



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



QDCC October Business Meeting

Monday 26 October September 2020 at 8:00pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer), Grant Sangster, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Andy Malarky (Minutes), Muir Kay, David Flint, David Learmond, Laura Sexton, Neil McKinlay, Councillors Norman Work & Louise Young

Guests: Ann-Marie Boyd, Elizabeth McGowan, and Stuart Kellet.

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome	The Chair opened the meeting immediately following the AGM and welcomed everyone to the third online business meeting held online via Microsoft Teams due to the ongoing COVID-19 climate.
2. Apologies	Gillian Smith, Councillors Graham Hutchison & Kevin Lang, Andy Stuart, Martin Crow (Police), Michelle Gordon (Deputy Head Teacher QHS), and Jenny Meldrum
3. Police Report	The Police Report was circulated prior to the meeting.
4. Minutes from Last Meeting	The September meeting minutes were proposed by Diane Job, seconded by David Flint, and duly approved.
5. Matters Arising	<p>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</p> <p>May 2019</p> <p>Harbour Wall: Keith Giblett has written – with the support of Queensferry Heritage Trust (QHT), Queensferry Boat Club and Councillors – to Andrew Kerr, Chief Executive and Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place of the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) for repairs to be put into effect. So far only a response from Paul Lawrence has been received. Keith will reach out after a week if no satisfactory acknowledgement is provided. Cllr Norman Work indicated he is happy to pursue a line of enquiry for something substantial by way of a response.</p> <p>An additional point was indicated of Queensferry Heritage Trust via David Learmond organising a draft paper on the history of the harbour.</p> <p>It was noted by Terry Airlie that the lack of responses does seem to be habitual as an ongoing pattern. He suggested he would like to see our four ward councillors' band together and provide some support on the matter. ACTION CONTINUES</p>



	<p>JANUARY 2020</p> <p>Forest Nurseries: No further updates currently, discussions remain ongoing with Crawford McGhie regarding the Forest Nurseries. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2020</p> <p>Museum: Action to re-engage with CEC continues. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2020</p> <p>Leisure Facilities: Communication has been sent out to Graham Fletcher. ACTION CONTINUES.</p> <p>Financial Support: The CC have yet to receive anything back from CEC on this matter. Cllr Louise Young to assist with progress on this matter. It was also noted by Keith that many of our members and residents are continuing to rely on personal resources. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>OCTOBER 2020</p> <p>Trishaw Storage: Cllr Norman Work confirmed that CEC are happy for QCCC have a storage unit placed near their location. Residents have been notified. ACTION CONCLUDED</p> <p>Sub-Development Committee: Still open, fact finding efforts currently underway prior to further communication. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Skate Park: It was suggested that this topic be joined in with one of the CC sub-groups. The Education and Recreation sub-group are happy to be the conduit for this. There has been a visit to the VAT-run site with the potential for a few meetings prior to any formal engagement. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Armistice: Although no formal parade has been arranged due to the novel COVID-19 situation, Queensferry ex-servicemen's club have arranged to facilitate the laying of wreaths in a controlled manner for the safer placement of these wreaths under the direction of the club secretary Harry McLeod. ACTION NIL</p>
<p>6. Chair's Report</p>	<p>The report was circulated before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Sangster asked if there was any upkeep or maintenance required over the winter period for the Community Council facilities. To be looked into.
<p>7. Councillors' Report</p>	<p>Cllr Work – report circulated before the meeting. Cllr Graham Hutchison – report circulated before the meeting. Cllr Young and Lang – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>- A question was raised by Graeme McKinley on the Queensferry Community High</p>



	<p>School WiFi situation. This was picked up by Cllr Graham Hutchison where there are issues currently surrounding access to WiFi for pupils who are not currently using CEC property. Some pupils are currently using their own Data plans where it may be possible that some pupils do not have this ability. This has been discussed with parent groups who feed into the consultant committee. At the moment, the position of Council Officials is that there'll be no change until everyone is in possession of a CEC owned device to ensure restrictions are in place for appropriate browsing by pupils. The funds for this exist with fulfilment being the current issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terry Airlie raised a question regarding the Scotstoun Avenue speed restrictions. Aware that it has now been five and a half to six years since the Dalmeny Park development arrived, why has it taken so long to do this from the original plan. It was confirmed that the issue is not funding but booking the work to be done. The latest from the Road Safety team was an apology and that the work is now currently out to tender. An update is expected by the end of this month. - Keith Giblett intimated that the outlying areas within the CEC area seem to be neglected ahead of the City Centre. Keith identified that we need to take steps at a higher level for action noting that the Harbour issues have been ongoing for approximately 20 years and the High Street since 2015 including issues with the Public Toilets. To seek how the CC can get better representation the CC would like the ward councillors support in achieving this. Cllr Louise Young indicated she would be happy to help progress this. - Cllr Norman Work added an additional point in relation to some green dye that was spotted at one of the areas affected by ongoing sewage issues. Scottish Water have confirmed that the dye is non-toxic.
<p>8. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. There were no questions on the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Job added that the shown expense of £3120 was an expenditure for solicitors. The CC required a minute of agreement to receive funding in relation to the ownership of some land. The issue originally being the wording.
<p>9. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. There were no questions on the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry Airlie added an additional point that the CC has seen an increase in contact via the website.
<p>10. QDCC Subcommittees</p>	<p>Transport & Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport – Grant circulated report before the meeting. There were no questions although a point was included regarding an issue surrounding cycling signage where installed signs were showing discrepancies in the shown distances. <p>Health & Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was received that the intended Flu Vaccines would now be held on the Saturday only.



- 2342 individuals had used the Drive-Thru facility.
- Special recognition was given to two residents of South Queensferry from the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) via their public channels due to the selfless efforts they have went to with their support. They were Morag Goulden and Billy Walker.

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community

- No prominent updates for QCCC other than the earlier confirmation from Cllr Norman Work regarding the storage of tri-shaws.

Education & Recreation

- Report was circulated before the meeting. No additional points highlighted.

Communication

- Report was circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.
- Keith Giblett noted thanks to Graeme McKinley for his hard work so far this year with the website and other comms related matters for the CC.

Planning & Housing

- Report was circulated before the meeting.
- Ferrymuir Gait – Ambassador has a legal right to access the site from this road for the old Motel site and have confirmed they will use this for access.
- A presentation from Roseberry Estate in relation to proposals for Bankhead Steadings is intended to happen. Invitations to the meeting will be issued once more information becomes available.
- The CC rejected a number of proposed street names and submitted alternatives however there seemed to have been an error whereby the word ‘Briggers’ was mistaken by CEC for ‘Riggers’. Other names submitted were Fowler, Baker and Carswell however the CC are keen to get to the bottom of why the error of ‘Riggers’ happened and are looking for this to be corrected. It was confirmed by Terry Airlie that the confirmation of agreement was clear on the names and is happy to contact CEC. Cllr Normal Work also offered to pursue this for the error to be rectified.

Heritage Trust

- The AGM for QHT had been postponed from March this year will go ahead virtually at 7:30pm on Wednesday 04 November 2020.
- QHT remain grateful to the CC for the efforts in relation to the Museum and are happy to support in the issues surrounding the Harbour.
- QHT are also looking for contributions to their online ‘lockdown blog’.

Business Association

- No matters arising.

Boat Club

- No immediate matters arising, update to be forthcoming due to technical difficulties.



	<p>Rotary Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A task force has been established to look at how they are operating virtual sessions or possibly arranging some walks. • With a heavy heart the Rotary Club has decided – with much planning and effort having gone into planning – to not go ahead with the usual Santa’s Sleigh efforts within the Community. The Rotary Club are looking at the possibility of some virtual events. <p>Comments from the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann-Marie Boyd commented that it was good to see that CC meetings are now even more accessible with the introduction of online meetings. • Stuart Kellet stated that he felt the CC meeting was extremely inclusive. • Elizabeth McGowan commented that she appreciated the opportunity to join an online meeting of the CC. <p>CEC Business Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry informed the CC that early indications from CEC were that there’s no doubt that doing these meetings online is certainly helping. <p>QDCC Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QDCC’s October meeting will be preceded by the AGM. CEC will endorse virtual AGM’s to proceed and for accounts to be approved virtually also.
<p>12. AOB</p>	<p>David Flint advised that he is looking at some work to be done for Echline Woodland. Further update to be given.</p>
<p>13. Questions from the floor</p>	<p>No questions from the floor.</p>
<p>14. Date and time of next meeting</p>	<p>23 November 2020 at 19:30hrs</p>