



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 26 April 2021 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair), Keith Giblett (Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer), Grant Sangster, Graeme McKinley, David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Michelle Gordon (QHS), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary), Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, 2 guests - Stephen Morrison, Openreach and Karen Stewart, FBTS Manager, 3 local residents.

1. QDCC Chairman’s Welcome	The Vice-Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the online meeting via MS Teams. He was continuing to stand-in as Chair during Keith’s recuperation. In addition to members, meeting links are available to the public on request and 3 local residents were attending. Terry also welcomed Karen Stewart, the Forth Bridges Tourism Strategy Manager. There was one guest speaker for this meeting, Stephen Morrison from Openreach. QDCC had been notified of incidences of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the last few weeks, including noise from car racers. Other activity covered Spaces for People feedback to CEC; the Just Eat bike hire withdrawal; matters raised by Varney estate residents regarding the Forthview development; and other new and ongoing planning activity.
2. Apologies	Andy Malarky, Martin Crow (Police), Muir Kay (QBC), Jenni Meldrum (interim rep for town centre businesses), Cllr Kevin Lang.
3. Police Report	No Police Report submitted this month.
4. Openreach FTTP Rollout	Terry invited Stephen to provide an update on the broadband full fibre rollout (FTTP). Work is progressing well and ahead of schedule in some areas, with 1,300 houses able to order superfast broadband via any supplier. Resources are sufficient to cover the remainder of properties in the Quarter 1 plan. Slight delay due to Forth Road Bridge access requirement for new cable which may affect Quarter 3 (July/Aug) schedule but hope to finish Queensferry rollout by Dec. Further civil engineering works needed at build stages and will inform QDCC to help publicise across the community. Graeme noted previously that connections couldn’t be taken right up to properties due to Covid. Stephen confirmed this restriction was now lifted. David L asked how people interested in having FTTP should proceed. Orders should be placed via the Openreach website, or other supplier sites. Need to select bandwidth required.



<p>5. FBTS Update</p>	<p>Karen provided an update on recent activity. This included Just Eat Bikes and the Forth Bridges Trail, plus movement on Marketing Plan with Visit Scotland. She thanked QDCC for publicising the 'This is Edinburgh' welcome back competition, specifically the 2 Queensferry prizes. As of the previous week there were 725 entries. It was also hoped the reopening of all local businesses had gone well that day (26 April). Terry asked about the Digital Trail. This was linked with Visit Scotland's plan for COP26 and involved various sites.</p>
<p>6. Minutes from Last Meeting (March 21)</p>	<p>Terry thanked Liz and Grant for the March minutes. No amendments were requested, minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Neil.</p>
<p>7. Matters Arising</p>	<p>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</p> <p>MAY 2019 Harbour Wall: Update from CEC received March 21, published on QDCC website. Limited funding has been made available for urgent repairs to structure. Work to focus on most significant damage to the ends of both piers. Site investigations ongoing to determine next steps re repairs. ACTION CLOSED (new action, March 21)</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. No further action meantime. ACTION DEFERRED</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2020 Museum: Action for QDCC to re-engage with CEC Museum Dept. No further action meantime. ACTION DEFERRED</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2020 Leisure Facilities: A new timetable issued in November 2020, but then quickly withdrawn due to further coronavirus restrictions. Covered under Secretary's report, Agenda item13. New leisure facilities re-opened. 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. No movement, Terry to re-engage. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>JANUARY 2021 Development Trust for Queensferry: Terry to arrange a meeting to see what direction this could take next, particularly relating to Queensferry's community facility existing 'seed fund'. To liaise with Keith and bring back to Committee. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Scotstoun: Norman to make enquiries on whether either CEC or a development trust could invest in CCTV coverage to monitor activities outside</p>



shops and residences around Scotstoun Grove. Likely that CEC may say that responsibility for CCTV lies with the Shopping Centre, but potential for CCTV at the recycling facilities being looked at. Police report notes increase in patrols at Scotstoun shops to help deter ASB activity. **ACTION CONTINUES**

Road & Pavement Adoption Dalmeny Park: Norman and Graham to clarify adoption status of Dalmeny Park streets. Understanding is that developers should approach CEC and apply for adoption. Has to be an adoptable standard, can be problems with new materials used, eg monobloc. Correspondence between Cala and Cllrs Hutchison and Lang notes delays in completion process in 2020 due to Covid. Inspections by CEC/SW due early March 21 and thereafter roads should go onto a 1-year maintenance period, and then be formally adopted. **ACTION CONTINUES – to confirm CEC/SW inspections taken place.**

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ASB Hawes & Ferrymuir: Cllrs Lang/Young to liaise with QDCC on further action re Hawes and Ferrymuir Gait driving related ASB. See Agenda item 10 for update re Hawes car park. **ACTION CLOSED**

Neil to contact BEAR regarding the Ferrymuir Gait car park. Virtual meeting taken place involving relevant parties and action plan agreed. **ACTION CLOSED**

QHS Capacity: Terry to chase response from CEC (Crawford McGhie) on plans to address QHS capacity in the event of another school not being available for Kirkliston children. Contacted CM twice, response awaited, and Kirkliston CC also chasing. Need to review the City Plan 2030, which is on hold re pandemic. **ACTION CONTINUES**

Dundas Telecom Mast: Cllr Young to check with CEC that all QDCC comments on Dundas mast application, including those post submission date, have been forwarded to new Planning Officer for this case. CEC waiting for official consultee responses, eg Edinburgh Airport, before making planning decision. QDCC comments and documents are on the portal, confirmed new Case Officer is aware of submission. **ACTION CLOSED**

Tesco Recycling Facilities: Neil to be included in meeting with CEC to discuss future of recycling bins at Tesco. Meeting being arranged by Murray Black at CEC. Keith proposed the Environment Policy on recycling and waste collection be reviewed ahead of a meeting. Norman agreed to check the policy statement. Keith also contacted MB on this topic and some other items and suggested holding back on meeting pending response, and review of policy. **ACTION CONTINUES**

Harbour Wall: Terry to follow up funding status for Harbour Wall repairs with Renata Wilson, and liaise with Ward Councillors. Funding position been followed up, but emergency repairs now needed due to pot hole. Terry to chase action with Renata. **ACTION CONTINUES**

Spaces for People: QDCC to continue to review impact and effectiveness of the Spaces for People initiative. Covered under Agenda item 11 and Transport report, ongoing business. **ACTION CLOSED**



	<p>Planning: Diane to check planning status for Stoneycroft Road townhouses. Planning decision still awaited. ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>AGM Dates: Terry to contact CEC regarding QDCC AGM requirements in 2021. Done, response awaited. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Car Racing, Station Road: Terry to contact the Police regarding resident report of car racing on Station Road. Martin notified, no feedback yet. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Cemeteries Friends Group: Terry to pass on Diane’s details as QDCC contact point to new Friends of Queensferry Cemeteries Group. Done. ACTION CLOSED</p>
<p>8. Chair’s Report</p>	<p>No report this month</p>
<p>9. QHS Update</p>	<p>Update on the High School provided by Michelle. All pupils now fully returned to school. Seniors moving to assessment phase as no SQA exam diet again this year. Information on process on the school website. P7 transition will be virtual via MS Teams as can’t visit the primary schools.</p> <p>Phase 2 of the redevelopment work is progressing, to be complete by Aug.</p> <p>John Wood, QHS Head Teacher, is retiring in the summer.</p> <p>Reviewing senior pupil interaction with QDCC for next year.</p> <p>Michelle also thanked Anne and the Ferry Elves for the Easter parcels.</p> <p>Neil asked when would be best time, and best person to contact, to re-establish community engagement at QHS, and what topics to cover. Michelle proposed picking this up in early June, to tie in with the Renewal Plan. Different groups and interests could be discussed then. QHS (Michelle and Natalie) would lead on this.</p> <p>ACTION: Michelle and Neil to pick up re-establishing community engagement at QHS, early June.</p>
<p>10. Councillors’ Reports</p>	<p>Cllr Hutchison. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p> <p>Cllrs Young/Lang. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Neil asked for an update on the lack of Police presence at the Hawes car park. Noted that things had got worse again, and Terry asked if the Police were aware of the scale of the problem and the impact. Was it that residents have stopped reporting incidents. Louise confirmed that the Police were aware but stressed they need to be alerted and danger that fatigue may set in and residents then stop reporting every instance. The Chief Inspector had confirmed meeting with senior officers w/c 10 May, so should have update for next QDCC meeting.</p> <p>Keith observed on Friday to Sunday nights activity is now across the town and the previous Wednesday there had been a serious complaint of ASB on the High Street. There was still an issue at the FRB and Echline, with significant speeding on Builyeon Road, and the Police need to be updated. Louise acknowledged this and would explain</p>



	<p>to the Police how difficult this had become and that the cycle needs broken. QDCC noted that not just noisier, but driver behaviour re speeding, loud music, and Covid breaches, can be intimidating and impact on residents.</p> <p>Graeme asked if information from the informal survey of the one-way system might be helpful. Louise reported the survey was qualitative, so themes not numbers. Initial instances of cars going the wrong way and cyclists going both ways had surprised some drivers and other users. She would share the top 5 with QDCC in due course.</p> <p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry referred to the report comments on noise and speeding, and that 2 residents attending the meeting had expressed concerns around Ashburnham Loan and Station Road. Norman added that the stretch from Rosshill Terrace to the roundabout is also affected.</p>
<p>11. Station Road Traffic</p>	<p>Terry invited the residents to update QDCC on their experiences. Both are on Ashburnham Loan and had seen an increase in traffic, speed and noise levels along Station Road following the new one-way system on the High Street, and some vehicles were also overtaking on Station Road. On Friday and Saturday nights cars were observed racing. Feeling was not as safe as before, big difference in the last few weeks, and children now back at school.</p> <p>One of the residents had their car stolen from the drive the previous weekend and neighbours had doors tried at night, and wondered if this was related behaviour. Diane said houses in other areas had attempted break-ins so maybe a separate issue. Terry to pass this onto the Police.</p> <p>Post Meeting Note – residents confirmed incidents have already been reported to Police.</p> <p>Grant commented on the Spaces for People (SfP) rationale which had led to the one-way system and rerouting of traffic onto Rosshill Terrace and Station Road. Currently a temporary measure, with review mid-June on effectiveness. Feedback can be made via CEC website.</p> <p>Graeme added that there are speed pads on both streets but these have eroded, and so may be a maintenance issue to raise with CEC.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to notify CEC speed pads on Rosshill Terrace/Station Road require maintenance.</p> <p>Terry thanked the 2 residents for raising these concerns with QDCC. The situation would be kept under review.</p>
<p>12. Treasurer’s Report</p>	<p>Report for April, and updated end of year figures, were circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
<p>13. Secretary’s Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>



	<p>Contact with Edinburgh Leisure on opening times for the new facilities at QHS. It was important that local people made use of these now they were open.</p>
<p>14. QDCC Subcommittees</p>	<p>Planning & Housing</p> <p>Report circulated before the meeting. Diane noted another busy month. Items discussed included -</p> <p>Scotstoun House/Ove Arup site – the conversion/new build of this site had been a surprise, with no advance notification to QDCC or Ward Councillors. Proposal is for 25 residential units. Consultation to be online, with documents on website, publicised via Spotlight magazine and Evening News. QDCC to meet the following week to discuss and be able to inform residents. Neil asked who now owns the leasehold, Arup or the developer. QDCC to enquire at meeting.</p> <p>Forthview (Ferrymuir) – sightings of rats have been reported, the developer is to set traps and monitor. QDCC also contacted by Varney residents about the access routes. This is outwith QDCC control as rests on adopted road status with planning approved by CEC for vehicle access via Hugh Russell Place and Henry Ross Place. It is hoped to have adopted status approved for Ferrymuir Gait but needs resolved by the developer, CEC and Transport Scotland.</p> <p>Port Edgar – land up for sale. Norman commented that this land isn't restricted so can be used for leisure, housing or commercial purposes.</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Report circulated before the meeting. Grant highlighted areas not already discussed, including the new Barnton bus lane and Just Eat Bikes withdrawal which was disappointing.</p> <p>David L noted the QHT & QDCC meeting about the High Street had been a good exchange of views and asked when the next Steering Group meeting would be. Ian Spence, former planner, had points to raise and discuss. Grant advised no date yet, hoping to have another engagement event in next 2/3 months. Keith advised next Steering Group meeting would be dependent on outcome of Sustrans funding.</p> <p>David also commented on need to reiterate that new developments must have appropriate access routes. QDCC in dialogue with Cala and Atkins regarding travel plans for Builyeon Road site. Terry to set up meeting to discuss further.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to set up meeting with Atkins and Cala on travel plans and access routes at Builyeon Road development.</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>Report circulated before the meeting. A positive meeting had taken place with BEAR management and Varney resident as noted in the report. Action plan in place, to be monitored and if no improvement then car park may close at weekends.</p> <p>Litter bin at Boathouse steps to be switched with the one at Neilsons, to meet need for a larger bin at the steps area.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to check if Boathouse steps and Neilsons litter bins have been swapped around.</p>



	<p>Queensferry Heritage Trust (QHT) David L advised that QHT AGM date was set for 28 April. A further response had been received from QLTR advising they had no other properties of interest in Queensferry. No response yet from Scotways on Rights of Way in the Sealscraig area. Graeme asked if the proposed Port Edgar site sale had been noted as at risk. David said it hadn't.</p> <p>Queensferry Boat Club (QBC) No update for this meeting, due to Muir's absence.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p> <p>Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC) Gillian updated QDCC on the introduction of the Trishaws. Testing for 'drivers' was being undertaken and Trishaws should be in use beginning of May. A post at the Dark Entry was making access difficult. Norman had made enquiries to see if this could be moved slightly, and would check further and advise. It was also hoped to reopen the Haven in July, subject to lifting of restrictions etc. ACTION: Norman to check previous email exchange with Dalmeny Estate on potential to move a post at Dark Entry to allow Trishaw access, and advise QCCC of response.</p> <p>Education & Recreation Report circulated before the meeting. David F noted no update yet on the Library reopening. Keith understood that 15 August was the date for reopening CEC buildings, including libraries, community centres. Cllr Hutchison said this was an indicative, not before, date.</p> <p>Communication Report circulated before the meeting. Graeme advised that Spotlight deadline was Friday 30 April for any QDCC content. Muir had submitted a note on QBC.</p>
<p>15. CEC/QDCC Business updates</p>	<p>Terry had checked AGM requirements with CEC, nothing to report as yet, so QDCC business as usual, pending further guidance.</p>
<p>16. AOB</p>	<p>Keith commented that a number of items at this meeting had linked back to the Police, and that the content of the more recent Police Reports was not as relevant to Queensferry as previously. He suggested QDCC consider inviting the Inspector to a meeting to discuss various matters arising. Terry noted that local points can, and have been, added to the Police Report by Martin. QDCC agreed it would be useful to seek a Police Scotland view on Community Policing. Anne added that she had received an email on CAP and that Martin hadn't been included, his involvement was therefore unknown. ACTION: Terry to formally invite Police Scotland representative to QDCC meeting to discuss Community Policing and current areas of concern.</p>



17. Questions from the floor	No questions raised.
18. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 24 May 2021 at 7.30pm.