would encourage all Councillors to use their contacts to advertise this post.

I will once again be asking for a volunteer to take minutes moving forward.

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.

My thanks go out to Diane for pursuing some additional planning queries, and to Graeme for help in organizing online meetings.

We continue to receive regular information updates from CEC and on the ongoing role and responsibilities of Community Councils during the current pandemic.

2. A number of website enquiries have been received over the last month including overflowing litter bins on the High Street, littering at Queensferry High School and Lovers Lane, the poor state/lack of maintenance at Queensferry Cemetery and some ongoing dialogue relating to availability of space locally for the provision of childcare. Notes of interest in attending the virtual Business meeting have also been received via this tool.

No significant postal mail was received this month

3. I attended an online meeting facilitated by CALA to discuss the updated proposals for the Site MasterPlan associated with HSG32 – The Builyeon Road development. Details relating to the virtual public consultation exercise and website scheduled for Friday 2nd October were also covered
4. I watched the CEC Development Management Sub Committee webcast on the planning application by Ambassador Homes for the development of the FerryMuirGate site. I believe this is something QDCC should be following up with the Chair of the committee and the leadership of CEC. Once again (as was the case with the application by Network Rail for the development of The Forth Bridge Experience) decisions impacting the local community are being taken by officials and elected representatives that appear to lack any local element and /or representation and accountability.
5. 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 September 2020

Treasurer's Report ▲ Diane Job

Money in this month:

CEC Grant - £803.12

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - Expenses for High Street Review meeting - £4.90

Total CC Funds = £1545.95

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - £21464.50

95 Day Notice Account - (August interest £23.11) - £60495.84

Nationwide Building Society - £85892.17

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £85749.32

Charity Bank - £60098.63

Community Facility Funding Total = £398700.46

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

Communications ▲ Graeme McKinley

QDCC Communications Report Sep 2020

Online

Internal and external QDCC Communication has continued online throughout the lockdown through Facebook, Twitter, our website, email, Messenger, Zoom, MS Teams and Skype. Public engagement has remained open and been well maintained throughout. MS Teams remains the platform of choice for our monthly meetings with public access by request from Sep 2020. Details on our website of how to request to join the meetings.

Offline

We published an editorial on QDCC in Spotlight Magazine last month, the next bi-monthly issue (Nov/Dec) will require any submissions by 15th Oct. ***Anyone with content to submit on behalf of their QDCC sub-committee, please email to me by 14th Oct.***

Copies are being distributed door to door by volunteers and Spotlight employees. Alistair Pryde is seeking volunteers to help distribute

the community magazine. There are 200 streets, if anyone would be willing to assist with a few streets and/or can suggest any groups to assist, please contact Alistair Pryde alistair@wordsandpicturesuk.com

CALA Consultation

CALA have set up a dedicated website for the pre-planning application consultation on the **Builyeon Rd mixed use development proposal**. A public interactive chat event with CALA through their dedicated website on Friday 2nd Oct 3pm-8pm and comments are open on the website until 9th Oct 2020. All details can be viewed until 9th Oct here: <https://cala-builyeonroad.co.uk/>

Posters will be displayed around the town with the link, written correspondence details and, at the suggestion of QDCC, a telephone number for offline residents to participate in the chat with CALA.

Graeme McKinley

27th Sep 2020

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Education ▲ David Flint

Education/Report September 2020

I was unable to join the recent Queensferry High School Parents Council AGM but asked to be kept up to date.

I joined the Queensferry Primary School Parents Council meeting on 24th September. This was a new committee and they spent some time establishing the purpose of the council and reached agreement. The present school roll is 477. They had a recent health and safety inspection which produced a good report. It was pointed out that no meetings can take place in the school. There are problems with social distancing when entering and leaving the premises, these are being reviewed.

Several parents expressed concern over the possible plans for the traffic organisation when the High Street is being altered and a one way system may be operated.

David Flint.

Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

Queensferry District Community Council – Environmental Sub –Committee Report for September 2020

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

Further dialogue with Tesco managers has received positive commitment to address the issues with the recycling site and general cleanliness within the wider Tesco site.

Similar issue are being experienced at the Scotmid recycling site with fly tipping and the manager has committed to take remedial actions.

Sewage issue on the old railway line

Andy Malarky continues to liaise with Scottish Water on this issue and we await the outcome of his efforts. A recent issue with sewage leaching into the burn that runs down into “Jocks hole “aka the Ferry Glen is being investigated by SEPA.

Car and Motor Bike Disturbance Issues

The closure of the Hawes promenade car park has been extended until the end of September. Any continuation temporary or more permanent will require further consultation with key stakeholders. Flyers have been posted at Bikers Cove by our community police officer Martin Crow to try to deal with the motor bike noise issues.

Binks Car Park/Green area

Norrie Works has received feedback from the gardening team that the landscaped area will be sprayed during Autumn or Winter to kill the weeds. I have inspected the area which is much larger than I thought and I think that some actions to make the site easier to maintain on an ongoing basis would be advisable but given the pressures on the team we should accept this situation at this time.

Rosebery Halls Gardens and Rosebery Halls Annex

During October Rotary members and others from the community will form a team help with the ground work to have improved electric cabling routed across the gardens. Working groups will also be established to undertake a range of improvement tasks at the Rosebery Halls annex playground next to the Hideaway Café .

End Polio Now

A few thousand purple crocus bulbs will be planted in the town to promote the Rotary End Polio Now project. The grass areas in front of the new High School have be identified as a suitable site for planting, I am checking this out with stakeholders.

Neil McKinlay, Convenor QDCC

Environmental Committee

Sunday

27th September 2020

Health & Wellbeing ▲ Anne Mitchell

Next Step

Free employment support and advice during the Covid-19 outbreak

- Have you lost your job?
- Are you looking for work?
- Need employment advice?
- Want to prepare to return to work once lockdown ends?

Our Next Step advisers can help.

Phone
0300 365 0025

Email
admin@communityrenewal.org.uk

Facebook
@nextstepedinburgh

www.nextstepedinburgh.org



A new benefit to support 16 to 24-year olds into work if they have been unemployed for six months is available. **Job Start Payment** is a one off £250 payment to help with the costs of starting a new job. The upper age limit rises to 25 for care leavers and the payment rises to £400 if the person has a child. This can be accessed via the Scottish Government Website

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community have started a 'Daycare at Home' service, blending at home with services at the centre (in social bubbles). They are still keeping befriending services by telephone only, there has been interest in looking at safe ways to have befriending home visits, but Lorna said that currently they are advised to not do any indoor, in person befriending work support.

Tragically, according to the Samaritans' latest report, the suicide rate in Scotland has increased by 14.1% in 2019, with the highest rate of suicide in men between the ages of 35 and 44.

If you are having suicidal thoughts, it is important to ask someone for help. Try talking to a family member, friend or colleague. It may be difficult at this time, but it's important to know you're not alone. Talking to someone can help you see beyond feelings of loneliness or despair and help you realise there are options. There are also several telephone helplines that can help you through your crisis, including:

Samaritans: 116123

Breathing Space: 0800 838 587

If you're worried someone is suicidal, it's okay to ask them directly. Research shows that this helps - because it gives them permission to tell you how they feel, and shows that they are not a burden. People who have felt suicidal will often say what a huge relief it is to be able to talk about what they were experiencing. The majority of people who feel suicidal do not actually want to die – they just don't want to live the life they have. [The Samaritans have advice and tips on supporting someone with suicidal thoughts on their website.](#)

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/documents/Information-about-mental-health-ill-health.pdf>

<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/documents/Self-help-and-handly-tips.pdf>

Last month I mentioned that the GP practice would soon be contacting people re flu vaccine.

This year this is not being undertaken by the practice but NHS Lothian. Details of the provision for this area have already been documented on this website. We have supported the information dissemination by putting up notices around Queensferry that were produced by the GP practice. Where possible people should attend the drive through events at QHS (not necessarily on the first day) All information is on the GP website. You will be asked to remain in your car and stay for approx. 15 min after the vaccine is given just to make sure all is well. Obviously do not attend if you don't feel well.

Primary school age children will be vaccinated through school. We are still awaiting clarity over the 12-17 young carers group but think this will be covered at the GP practice as at-risk young people are. We do not yet know where the special hubs in the city will be to cover the 2- 5 age group

In normal life we would offer neighbours a lift but sharing cars is not currently being advised by the government so think hard about masks and cleaning before you potentially share germs

There is now a walk-in service being provided on both Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th Nov at the GP practice but not organised by the GPs. Again the timings will be alphabetical -see GP website

Over 55s will be entitled to a free vaccine but not until December.

As the infection rates are rising here is a reminder of how to wear a mask! Yes, the blue side goes out the way.

How to use a disposable face covering/mask?



Before Putting on a face covering/mask:
Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

While Wearing a face covering/mask:

1. Ensure that your nose and mouth are fully covered
2. Avoid touching your face covering/mask. If you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
3. Change your face covering/mask if it becomes damp/wet. Do not reuse disposable masks.

To dispose of the face covering:

1. Remove the face covering/mask using the ear loops or ties, pulling away from your face..
2. In hospital, place disposable masks in bin with orange bag.
3. Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

The infographic is divided into three horizontal sections: a top brown section for 'Before Putting on a face covering/mask', a middle blue section for 'While Wearing a face covering/mask', and a bottom yellow section for 'To dispose of the face covering'. It includes illustrations of a hand holding a mask, a person wearing a mask, and a person disposing of a mask into a bin.

QDCC were approached by a group looking at what health means to different people – this was shared with a few groups in the area but not many people had time to submit images <https://www.picturing-health.com/> They are hoping to have an exhibition in the city centre later this month.

Anne continues to attend regular meetings with the voluntary services in the Almond ward and the working group looking at changing EDspace mental health resources to I THRIVE which will be launched on 12th October. The launch of the NSPCC all of us campaign aimed at preventing childhood neglect has had to adapt markedly during this pandemic but have had several webinars for professionals and managed to get information leaflets out to any families receiving food parcels during lock down. They plan to work with schools now that the children have returned.

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Planning & Housing ▲ Diane Job

Planning Report September 2020

Applications

During five week period seven applications were received

20/03517/FUL - Installation of 2 No. 8m high flag poles - Site 27 Metres North West Of Port Edgar Yacht Club Shore Road

20/03519/FUL - Proposed attic conversion with dormer window to rear and rooflight to front - 11 Whitehead Grove
20/03378/ADV - Display 4x non- illuminated signs on roundabout - Roundabout On Intersection With Ferrymuir - Ferrymuir Road
20/03624/FUL - Erection of sun lounge - 57 Springfield View
20/03636/FUL - Change of Use from class 1 (hairdresser) to class 2 (professional services) - 30 High Street
20/03711/FUL - Proposed single storey extension to rear of dwelling - 20 Forth Place
20/03752/FUL - Erection of a conservatory - 6 Ochil Court

Decisions

The Planning Authority made twelve decisions during the five week period

20/02896/ADV - Advertisements comprising 1x Media charger with Screen, 1x Fast charger and 3x Steel Flag poles - Tesco 5 Ferrymuir - GRANTED
20/02567/FUL - Single Storey Extension (AMENDED) - 6 Echline Green - GRANTED
20/02533/FUL - Proposed alterations and extension to improve the facilities offered at the Longcraig Scout Water Activity Centre - 3 Long Craig Road - GRANTED
20/03010/FUL - Solid panel roof replacement to sunroom at rear of semidetached dwelling - 40 Echline Grove - GRANTED
20/03177/CLP - Proposed Rear Extension to Semi Detached Dwelling to Form Family/Dining Area - 5 Hewlett Way - GRANTED
20/03209/FUL - Erect porch to front of dwelling house and erect new dormer window to rear roof slope - 3 Hope Street - GRANTED
20/03121/PRN - Application for development under the provisions of Class 56 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 to erect a storage shed - Craighall Quarry West Craigie Farm Road - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT
20/02897/FUL - Installation of 1x EV Media charger with screen, 1x EV fast charger and 3 x steel flagpoles -5 Ferrymuir (Tesco) - GRANTED
20/02854/FUL - Erect a single storey extension at the rear of the property and a two storey extension at the front of the property - 51 Scotstoun Park - GRANTED
20/03287/FUL - Single storey extension -26 StationView - GRANTED
20/02829/LBC - Replacement window and associated works - 2 Wester Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny - GRANTED
20/03378/ADV - Display 4x non-illuminated signs on roundabout(advertising signage) - Roundabout On Intersection With Ferrymuir - GRANTED

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

QDCC contacted Alan Grevers and we were advised that Dundas Play Park is on his to do list - there is no further update on sourcing the additional funding that is required and with COVID-19 affecting so many businesses I can't see that sourcing funding from out with CEC is going to be easy. QDCC will keep an eye on this as we already have £25,000 in funding due to the High School build and we don't want to lose this and we also want to see an upgrade of this park as was discussed with CEC reps over 2 years ago - NO FUTHER UPDATE

Dalmeny Park

Commercial Land - no further update on if/when building will start.

To Let signage is still in place

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements

QDCC have been keeping in contact with Stacey Montieth-Skelton the senior engineer on this project.

Part of Scotstoun Ave has been resurfaced as part of the City Wide Road Surface Treatment programme - the remainder of Scotstoun Ave will be resurfaced later this year when the traffic calming and bus stop improvements are being progressed for the section 75 works. It is hoped the final design will be complete soon. It will be shared with QDCC once it is known and it has passed a road safety audit, along with (hopefully) the programme for delivery. NO FURTHER UPDATE

Builyeon Road Housing Development

16/01797/PPP - 20/01137/PAN QDCC reps had an informative meeting via MS Teams with Cala to hear more on their Masterplan proposals for the site from James Fraser from EMA and the transport strategy from Ruth Mustard from Sweco. We also were advised on how they are going to share this information with the community as present government rules does not allow an exhibition with members of the public attending. Therefore an on-line consultation will now have to take place.

Cala have appointed Orbit Communication, who have extensive experience of hosting these events. Alex Orr and Alasdair Stewart, of Orbit attended our meeting to explain the website which has been created for this event. The website contains full details of Cala's proposals, and is designed to allow visitors to provide feedback, via online form.

During the hours of 3pm to 8pm on Friday 2nd October, the website will provide an interactive function. Visitors will be able to ask questions via an online chat function. During this time CALA and the Project Team will be on hand to answer any questions relating to the project. The web address is www.cala-builyeonroad.co.uk The website will become live on Thursday 1st October, and open for comments until Friday 9th October 2020.

In order to publicise the website and the virtual event, Cala intend to do the following:

Write to immediate neighbours of the site and to those who previously provided comment on the PPP application to City of Edinburgh Council

Posters will be put in place across various locations in Queensferry, publicising the event, from Friday 25th September.

Public Notice Advert within the Edinburgh Evening News for Thursday 1st October, and Linlithgow and Queensferry Gazette for publication on Friday 2nd October 2020

Press release to be issued w/c 28th September 2020

For information

The Builyeon PPP was 'minded to grant' on 21st February 2018. The Section 75 negotiation is almost concluded, and Cala expect the Legal Agreement to be concluded within the next few weeks. Once signed, Planning Permission in Principle will be issued.

Cala have read the comments to the Masterplan which was submitted with the original PPP, and agree that a better design solution is required for the site. Cala are also aware of local comment and feedback from their Springfield public event early this year, notably requests for discount food

stores, care home, and other employment uses. Meantime, CALA have also been approached from operators of filling stations seeking to relocate to the western part of the site. Those additional uses are not included within the PPP and will require a separate planning approval.

Cala have agreed with the Council that the best approach would be to seek approval/discharge of Condition no.1 of the PPP (The Masterplan), and within same, show areas for future development of these other uses. This will constitute Approval of Matters Specified by Condition (AMSC).

The additional uses can then be introduced via new Planning Permissions in Principle, which overlap the areas on the Masterplan.

The content of the proposals is still at Masterplan level. There are no detailed designs currently available. Those detailed designs will be subject to AMSC which will be brought forward on a phased basis for the various uses and pockets of development.

Ferrymuir Gait

18/08266/AMC (revised application by the new developers)

This application was decided at the Dev Management Sub-committee on the 23rd September and has been granted, which is a huge disappointment to all who objected to this application, the majority of the objections were not for the development itself but for the access to it. The access to the development has not been fully resolved as far as I could make out and the applicant has to talk with the CEC Transport Dept on this. I found from watching the webcast of this meeting it was shambolic and in my view unprofessional and not what I expect from a committee of elected CEC councillors and CEC officials when making such important decisions. I have concerns and sadness that the future of our community lays at the hands of such committees and officials who at times seem to lack local knowledge and disregard concerns that residents have highlighted when making decisions on planning applications for Queensferry. Planning unfortunately seems to be a tick box exercise which doesn't always take into account the local element.

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'ness Road Echline

Cala have been in discussion with Manor Estates Housing Association, to confirm detail and timing of the first phase of affordable housing at the early stages of the site development. This will be housing for social rent and discounted price houses for sale.

Cala are in the final stages of concluding the land sale contract with Transport Scotland, and Cala hope that the planning application will be submitted by the end of October.

Ferrymuir Roundabout

20/03378/ADV - Display 4x non- illuminated signs on roundabout - Roundabout On Intersection With Ferrymuir - Ferrymuir Road - (advertising signage)

QDCC sent comments to planning for this application raising our concerns and that of residents re advertising signage being placed on this roundabout. The application was granted by the CEC planning officers. Signage offering advertising space is in place on roundabouts all over the Edinburgh area which are in the ownership of CEC - CEC will receive a percentage of the funds

generated from this advertising. It does seem that many councils throughout Scotland are using this method to raise extra cash. Only time will tell if this signage causes a distraction to drivers.

Glenforth Court Ferrymuir

Link have been in touch with QDCC regarding the flats that will be for sale in this retirement development and that they are in the process of creating a sales brochure which will include pricing details. When complete a pdf of this brochure will be sent to QDCC for us to share. Link would also be interested to know of any local groups who they can share the brochure with. Properties to rent in this development are allocated through Edindex.

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport ▲ Grant Sangster

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL **Transport Report for September 2020**

- 1. Various Planning Applications** – With a few applications on the go, support to the Planning Sub-Committee on some access and transport matters continues. As mentioned in Diane's report, the Ferrymuir Gait and Builyeon Road areas have been particularly active this month. Ferrymuir Gait was passed at CEC's Development Management Sub-Committee, with an additional informative to consider narrowing the site roads which are continuations of Henry Ross & Hugh Russell Places. However the most recent plan already includes narrower roads as a result of previous feedback from CEC and QDCC regarding footway provision. The suggestion was aimed at appeasing some Varney residents but now proposes the new roads narrower than existing ones, while many objectors claimed existing roads were already unsuitable for access due to their width. We attended a virtual meeting with CALA on plans to hold virtual public engagement sessions for Builyeon Road. A controversial point is likely to be rerouting of the existing A904 through the site. An application to install advertising boards on Ferrymuir Roundabout was studied.
- 2. Road Conditions and Diversions** – The citywide road dressing scheme continues in more areas of Queensferry as reported last month. Expressions of inconvenience on the day of the work together with reactions of surprise at the loose material left behind follow a familiar pattern.
- 3. Spaces for People and High Street** – Another virtual meeting was held with Ironside Farrer and CEC regarding plans for the High Street. As previously reported, implementation has been delayed due to a large number of emerging influences. A one way scheme has been further developed by Ironside Farrer and is approaching a position where public reaction can be sought. A Spaces for People plan for introducing a one way system on the High Street to allow social distancing during the

pandemic has matured although there is some political opposition to the Spaces for People scheme.

- 4. Car and Motor Bike Anti-Social Behaviour** – Correspondence continues to be received regarding actual or potential nuisance from cars and motor bikes being used or parked in the Hawes and High Street areas. We've also heard from Dalmeny Station Residents Association about vehicles on Rosshill Terrace.
- 5. Public Transport** – The operator for CEC's 63 bus changed from Lothian to First in September, restoring the Gyle-Riccarton section that was cut at the end of March and extending the route to Balerno. The initial 90-minute interval mirrored the emergency timetable however the pre-lockdown frequency is expected from the end of September. The new timetable is linked [here](#). An additional morning journey direct from Kirkliston to Borrowman Square now runs on schooldays, which local campaigners thought might ease parking pressure at Dalmeny Station. Some Stagecoach X55 services are withdrawn with the new timetable linked [here](#). Lothian Country increased the number of [43](#) journeys in September and restored the same [N43](#) service that operated prior to lockdown (ie not the Kirkliston route extension previously advertised to commence from 29 March).

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Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Queensferry & District Community
Council -

September 2020 report

Echline / Builyeon Road housing plans

As covered in other reports, the detailed master plan for the Echline fields has been published by CALA, ahead of an online consultation event on 2 October. The plans are extensive, with up to 980 new homes, a new care home, a new discount store, a petrol station, two drive-through restaurants and the new primary school.

One of our most significant concerns is around road access, with the proposed re-routing of Builyeon Road through the new estate. We have long argued for the reopening of the old slip roads to the A90 to address access/traffic issues in the Ferry. These new plans make this even more important. We have discussed this with Alex Cole-Hamilton who will be making further representations to the Scottish Government this week.

Meanwhile, we are engaging extensively with residents in Queensferry and Dalmeny on the detailed plans.

High Street changes

There has been no significant progress on the temporary 'spaces for people' scheme for the High Street. However, Kevin attended a further meeting of the High Street project group for the longer-term changes.

Corus Hotel site

The planning committee approved the detailed planning application for this site in September. We liaised with the Varney Estate Residents' Association and submitted a request for a hearing so we could address the committee on the issue of road access. However, this request was turned down by the planning convener and the committee proceeded to agree the application for the 124 new homes. We have kept in close contact with residents in the Varney Estate and need to keep up the pressure to ensure the promised road access via Ferrymuir Gait is delivered.

Station Road

Whilst a number of local roads have had surface treatment (William Black Place and Bo'ness Road), there has been an outstanding question of Station Road, which had been on the resurfacing plan since 2018/19 but was not covered because of the SGN works. It is clear an error meant the road came off the priority list. However, we have asked that it is made a new priority and have had it confirmed it will be included in the 2021/22 plan.

Primary school catchments

Following last year's statutory consultation, we have had it confirmed a report will come to the full Council by the end of this year with the final proposed changes to the primary catchments.

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Queensferry and District Community Council

Councillors Report — September 2020

COVID-19 Response

In terms of committees and Full Council, the Council has now returned to BAU, albeit in a virtual setting. Virtual meeting invites have been issued up to the Easter recess next year. The council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be analysed through update reports to the Policy and Sustainability committee and the recovery programme is discussed at a monthly all-party oversight group.

Full Council

Full Council met virtually Tuesday 25th August and again on Thursday 17th September, the latter meeting lasting for 9 hours. Much of the discussion throughout the meeting in September related the Spaces for People programme and ultimately unsuccessful efforts to pause/reverse some of the more controversial schemes. There was cross party agreement on a motion to look at providing financial support to community councils to assist them in operating in a virtual/blending setting going forward.

The next meeting of Full Council will take place on Thursday 15th October at 10am on Microsoft Teams. The meeting will be webcast in the usual fashion.

Finance and Resources Committee

The Finance and Resources Committee has now met twice, since being reinstated, on Thursday 27th of August and Thursday 24th of September. The financial situation facing the Council and it's ALEOs is stark. The estimate financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the Council currently stands at some £90m with a residual gap in the current financial year of £12.2m. Details of the proposed resetting of the 3 year budget will be reported to the next meeting of the committee on Thursday 29th October. There is limited information at present on the plans for or scope of any anticipated impact of a second spike.

Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee

There are no meetings of Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee scheduled at present.

Local Issues

Queensferry High School — I was asked by a resident to look into whether a war memorial within the school gym hall had been destroyed as part of the demolition of the old school building. Council officers confirmed that they had no record of the existence of any such memorial and on feeding this back I have received no further correspondence from the anonymous resident who raised the matter.

Following a request from the chair of the parent council, I have raised the matter of issues with wifi connectivity within the new school building hampering device access and virtual learning with the

Head of Schools and I would hope to have a response and be able to provide a verbal update on this at Monday's meeting.

Queensferry Cemetery - Having been alerted to the generally poor upkeep of the cemetery in recent months in particular damage to some gravesites apparently caused by a lack of care from grounds maintenance staff, I have raised the matter with the appropriate officers and I am currently awaiting feedback.

Ferrymuir Gait - Ahead of the consideration of planning application **18/08266/AMC** at the meeting of the Development Management Sub-Committee on Wednesday 23rd September, I wrote to each of the members of the committee asking that they reject the application on the grounds of a loss of a site of national importance, the detrimental impact to the World Heritage Site in contravention of CEC and Scottish Government planning guidance and the unsuitability of the vehicular access to the proposed development through the Varney's estate. Sadly the application was approved.

I have also been aiding residents with waste collection issues and continuing to respond to correspondence on the Spaces for People plans.

Surgeries

My surgeries are postponed indefinitely until the COVID-19 advice to Councillors on face to face meetings changes. Constituents requiring assistance can contact me by telephone or email.

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CLlr Work

Queensferry & District Community Council

CLlr Norman Work's report for September 2020 meeting

I attended an online meeting of Queensferry High School Parent Council AGM on 15th September.

On Wednesday 9th September I attended the latest Queensferry High Street Steering Group Meeting

Received complaints from residents in Ashburnham Road about the alarm at the new build QHS going off at night. One week the alarm rang at least four times lasting for 20 minutes each time before stopping, one occasion this happened at 2am. I was

informed that it was teething problems and a commitment to monitor the situation which they hope will be resolved.

Sewage; Reports of sewage on Lovers Lane by several residents who have reported to Scottish Water. Notices have been posted informing the public that this is being investigated. The sewage has now flooded the path behind the Hub and I also contacted Scottish Water as the problem has got worse over the weekend.

Complaints received about machine plant parked on the access to Hawthorn Gardens development in South Scotstoun by residents concerned about plant damaging the grassed area next to Provost Mile Grove which the

residents pay factoring fees for. After contacting the council and Sarah Paton-Butler from Taylor Wimpey the developers were ordered by the council to remove any plant from the grassed areas and reinstate any damage.

Spotlight magazine. Helped deliver 150 magazines after a plea from the publishers for volunteers.

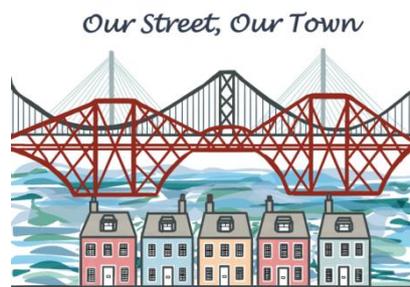
Ferrymuir Gait; I was corresponding with residents in the Varney Estate and with councillors on the committee. I emphasised the access issues through the estate with councillors as I still don't believe this has been resolved even though planning was granted.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

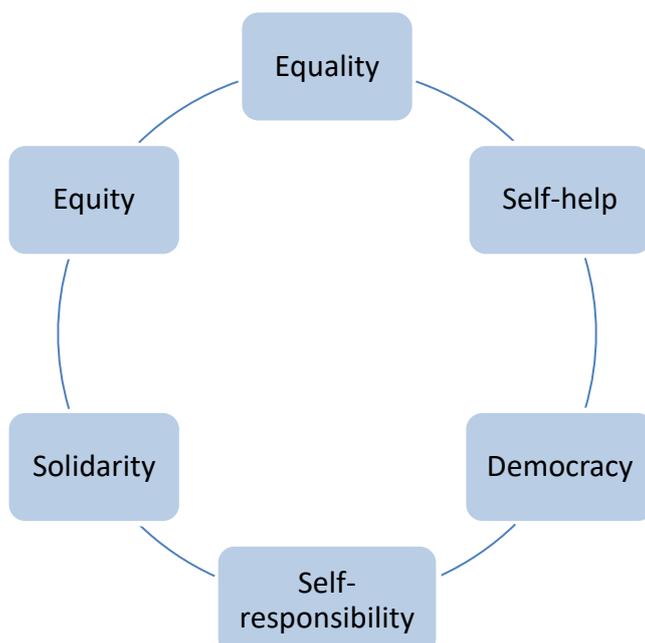
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The Workers *Co-operative is based on the values of:

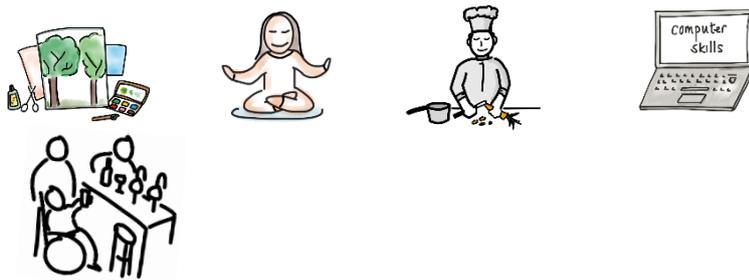


Edinburgh Development Group

EDG is starting a new project, funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and City of Edinburgh, that focuses on the South Queensferry and Kirkliston area. We are interested in bringing local people together to form a **co-operative for people who have skills**

and knowledge to offer*

The aim is to provide a mutually supportive network to enable you to promote and 'sell' your skills and interests to your neighbours in the South Queensferry and Kirkliston area.



We would like to use the Co-operative **values** as the basis that the Co-operative would be formed. We will work alongside **Worker Members** over next 3 years to assist them to set-up and self-manage this exciting new Co-operative.

Next steps

- 1) Continue to spread the word, reaching out to as many local people as possible (we appreciate your assistance with this!)
- 2) Holding a series of information sessions with two or three people in local cafés to share our model and hear your ideas
- 3) Once we have sufficient numbers interested in being part of a co-op we will invite them to join a 10-session programme
- 4) This will be after Christmas as we hope to do this physically distanced but together at mutually convenient time
- 5) The 10 session programme will share information, establish what the group wants from a co-op, and build connections between participants. It will be facilitated by EDG staff
- 6) By the end of this process the group will have a charter in place and feel equipped to begin setting up the co-op (still with support from EDG)
- 7) EDG will give ongoing support as the co-op becomes established and gets its support network in place
- 8) We only withdraw once the above has been achieved and people feel confident to move forward together

We will also be working to form a self-managing community co-operative which will have members from South Queensferry and Kirkliston neighbourhoods. We will introduce the two co-operative groups to each other so that Community members can buy support and services from the **Workers Co-operative**.



Got some questions? Some ideas? Interested to learn more?

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EDG (Edinburgh Development Group) has been working with families and communities for 30 years. We work with people to identify gaps, explore what works and together develop great ideas for change.



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We wish to thank The National Lottery Community Fund and the City of Edinburgh Innovation Fund are funding us to take our learning about co-operatives into a geographical community to support the development of two new co-operatives.

