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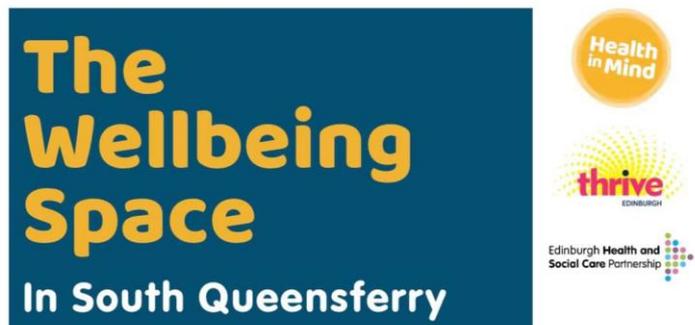
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The Wellbeing Space
In South Queensferry

Health in Mind
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Do you sometimes feel low, anxious or isolated?

We are online!

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

We are meeting every Thursday at 12 noon - 1.30pm online (Zoom) but you can also join by phone.

For more information and to register, email our Support and Development Worker Anna Chmiel.
Email: anna.chmiel@health-in-mind.org.uk
call Health in Mind: 0131 225 8508 - ask for Anna

www.health-in-mind.org.uk   

Health in Mind is a charity registered in Scotland, number SC004128, and a company limited by guarantee, registered in Scotland, number SC124090. The registered office is at 40 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh, EH2 4RT

Not available due to illness

Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – FEBRUARY REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has been fairly busy in terms of volume since the last meeting in January.
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 again has included queries on Council House availability, delays in filling of grit bins, the siting of temporary telephone masts and a query relating to church opening hours – which was subsequently meant for Queensferry in North Wales.

No additional updates have been received from CEC relating to continuation or otherwise of virtual meetings so we continue for the foreseeable future as before following Scottish Government guidance.

Business continues using a combination of email, social media and MS Teams. 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.

We are fortunate indeed to have a new Minute Secretary – Liz Holmes, who many of you already know. We will formally adopt Liz onto QDCC as part of the forthcoming Business Meeting. My thanks go to Andy M for helping out over the last few months with the role and to Grant for his assistance too.

My thanks also go out once more to Diane for pursuing a number of planning matters, including the issue with temporary telephone masts – details of which can be found in the Planning Report. The communication – or lack thereof from CEC on this matter has been woeful. I had asked for this matter to be escalated after a curt response to our initial query was received but as yet no acknowledgement or response.

2. Once again a few website enquiries have been received over the last period on a number of topics – including the initial contact from Karen Stewart – our guest speaker from the Forth Bridges Area Tourism group
3. At the time of writing no notes of interest in attending the virtual Business meeting have also been received via this tool from local residents.
No significant postal mail was received in the period since the last meeting
4. I attended an MS Teams meeting with MBNL on 3rd February to discuss the siting of telephone masts. Details available in Planning Report

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.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 21st February 2021

Treasurer's Report ▲ Diane Job

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Treasurer Report – February 2021

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

None

Total CC Funds = £1495.95

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

- Cash Management Account - £18345.52
- 95 Day Notice Account - (Jan interest £23.16) - £60610.05

Nationwide Building Society - £85892.17

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £85792.56

Charity Bank - £60582.19

Community Facility Funding Total = £396222.49

Diane Job, QDCC Treasurer

Communications ▲ Graeme McKinley

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QDCC continues to communicate with residents, authorities, stakeholders, developers and internally using various online tools: social media (Facebook & Twitter), QDCC website, email, messenger, MS Teams and Zoom; the monthly meetings via MS Teams are open to the public by request via our website, advertised on our website and social media channels. Subjects discussed through those channels are incorporated in to each relevant sub-committee's reports. Anyone wishing to contact the community council on any matters please do

so through our website <http://www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.co.uk/> , where all communication channels are explained.

A QDCC article was published in the Jan/Feb edition of Spotlight Magazine which has been distributed through the local doors. Any community council content for future editions should be sent to Terry and myself. Anyone willing to or know of anyone willing to help with future distribution of this bi-monthly community magazine should contact Alistair@wordsandpicturesuk.com

Scot Gov have determined that community councils should come under website accessibility regulations. Whilst this makes perfect sense, CEC have decided to merely pass the burden of compliance checking and correction to each community council at a suggested cost of £1300 per day and 1-3 days work for an expert, or to stumble through it themselves manually against a checklist. Our website is regularly checked using the WAVE Tool, however this, while fairly easy to use, is very limited in its accuracy and throws up many false negatives but it does often show our site to be more compliant than some CEC and Scot Gov websites. The subject is on the agenda for the next Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) this week which Terry and I will attend. Our view is that this should be a much more efficient and cost effective centralised compliance check by CEC with required action reports sent to CC's. Also on the EACC agenda is 'Communication with council officers', Paul Lawrence has been invited to attend.

Graeme McKinley, QDCC Communications

Education ▲ David Flint

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Queensferry team around the Cluster.

I joined this virtual meeting on 27th January. The group had not met for over one year. Primary schools, present situation described and proposals for the return of pupils. Hubs are running in all schools.

Queensferry High School. Transition for new S1 had been difficult. Concerns were expressed around isolation for some families.

Reports were presented from : Young carers, Parent/Carer support, Home start and an extensive report was received later from the library (no rep available for the meeting)

The main accent of the meeting was on the support being provided for children and families.

Queensferry Primary School. Parents Council virtual meeting. 4th February.

The four new classrooms are now operating giving a total of 18 classrooms. There is a proposal to develop team teaching in the new classrooms, but the Head Teacher thinks that this would be more suited to the older part of the building with larger rooms.

For remote learning it was stressed that consistency was a priority.

From the First Minister (that day) S1 to S3 and nursery children could return on 22nd February. The staff will be offered key worker provision and there will be staff testing on a regular basis.

They plan to make contact with parents before Easter.

Everybody who had sought support had received it.

David Flint

Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

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Tesco Recycling facilities

I have received confirmation from Tesco that it is very unlikely they will install new recycling units to replace those currently managed by CEC which are scheduled for removal. I have asked Murray Black if CEC still intend to remove the units they manage as if they do this will place more pressure on the remaining Tesco operated ones leading to overfill if they are not serviced regularly.

Tesco are however looking into installing CCTV on the site to identify/deter “fly tippers”. On a positive note Tesco have also erected a new wooden fence which should help contain material which regularly blows across land adjacent to the recycling centre.

Sewage issue on the old railway line

I have asked Norrie Work to ascertain when the application for funding is likely to be submitted to the appropriate CEC body to repair the damaged sewer pipes so hopefully I will have an update next month.

Car Disturbance Issues

No further issues reported, most likely due to the current COVID restrictions. As and when the rules are relaxed we will need to monitor the situation closely as a reoccurrence of the late night car noise issues may well emerge again.

Friends of Ferry Glen and Back Braes

Due to current COVID restrictions I have stood down this team from its weekly tasks although individual members are keeping on top of the litter as part of their individual daily exercise routines.

The issue with the subsiding footpath leading from the top footbridge near at St. Margaret’s Primary School down into the Glen is being addressed at last. The first repair undertaken was done to the “wrong section” which didn’t really need repaired but the contractors have admitted their error and are on the case to repair the correct section!

Neil McKinlay, Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee

21 February 2021

Health & Wellbeing ^ Anne Mitchell

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Health in Mind continues to have drop in sessions via zoom (see advert on cover page) I have just realised that some people who may wish to join this group may not have access to the equipment needed or perhaps the skills required. If you know of anyone this may include please message me and I will try to see if I can access a tablet and IT support from some of the Edinburgh based

charities. No promises as there has been a lot of demand for these services due to home learning and the needs of families but I will try.

NHS Lothian is progressing with the vaccine roll out and currently working through the over 65 age group. The next group to be receiving their invitations will be 16-64year olds with underlying health conditions then the over 60's. If your invitation is for either Ingliston or the Pyramids at Bathgate there is plenty parking but there is a fairly long walk at both sites. There is no parking at EICC. Due to the strict control of the vaccines no one who has not received their invitation is able to be immunised at present. There will be what seems to be a slowing in the invitations to come for a vaccine but this is as we start to reach 10 - 12 weeks for the people who already have their first dose and need to ensure they are fully immunised as we move forward.

I found the following site very useful with lots of frequently asked questions and current statistics <https://www.nhslothian.scot/Coronavirus/Vaccine> on facebook this was NHS Lothian Covid19 questions

FREE TRANSPORT TO VACCINATION CENTRES OUTWITH SOUTH QUEENSFERRY

Handicabs are offering a free service to take elderly or disabled patients to vaccination clinics outwith South Queensferry. This service is for any person who has challenges with getting out and about due to age, disability, health issues, additional support needs or geographic remoteness. Patients do not need to be registered with Handicabs to use this service. Bookings are subject to availability so they recommend you call as soon as you have your vaccination appointment. Please call 0131 447 9949 to book.

Anyone who has young people of secondary school age may be interested in this event.

1-5 March 2021 is Scottish Apprenticeship Week. On 01 March, 1830-1920,

DYW - Edinburgh, Midlothian & East Lothian is hosting a live webinar on the Apprenticeship Family. It is a great opportunity to hear from Skills Development Scotland and an Employer about the benefits of the Apprenticeship programme and how to support young people to make their post school career choices. The Event is FREE and bookings can be made at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../dyw-apprenticeship...>

For further information please email john.beaton-awryluk@edinburghchamber.co.uk.

The following was originally from NHS Highland CAMS but I am sure all our children are the same. Although the wee ones are headed back to school some of the older ones may find this hard not to be doing the same or just missing the annoying sibling!

8 WAYS TO HELP CHILDREN STRUGGLING DURING LOCKDOWN

1
Know how to spot the signs
If you notice your child is becoming withdrawn, that there's been a change in sleeping or eating habits, if they seem to lack confidence or get upset, it might be a sign they're struggling.



2
Talk to your child
If you spot signs your child might be struggling, it's important to talk to them. Keep talking and trying to communicate in any way you can - hugging, listening to them, texting them.



3
Create structure and routine
Try introducing a rota or loose timetable that includes fun things you're doing during the week. This can help to create a feeling of stability, which can alleviate anxiety.



4
Give children a sense of control through information
Look online with your children to find useful information and resources that help children feel they have control.



8 WAYS TO HELP CHILDREN STRUGGLING DURING LOCKDOWN

5
Keep children learning
Using fun and creative ways at home to learn alongside continued access to educational opportunities will support your children's development.



6
Limit screen time and mix up activities
As most socialising moves online, it's important to have conversations on how an increase in screen time can have an impact on everyone's mental health and self-esteem.



7
Help your child manage stress
If you spot signs your child might be struggling, it's important to talk to them. Keep talking and trying to communicate in any way you can - hugging, listening to them, texting them, etc.



8
Expressing feelings doesn't have to be face-to-face
Children might find it easier writing their thoughts down, so the whole family could do this and put them in a 'feelings box' and then talk about their good, sad or difficult feelings at the end of the day.



HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND

Home Energy Scotland is a free and impartial advice service managed by the Energy Saving Trust and funded by the Scottish government. They provide advice and support to help people stay warm, make the best use of energy, and save money on their bills. They can help people to access any funding or schemes that they might be eligible for, to keep them warmer in their home for less.

How can they help?

1) Money saving advice; heating, lighting, appliances, water, transport

By trying some simple energy efficient actions, you can cut energy waste and start saving money straight away. Find out more here:

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/hub/quick-tips-to-save-energy/>

Home Energy Scotland can support householders with referrals and signposts for income maximisation and benefits advice, accessing the Warm Home Discount and support with switching as well as accessing the Priority Services register. Householders can also use their online Home Energy Check at

<https://bit.ly/HomeEnergyScotlandHEC> to find out how they can achieve lower energy bills and a more comfortable home.

Warmer Homes Scotland

Warmer Homes Scotland is a scheme to help homeowners and private sector tenants across Scotland, who meet the qualifying criteria, to make their homes warmer and more comfortable by installing a range of energy saving measures.

For more information visit <https://www.homeenergyscotland.org/find-funding-grants-andloans/interest-free-loans/>

The Energy Carer service exists to support our most vulnerable customers who may be elderly, have learning/physical disabilities, have poor physical/mental health or have special communication needs.

The Private Sector Landlord service can support registered private landlords looking to improve the energy efficiency of their rental properties. The service can support with EP reviews, advise on available funding, and keep landlords up to date with any changes to legislation.

The Home Energy Scotland Technical Team can support with advice on renewable technologies and older properties. They can advise on suitable options, finding the right installer and available funding.

How to access support

Call Home Energy Scotland on **0808 808 2282** or visit www.homeenergyscotland.org for online advice. All information is correct as of February 2021. Schemes and funding are subject to change so please get in touch for the most up to date information.

City of Edinburgh Council - Discretionary Business Support Fund

The Scottish Government has provided Local Authorities with additional support for businesses where they consider that necessary or justified. The City of Edinburgh Council has been awarded just under £2.8 million of this funding and expect that demand for grants will exceed the funding available. This fund aims to support local businesses that are experiencing financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions and regulations introduced since October 2020. It is only available if you have not been able to, and will not be able to, access other business grants provided by the Scottish Government. This fund will provide a one-off payment of £2,000. You do not have to pay this back.

Who Can Apply - The fund is open to:

Limited Companies (including Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations and social enterprises) Sole Traders, Trusts, Partnerships, Community Interest Companies, Freelancers (requirement to evidence business activity) who have been forced to amend or close their operations as a direct result of legislation, OR are facing hardship as an indirect consequence of the current restrictions, but are ineligible for financial support through the Scottish Government initiated funding. This may include, but is not restricted to, suppliers of goods or services to those who have been closed or restricted by legislation but will not include those who have been unable to trade as a result of personal circumstances.

To be **eligible** for support, businesses must:

be based in the City of Edinburgh Council area, have been trading as at 1 October 2020, be a medium, small or micro enterprise, employing less than 50 staff have suffered significant (in excess of 30%) loss of income as a result of COVID-19 restrictions introduced since October 2020. You must be able to prove this loss of income. You must not be connected to a tax haven, as set out in the Coronavirus (Scotland) (No 2) Act 2020 or be in receipt of an enforcement notice as a result of breaching COVID-19 Regulations.

Anne Mitchell, QDCC Health & Wellbeing

Planning & Housing ▲ Diane Job

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Applications

During four week period eleven applications were received

21/00156/FUL - Proposed front porch and first floor extension to form bedroom, dressing room and en-suite - 36 Atheling Grove

21/00195/FUL - Single storey rear extension - 22 Echline Grove

21/00046/FUL - Alteration to existing flat, replacement of existing timber windows with new Rosewood UPVC double glazed windows, size and style identical to existing windows - Flat 5 19 Rose Lane

21/00215/LBC - Remove existing concrete and fit new timber entrance steps with new handrail and balustrading - 7 Ashburnham Gardens

21/00327/FUL - Single storey extension to rear of mid terraced house and garage extension to front - 60 Scotstoun Park

21/00412/LBC - Removal of open staircase with small landing from lounge. Remove short internal wall in hall and install stair with 1 / 4 turn. Install stud partition in lounge to conceal stairs and create storage under. Move 1st floor wall between boiler cupboard and bedroom to create shower room and WC for adjacent

bedrooms. Installation of external cast iron drainage, painted black, for shower room. Upgrade and repair broken drains bellow garden and tie in new drainage - Stirling's Dairy 2 Brewery Close
21/00423/FUL - Proposed two-storey rear extension to form family room at ground floor and bedroom with en-suite at first floor - 52 Stewart Clark Avenue
21/00487/LBC - Fix historic plaque - Cramond Brig Hotel 6 Cramond Bridge
21/00491/FUL - Single storey extension - 42 Sommerville Gardens
21/00590/FUL - Proposed alterations to dwelling house, including replacement windows, two doorway enlargements, new conservation-style rooflights and a chimney flue - Flat 1 20 East Terrace
21/00591/LBC - Proposed internal and external alterations to dwelling house, including replacement windows, two doorway enlargements, new conservation-style rooflights, a chimney flue and the alteration of an internal storage space to living accommodation including bedroom, bathroom and staircase - Flat 1 20 East Terrace

Decisions

The Planning Authority made nine decisions during the four week period

20/05322/FUL - To widen driveway (AMENDED) - 11 Shore Road - GRANTED
20/05139/FUL - Change of use from offices to fitness (Leisure) use - 31 The Loan - GRANTED
20/03641/LBC - Conversion of restaurant / hotel into 5 private dwellings with external alterations including upgrading of windows and doors, partial removal of non-original extension and erection of replacement offshoot, reinstatement of windows on ground and lower ground floor, removal of ventilation ductwork, signage and lighting from facade; internal alterations (as amended 23 Edinburgh Road - GRANTED
20/03640/FUL - Conversion of restaurant / hotel into 5x dwellings (as amended) - 23 Edinburgh Road - GRANTED
20/05874/LBC - Works to the main house - moving of a staircase and subsequent changes to internal walls; shower room on first floor including reinstatement of previous window opening. All external windows replaced with hardwood double glazed units (in retrospect) - Stirling's Dairy 2 Brewery Close - WITHDRAWN
20/05555/FUL - Formation of a new roof light, a replacement front door with screen, a new rear external door opening with small terrace and railing. Proposed external facade improvements including repainting render, forming smooth render window bands. Replacing rainwater down pipes, rhones, existing external doors and windows - 20 The Loan - GRANTED
20/05255/CLE - Erection of fence - Land 80 Metres West Of The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm - REFUSED
20/03727/FUL - The placement of an additional portacabin and relocation of an existing portacabin - 1/1 Port Edgar Shore Road - GRANTED
20/01462/FUL - Proposed garage conversion and new shed in rear garden -13 Dundas Home Farm - 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

Inchcolm Play Park

Cllr Lang advised QDCC that the replacement equipment for the climbing frame which had to be removed last year should be in place by the end of the month or the beginning of March

Dalmeny Park

21/00518/FUL | Residential development comprising 16x flats with associated car and cycle parking, infrastructure and landscaping. | Former Agilent Technologies Scotstoun Avenue South Queensferry.

An application by Cruden Homes has been submitted to planning to build 16 affordable flats on land which was earmarked as commercial space. The application can be viewed in the portal and comments made on this application. The deadline for comments is Tuesday 9th March

Planning had previously been granted for a three storey building with retail on the ground floor and office space above 18/08606/FUL. The land had been purchased by East End Inns Ltd who had purchased the site to hopefully implement a commercial development. East End Inns Ltd marketed the site using firstly Cushman and Wakefield and then Canning Vale Property there is a detailed letter in the portal on this, please read if you can, the following information is taken from this letter. Over the course of marketing there was no interest from potential occupiers for the upper floor space and not much luck either with the retail space as general feed back they received was that the demographics do not justify a new convenience store in this location. Which is disappointing for QDCC as we did want to see some employment retained here and had thought when the application was going through planning that retail would fit in too but this has shone a different light on the situation that it has not attracted interest from businesses in leasing property at this location and therefore makes a build unviable to proceed for the owners of the land. A situation that QDCC did not expect or has any control over.

With no interest an approach was made to the owner to purchase the land for residential use and this is now the application submitted and a change of use.

The CEC Dev Management Sub-Committee will make the decision on this application.

Scotstoun Avenue

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

No further update on when this will be progressed

Springfield LDP Site HSG1

20/05023/FUL - 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 informed QDCC that they had a meeting with planning to discuss the application, a roads officer and affordable housing officer were also in attendance. There were some requests from the roads officer concerning the frontage to Bo'ness Road. The affordable housing officer requested larger 4 bedroom accommodation. This is a concern for Cala because they don't know if this is deliverable from a public funding perspective. Cala have asked Manor Estates for their view, as Cala want to ensure that what is proposed is ultimately delivered as opposed falling below 25% on-site delivery.

The planner raised comments about the landscaping along the western boundary, and out with the site. This will be looked at in more detail by Cala. The foot path to Society Road was welcomed, and wider connectivity to the west, and into Springfield Place to the east.

A surprise to Cala was the council's request that they provide maximum 100% car parking. This appears a new requirement, which Cala have concerns at the impact on the completed development as it would lead to increased parking on roads. Cala understands the rationale for such a requirement within the city itself,

but less so in Queensferry. The figures quoted by CEC are 176 homes therefore 176 parking spaces to be provided, with no visitor parking and 3 City Car Club spaces required, garages are excluded from being counted. Cala are uncomfortable with this as CEC's new policy was introduced after Cala concluded the pre-application consultation with them. Cala will be looking into this further. This is also a concern for QDCC as we know if parking spaces are reduced this will mean increased parking on the roads within the new development.

Builyeon Road Housing Development

20/01797/PPP

At the Dev Management sub-committee meeting on the 17th February a further extension of time of 3 months was approved to conclude the legal agreement and Planning Permission in Principle to be issued. Cala continue to work on the revised Masterplan for the site. QDCC sub-planning committee will be meeting with Cala reps on March 4th to discuss the finalised Masterplan.

Telecoms Masts

Residents contacted QDCC when they saw that a telecoms mast was being erected on Builyeon Road within metres of nearby homes without any communication or consultation. QDCC received many e-mails with complaints and questions from both people directly impacted as well as the wider community all asking why no communication, how has this happened, is it legal etc QDCC had not been consulted either regarding this mast and spent considerable time trying to get to the bottom of it. QDCC firstly contacted CEC planning on the matter but they were of no use at all, they did know about it as they had been notified earlier in the month but advised me that this type of work can be undertaken without the need for planning permission from the council as the planning authority as it is permitted development. After contacting MBNL and with numerous e-mails back and forth we found this this was a temporary mast for EE and Three networks as they had received a notice to quit their existing site opposite the BP garage on Builyeon Road due to the Builyeon Road housing development and as yet no solution had been resolved to find a permanent location for this mast. There was much going on behind the scenes and thankfully the landlords (Cellnex UK)/Cala Homes have agreed they can remain on the existing site for now. This meant that the temporary mast could be dismantled and this is now complete. Whilst this is good news, it doesn't detract from the urgent need for MBNL to seek a permanent location for the mast. Failure to succeed will lead them full circle and needing a temporary solution, and MBNL wish to avoid this situation again (and so do we).

MBNL asked QDCC to meet with them and discuss the Builyeon Road temporary mast situation and the urgency to get a permanent solution for a mast within this area as this is required for the emergency services. We had an MS-Teams meeting with them on the 3rd February.

MBNL have a planning application submitted for a tree mast on the Dundas Estate which is their preferred location : 20/05809/FUL | Proposed MBNL 25.00m High FLI Tree Mast mounted on 5.50 x 5.50m reinforced concrete base and associated ancillary works. Land 405 Metres North West Of The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm South Queensferry - a decision is still to be made on this application by planning.

During our conversation QDCC mentioned the application which had been submitted for the shell garage the reps we were speaking too did not know about this and thought it was an application by another provider but said they would try and get more information.

21/00037/PA | Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for installation of Monopole | Telecoms Apparatus 32 Metres North East Of 1 Ferrymuir Gait South Queensferry

The week after our meeting we were advised by MBNL that the second planning application, situated at the Shell Garage was submitted as a back-up option to the Dundas Estate proposal and was submitted to reduce the amount of time that the temporary site would need to be deployed. The Dundas Estate site is the

primary location that MBNL wish to pursue. They say it benefits from being located further away from the residential areas and also as a tree mast it will blend into the background of the surrounding trees and reduce its visual impact when long distance views are taken into consideration.

The backup option is for a monopole to be located adjacent to the Shell garage. This site was offered by Spider Telecom and they manage installations located on various landowners properties throughout the country including the Shell garage. MBNL advised this site is a backup, it does not provide the same level of network coverage but still provides a replacement for the existing site which they need to vacate in the coming months. Spider Telecom are progressing with the application on their behalf and this would only be implemented if the Dundas Estate location could not progress.

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

Transport Grant Sangster

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- 1. Trunk Roads** – Earlier this month BEAR conducted a trial to swap traffic between the Queensferry Crossing and Forth Road Bridge, which is necessary under circumstances when the Queensferry Crossing is closed. Graeme monitored the changeover and collected some comments on how the scheme ran. These outlined the seemingly unnecessary use of local roads to support traffic trying to leave or access the mainline route and highlighted various opportunities such as allowing general traffic to use public transport slip roads. While BEAR welcomed the feedback they felt some suggestions were impractical due to lack of road space and deferred a decision on allowing general bus lane use to Transport Scotland.
- 2. Spaces for People and High Street** – A further steering group meeting for High Street refurbishment took place, which Graeme and I attended. This covered updates on the funding position, details of layout, vehicle restrictions and advance works. Outcomes from the meeting are pasted below for info. In the short term, enabling work for a pedestrian crossing on The Loan, a turning circle on Newhalls Rd and speed table on Rosshill Terrace are targeted for Q2 2021.
 - Funding update – Sustrans have delayed their “Places for Everyone” funding decisions until Spring.
 - The current funding positions: £1m CEC Roads Capital; £250k Scottish Government Town Centre funding (aligned to advanced works inc. Signals installation, turning circle constriction and raised table on Rosshill Terrace); £250k commitment of further CEC Roads Capital funding if the Sustrans bid is unsuccessful.
 - Future funding opportunities: £1.8m Sustrans Bid (TBA); £50m+ 2021/2022 Scottish Government Town Centre Fund for Scotland (potential allocation TBA)
 - Scheme approval – there was agreement in general terms that the overall scheme layout was approved
 - Binks Car Park – there was a general consensus not to include an extension of the existing car park in the scheme, however, if the budget allowed, we could consider environmental improvements in this area.
 - Access and parking arrangements – Consensus that new parking arrangements would be promoted on the High Street and Edinburgh Road, however, and agreement that, for the time being, no further control measures would be introduced in the Binks, Hawes or the central area on the High Street. We will complete the drawings for the traffic orders now and share with you all.
 - Scheme update to be held with the public shortly for wider circulation and further engagement
- 3. Winter Weather** – Another cold snap was experienced this month, with more snow and lower temperatures than in January. There seemed fewer complaints from the public regarding surface treatment or grit facilities this time. However given the frosty conditions, potholes and outstanding repairs are likely to be a problem for a few months to come.

4. **Public Transport** – Lothian Country cut the off-peak frequency of service 43 earlier this month from 3 to 2 buses per hour, along with reducing nearly all running times. The daily N43 journey is now suspended due to low passenger demand. Both First and Lothian have diverted nearby bus routes to serve the vaccination centres at Pyramids (Bathgate) and Ingliston. The off peak train service was also reduced to 2 per hour recently and regular evening services now finish around 8pm.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor 21 February 2021

Cllr Lang & cllr Young

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2021/22 Council Budget

The Council met for its annual budget meeting on 18 February. Regrettably, we feel the agreed budget from the ruling SNP / Labour coalition represents a bad deal for our constituents in Queensferry and Dalmeny.

The approved budget:

- cut the money given to teachers to spend at Queensferry HS, Queensferry PS, Dalmeny PS and Echline PS. We are deeply concerned by reduction in money given the pressing needs to help pupils catch up from significant periods of absence. We believed there was a case for increasing devolved budgets.
- removed all remaining funding for community policing in Queensferry and Dalmeny.
- further cuts the money for Edinburgh Leisure and libraries which we fear could lead to reduced facilities and opening hours.
- Increased a range of charges including the garden waste charge by a substantial 40%, risking further fly tipping and falls in recycling rates.

As part of the Liberal Democrat group, we presented a fully costed budget which:

- invested an additional £10 million in road and pavements repairs and resurfacing. Our own support for this was driven by substantial concerns raised by constituents about the state and condition of local roads and paths.
- allocated additional money for road safety projects so we could address the backlog of initiatives including Scotstoun Avenue and Bo'ness Road. We also sought a new dedicated speed enforcement team given ongoing local concerns about speeding traffic.
- included £5 million for our parks with a big focus on new play equipment to include the much needed improvements at Dundas Park.
- ensured additional funding was in place for winter resilience, responding to the widespread concerns raised with us recently about a lack of gritting on local paths and also issues with the time taken to refill empty grit bins.

Unfortunately, none of these proposals were accepted by the coalition.

One significant and positive measure was that a majority of councillors worked together to successfully block the coalition's planned rise in rents for council house tenants in Queensferry and Dalmeny. At the height of a pandemic and economic crisis which has hit the poorest, we could not possibly fathom why the Council would want to increase housing costs on the most vulnerable. We were proud to join Cllr Hutchison in stopping this.

Builyeon Road telephone mast

This month was dominated by huge local interest and concern at the sudden erection of a large telecommunications mast at the west end of Buileyon Road. This was done without any prior notification or consultation with us as councillors.

Our initial concern was whether there had been a breach of planning control and we initiated a full investigation by the planning team. Whilst the mast was found to be compliant, we are pleased the company concerned found alternative provision for the next few months. This allowed for the mast to be taken down. We have been engaging with the telecoms company about a long-term solution with a mast site near Dundas Home Farm and where there is a live planning application.

Primary school catchment changes

The final report on changes to the catchments for Echline PS and Queensferry PS will go to the full Council in March. We are pleased that officers have included an extension to the 'sibling guarantee' following concerns raised in the public consultation.

High Street

Kevin attended the Queensferry High Street steering group meeting in February where a final set of plans were signed off. As members of the community council will know, we took a strong stance against a plan to concrete over areas of green space in order to extend the Binks car park and had engaged extensively with concerned residents on this. We are pleased this part of the plan will now be dropped. However, there remain very significant funding issues for the High Street project with Sustrans grants delayed until later in the year.

Edinburgh Local Development Plan

The draft Edinburgh Local Development Plan is due before the planning committee in March. We have spoken out against an effort by one developer to have an area of countryside land to the west of the Queensferry crossing redesignated for housing and business development. With new housing at Scotstoun, Echline and Ferrymuir already underway or approved, we think it is wrong to turn over even more green space to development at this time.

Inchcolm play park

We have been pursuing the replacement play equipment at Inchcolm park since the original climbing frame had to be removed because of a safety audit last year. We are pleased to say that, at long last, the new frame should be in place this month or early March.

Hawes car park disabled bays

Last year, we became aware that the disabled bays at the Hawes car park were not underpinned by any traffic regulation order. This meant anyone could park there without penalty. We have worked with parking officers and a draft traffic regulation order should come out for consultation soon.

Cllr Hutchison

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COVID-19 Response

The council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be analysed through update reports to the Policy and Sustainability committee, which has now returned to an 8 weekly cycle, and the associated recovery programme is discussed at a monthly all-party oversight group.

Full Council

Full Council met virtually on Thursday 4th February and then again on Thursday 18th February to set the budget for 2021/22. A combined opposition motion which I moved froze council house rents against the proposed 2% increase from the administration. The combined housing motion also incorporated Conservative proposals to re-focus on delivering repairs and maintenance for current council house tenants. Housing aside the rest of the administrations budget was passed, including a freeze on council tax which was backed by all parties except the Greens, and a 40% increase in the garden tax.

Full Council will meet again on Thursday 11th March at 10am. This meetings will be webcast in the usual fashion.

Finance and Resources Committee

The Finance and Resources Committee met on Tuesday 2nd February to discuss the proposals for the 2021/22 budget in advance of the Full Council meeting.

Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee

The Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee has not met since the last meeting of QDCC.

Almond Neighbourhood Network

Following my update last month there now appears to be some movement within the Council to arranging virtual neighbourhood network meetings, watch this space.

Local Issues

Primary School Catchments — Papers have now been released for the Queensferry and Echline Primary School catchment review with the recommendation that the catchment changes be adopted. A decision will be taken on the report at the Full Council meeting on March 11th.

Street Lights – Ferrymuir - I am looking into issues of light pollution at the new houses at Ferrymuir emanating from the lighting on the A90.

Gritting in Dalmeny Park - I am still dealing with the issue of gritting and grit bins at Dalmeny Park as raised at last months meeting. I will furnish members with an update as soon as I have one.

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.

Councillor Graham J. Hutchison

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Queensferry Harbour Lifebelts; I contacted Brian Paton to ask about the delay in the delivery of the Lifebelts. Brian copied me into an email to Muir Kay explaining a delay in getting the lifebelts delivered but would be with Muir very soon.

School Catchment review; A report will be presented to Full Council on 11th March recommending changes to the catchment affecting Queensferry & Echline Primary School. It is also recommended that a 'sibling guarantee' is in place at Queensferry Primary School and that this is reviewed as part of the future statutory consultation to establish the catchment area for a new primary school within the Builyeon Road housing site. I have attached papers going to Full Council and a link to the review

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/queensferrycatchments/>

Polling station change; Following a statutory review of polling stations, the council have recommended using Queensferry Community Education Centre at School Lane instead of Queensferry Primary School for the upcoming Scottish Parliamentary elections. This will enable Queensferry Primary School to remain open. There is no alternative for Echline Primary School which will remain as a polling station. This was approved in a report to Full Council on 4th February.

High Street Steering Group; I attended the latest meeting held on Wednesday 10th February. The dominant subject was Parking. Commitments to go ahead with tendering contracts for the turning circle, raised platform and traffic light system were promised as a priority.

Scottish Water; I noticed the work behind the Recreation Centre appeared to have been completed but the barriers were still in situ. I contacted Scottish Water to confirm that the work has finished and asked if the barriers could be taken away.

CCTV; I've made enquiries about CCTV at Scotstoun Shopping Centre but have not got very far with my enquiry. There appears to be no programme to increase CCTV coverage but I'll try a few different avenues as I'm also asking about CCTV coverage at council recycling sites to deter fly tipping.

Adoption of roads in Dalmeny Park; I've asked about what roads have been adopted. I did get hold of a map which didn't show any of the roads adopted but not sure how up to date this map is so I'm still trying to get an answer.

Missed bin collections; Due to the severe weather streets were affected by missed bin collections. These were mainly for food waste but there were some streets affected by missed collections for recycling waste. I provided a list of streets I was aware of after residents contacted me and was in regular touch with the Waste Department.

Other Documents

Police Report

**Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Update
JANUARY 2021 (Almond)**

Addressing violent crime

All **Serious Violent crime** (incl. serious assault/robbery) is down 18.75% across NW compared to last year.

Our Specialist units – the CID and the Violent Reduction Team investigate all instances of serious crime.

Domestic Abuse crime is slightly up by 11.2% in NW despite concerns this may have shown greater increase during COVID-19 restriction period. There has been continued enforcement of domestic bail conditions during this period to protect vulnerable victims and an increase in perpetrators charged.

Specialist officers from the Public Protection unit assist uniform officers with specialist advice and support for the victims.

Reducing drug harm and targeting supply

Drugs (supply, production and cultivation) – There is a continued focus on this area with the Proactive LAVRU unit are actively carrying out search warrants and disruption to target drug related crime following intelligence gathering and important Crimestoppers notifications from communities.

If anyone has information from the Community please contact a police officer, attend a local police station, ring 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers (online or by 0800 555 111)

Tackling housebreaking and acquisitive crime

Housebreaking to domestic homes is down 45% on last year across NW and down 50% in Almond ward. We have maintained focus on the minority of individuals committing housebreaking and there has been continued enforcement of bail curfews for offenders by local and specialist teams.

Housebreaking non-dwellings (sheds/garage) has increased this year both in NW and across the city with a focus on stealing pedal bikes. Operation Agora is the citywide police operation aimed at tackling this and they continue to be successful in driving up detection rates and providing prevention information to our victims and the local Community.

Theft of pedal cycles has increased in NW and across the city. A number of bikes have been recovered and reunited with their owner through bike register and we are hopeful of holding more events in the future when COVID restrictions ease.

Theft of motor vehicles which includes theft of motorcycles is still down 14.8% across the city this year to date.

Recently there have been a number of thefts of motor vehicles due to the owners leaving these unattended with keys in the ignition when defrosting. Crime prevention advice has been passed out on social media.

Dealing with disorder and antisocial behaviour

Antisocial behaviour incidents have increased and can be attributed to the COVID-19 protocols. Calls in this category include concerns about young people gathering, reports of neighbours not adhering to social distancing and noise/party calls.

Hate crime in NW is down 2.0% on last year to date, with an increase of 11% offenders charged for offences.

Making our roads safe

Road safety stats - The number of people seriously injured on roads in NW is still down 42% on last year and the number slightly injured is down 63%.

Officers continue to work in conjunction with Roads Policing to patrol our area, educating drivers and enforcing when necessary.

Other e.g. Events/initiatives/local ward updates or national campaigns

Road Safety

High Visibility patrols have been conducted throughout the area in an effort to deter drivers committing any driving offences, in particular speeding in built up areas.

Police continue to monitor parking at Cramond Glebe Road following complaints regarding to a build-up of vehicles parking in the area.

ASB

High Visibility patrols continue throughout relevant 'hotspots' across the Davidsons Mains/Silverknowes area, including the Lauriston Estate and Davidsons Mains Public Park. At this time, reports of general anti-social behaviour remain low.

Incident of Note

A series of fireraisings in the Davidson Mains/Silverknowes area to property and vehicles were reported to the police on 27/01/2021. Following a significant response from Police with assistance from of the local community, a suspect was very quickly identified, arrested and has appeared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court.

Whilst the demands of dealing with the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic does demand significant resources across Police Scotland, Community Policing remains in place to provide support for members of the community and to tackle any ongoing issues.

Contact Us:

Email (for all ward areas): EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk
Email address is not monitored 24/7 or for reporting crime or ongoing incidents.
These should be reported by calling 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency).

Twitter: @EdinPoINW **Facebook:** <https://en-gb.facebook.com/EdinburghPoliceDivision>

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QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting **Draft Minutes**

Monday 25 January 2021 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

Present: Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer), Grant Sangster (Minutes), Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Muir Kay, David Flint, David Learmond (QHT), Laura Sexton, Neil McKinlay, Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Bilal Rathore (QHS), 3 local residents, 1 guest

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome	With the Chair submitting apologies, the Vice Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all members, residents and guest speaker to the online meeting. The 35 th year of QDCC was notable as starting in a similar challenging manner to most of 2020, with business meetings held on the internet using Microsoft's Teams software service. Links are circulated to members in advance and available to the public on request. The expectation is for this format to continue for several months in future given the limits on physical gathering. Ferry Elves were praised in relation to efforts in spreading festive cheer amongst those with particular hardship over the Christmas period. An appeal was issued for each member to check their email circulation list matched the definitive up-to-date version issued by Terry.
2. Apologies	Keith Giblett (Chair), Andy Malarky, Gillian Smith (QCCC), Martin Crow (Police), Cllr Kevin Lang, Lauren Sinclair (QHS), Jenni Meldrum (interim rep for town centre businesses)

3. Police Report	<p>The Police Report was circulated just before the meeting. With no police attendance, any questions could be fed back via Terry. The report format was noted as being quite different from previous versions, not least because all Almond crime was condensed into a length of report that previously would have covered Queensferry alone. Some members were disappointed that it did not mention an incident where the police had specifically sought input from QDCC.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to speak to Martin regarding potential for improvement of the report format and content</p>
4. Guest Speaker	<p>The guest speaker was a delivery manager from Openreach and coincidentally also a local resident. The company is looking to roll out fibre to premises (FTTP) to 20 million homes across the UK by 2030, with roughly 4 million complete to date. Queensferry will be affected by this work over the next year. About 1000 east side properties scheduled for connection by April are 'quick wins' due to a high proportion of cable here being accessible through ducts. The company hopes to engage with QDCC to advertise disruptive activity that could affect the public. Some straightforward duct clearance took place recently but cables buried directly under tarmac will require excavation. Where cables lie beneath verges, intermediate difficulty is expected. Optical fibre reaching property doors linking to the exchange at Inverkeithing should allow speeds up to 1Gb/s immediately on connection, and potentially higher in future.</p>
5. QHS	<p>Michelle thanked the Ferry Elves for their efforts around Christmas. She reported that distance learning at QHS had recommenced but with a much improved experience compared to the previous school closure enforced by a lockdown in March 2020. More live elements could be introduced with the prospect of adhering to a conventional timetable within the school day. Pupils requiring a compatible digital device are now finding this can be provided but identifying quiet study spaces remains challenging for some. Concerns were being raised over the impact of new learning methods on performance in looming SQA exams. The school had ongoing engagement with QDCC reps and others on the community's continuing skate park aspirations. Bilal added that pupils were mostly positive on the latest home learning model, enjoying the challenge of self-motivation and responsibility to find appropriate focus. However some found it a struggle with lacking of routine leading to difficulties holding concentration and perhaps also suffering mental health issues.</p>
6. Minutes from Last Meeting	<p>As minutes from November 2020 had only just been circulated, additional time could be allowed for corrections by contacting Terry over the following few days. Reference to the formation of a development trust for a community facility mixed together with the community forum paragraph was an example of a minor correction for clarity. As a formality, the November 2020 minutes were proposed at this January 2021 meeting by Neil and seconded by Diane.</p>
7. Matters Arising	OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

	<p>May 2019 Harbour Wall: New information recently came to light with the appointment of a project manager (Stephen Knox). He was put in contact with Muir and QDCC for liaison purposes. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>JANUARY 2020 Forest Nurseries: Some concerns were raised by Cllr Hutchison regarding road access to the site at Dundas, which passes near some residences. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2020 Museum: Action for QDCC to re-engage with CEC Museum Dept. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2020 Leisure Facilities: A new timetable issued in November 2020, but then quickly withdrawn due to further coronavirus restrictions. ACTION CONTINUES.</p> <p>Financial Support: There was no movement on this matter and seemed little prospect of financial support to help community councils function during the pandemic. ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>OCTOBER 2020 Development Management Sub-Committee (DMSC): Ongoing dissatisfaction on the questionable basis for making decisions at CEC. Investigate formation of a community forum. The purpose of such a forum being to act as an engagement vehicle. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>NOVEMBER 2020 Development Trust for Queensferry: Keith Giblett suggested that a working party be identified, and it was agreed by all present. Terry will communicate out for interested parties to include themselves in the working party for a meeting to be arranged, hopefully before the end of the year. ACTION CLOSED</p>
<p>8. Development Trust for Queensferry</p>	<p>Laura reported on a recent virtual meeting to explore how development trusts are used elsewhere in Scotland. Such trusts are business devices allowing members of a community to execute activities that align with a hyperlocal plan. This plan results from engagement with the same affected community, with evidence of valid surveys required. The necessary financial reserve could accrue from various sources, even from the interested parties ‘buying a share’ themselves. Examples were cited from Mull/Iona where around 20 staff are employed with responsibilities for tasks such as operating tourist offices. A trust is typically a long term business prospect, with another example given from Rosewell where 10 years of effort resulted in a community facility being set up.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to arrange a meeting to see what direction this could take</p>

	next, particularly relating to Queensferry's community facility existing 'seed fund'
9. Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)	<p>A member of the public spoke about repeated antisocial behaviour issues experienced in the Scotstoun Grove area. Although an ongoing detriment to quality of life for residents, examples around Halloween illustrated typical incidents. In these events, children of school age would buy eggs from one of the shops or beg passers-by to obtain them on their behalf. Subsequently it was alleged the children would proceed to throw these raw eggs at nearby properties causing inconvenience and distress to residents. Despite CCTV evidence of egg procurement within the store no clear follow-up from police was apparent. Investigation status information hadn't been reported back and communication between the police and victims of crime was felt generally inadequate. The prospect of CCTV outside the stores was suggested as a deterrent and this might record actual incidents rather than just circumstantial collection of materials.</p> <p>Michelle mentioned that the school received police reports on anyone under 16 attracting their attention and had a community link officer along with including antisocial behaviour on the curriculum from S1 to S6. Bilal and Lauren could expand on this in future if QDCC were interested in hearing about ongoing initiatives.</p> <p>ACTION: Norman to make enquiries on whether either CEC or a development trust could invest in CCTV coverage to monitor activities outside shops and residences around Scotstoun Grove.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to follow up these ASB events with the police reps</p>
10. Road & Pavement Adoption	<p>A member of the public spoke about the weak understanding of adoption status for roads and pavements in the Dalmeny Park development. This came to light during the recent cold spell when ice forming on paved surfaces prompted distress amongst residents. Difficulty was experienced when trying to identify responsibility for the supply and spread of grit. Initial assumptions that responsibility lay with CEC were disputed by local employees who cast doubt on certain monoblocked surfaces in particular. Open discussion at the meeting surrounded the possibility of partial adoption and whether developers had correctly applied for adoption. Also it was unclear if adoption applications were either already determined or remained under consideration.</p> <p>ACTION: Norman and Graham to clarify adoption status of Dalmeny Park streets, perhaps with the aid of a map. A timescale for adoption by CEC, if applicable, would be desirable</p>
11. QDCC Minute Secretary Role	<p>Following a recent appeal, one member of the public showed interest in taking minutes of QDCC meetings, and they mentioned experience of previous minute-taking roles for other organisations.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to pass on further information regarding duties of the minute secretary to the volunteer</p>

12. Chair's Report	No report this month
13. Councillors' Report	<p>Cllr Work – report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add.</p> <p>Cllr Graham Hutchison – report circulated before the meeting. Some correspondence had arrived immediately prior to the meeting regarding a mast being assembled next to Builyeon Road.</p> <p>Cllrs Young and Lang – report circulated before the meeting. Louise picked up on the tower subject mentioned above and confirmed this was a temporary mobile phone mast which did not require permission from CEC or merit formal advance notice to nearby residents</p>
14. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add.
15. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Some discussions with BT had taken place over the past month with regard to maintenance of their phone box at the junction of Station Road and Queen Margaret Drive. BT stressed that their phone boxes should not be used for activities unrelated to making phone calls. On a separate subject, Neil clarified that the phone box in Dalmeny village had not been adopted by the Rotary Club, contrary to a sign recently posted on the box.</p>
16. QDCC Subcommittees	<p>Transport & Environment</p> <p>Transport – Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add.</p> <p>Environment – Report circulated before the meeting. Recent resurgence of antisocial behaviour reports around the Hawes car park were highlighted. This will continue to be monitored for just now. There is little prospect of securing effort from CEC to open & close the facility every day of the year.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing</p> <p>Report circulated before the meeting. A sum of £263.67 remains from the Ferry Elves initiative. This was expected to be a one off effort but many of the families supported did not necessarily need this secondary to Covid impacting them. Ideas were being sought on disposal of the excess funds.</p> <p>ACTION: Everyone should think about what to do with the money left over from Ferry Elves in 2020 and pass ideas back to Anne. Also consider if Ferry Elves should continue next Christmas as the virus may still have an impact.</p> <p>Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)</p> <p>No report this month</p> <p>Education & Recreation</p> <p>Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add.</p> <p>Communication</p>

	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. Additionally, recent correspondence was picked up which was critical of an idea to supplement car parking facilities at the Binks</p> <p>ACTION: Kevin to clarify the emerging opportunity to increase car parking capacity at the Binks which had generated alarm amongst local residents</p> <p>Planning & Housing</p> <p>Terry wished to record particular credit to Diane for her recent efforts in dealing with a large number of planning and housing proposals coming forward over the past two or three months.</p> <p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>The temporary phone mast appearing a few hours prior to the meeting on Builyeon Road came as a surprise to neighbours. This was felt worthy of further investigation to establish events leading up to construction.</p> <p>A possible affordable housing development by Cruden at Craw's Close was perhaps the same as an offset proposal from a Juniper development in the Cramond/Barnton area rather than a supplement.</p> <p>The Sealscraig area was felt as becoming at risk from over-development with several dwellings being formed along a narrow communal lane near the former piggery. QDCC would consider if representation should be made to CEC's DMSC in light of activity accumulation here.</p> <p>Flats at Ferrymuir (Glenforth Court) were noted as being complete with occupation commencing recently. QDCC were working to publicise conditions pertaining to buying these independent living flats. Demand was expected to be high, although the conditions may filter applicant numbers.</p> <p>Queensferry Heritage Trust</p> <p>Some consternation arose amongst QHT members on the recent application for a development in the Sealscraig area following sale of land through the Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer. QHT are seeking an explanation of the background to this case from QLTR. A scoping study will shortly commence to identify other land that is 'at risk' of similar purchase.</p> <p>Queensferry Boat Club</p> <p>Delivery of replacements for stolen lifebuoys had not been received personally by Muir at his home address. There was a hope that theft might be less common following harbour repair if CCTV could be installed and Muir is liaising with CEC with this and other ideas for the development.</p> <p>ACTION: Norman to expedite replacement harbour lifebuoys with CEC (possibly Brian Paton)</p>
17. AOB	None
18. Questions from the floor	No further questions came from the floor, with members of the public mostly departing prior to this point anyway.

19. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 22 February 2021 at 7.30pm
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