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“Welcome to this Queensferry & District community council monthly reports newsletter. Please browse by scrolling through or use the menu to the left to select a specific report or document. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and our website for more information and latest updates.”

Thank you



Chairman's report for August 23rd Virtual Business Meeting

Community Policing

Community Policing Officer Martin Crow retired on Thursday 19th Aug '21. I would like to put on record the significant contribution that Martin has made to community policing in the five years that he has worked in Queensferry. QDCC presented Martin with a black & white landscape picture of the Three Bridges printed onto a canvas as a keepsake and memory of his time in Queensferry.

BT Fibre Optic Broadband – installation of Telegraph Poles

I have been approached by residents who are complaining about the installation of the old style telegraph poles asking why new stainless steel poles haven't been installed which would at least match the new street lighting lamp posts. They were enquiring about raising a petition and if this might get BT to re-think the installation work?

High St Works

On the 10th August along with Grant I was invited to meet with Gilmartin T & N Ltd Project Manager and Site Supervisor Derek Reid who will be undertaking the first phase of the works consisting of the turning circle at the west end of the Hawes Promenade, the traffic signalled junction at the foot of The Loan and the speed cushion at Roshill. Subsequently I have provided contact details for community policing and looked at lay down areas for storing materials with Derek. I visited the works on Thursday p.m. and was advised that the turning circle works has got off to a good start.

Setting Up Community Development Trust

Neil facilitated a meeting with Lawraine Wood to discuss the setting up of a CDT to take forward new projects in the town. Lawraine is a member of the Ferry Glen/GreenFerry group, lives on the High Street and wanted to learn more about QDCC's thinking. Following the meeting I provided a summary of our two meetings about the approach we intend taking to publicise our intentions. Following Lawraine has expressed an interest in joining the steering group. It is my intention to issue a paper for the steering groups consideration.

Forth Bridges Walking Experience Visitors Centre

I have been in correspondence with Network Rail following from a PAN Application to CEC Planning Authority about their intentions to revise the FB Walking Experience Visitors Centre plans. I expressed QDCC's consternation about the very poor communications. A virtual evening meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th August to discuss communications and the revised plan.

Echline Community Woodland – Report on Echline Woodland

I would like to congratulate the ECW Team for the work that they do maintaining the woodland to a high standard as outlined in the recent report summary noted below.

Donald McPhillimy is a forester with woodland expertise who was involved in the original management proposals for ECW. His feedback below is very encouraging, though it includes some challenges for finding future custodians of the woodland!

“The sun was slanting through and there were masses of young trees coming up where there is an opportunity. There are quite a few little paths leading through the wood where people want to walk, probably encouraged by the need to connect with nature during the pandemic. The thicket of blackthorn at the top end is a great sanctuary for songbirds and a place for very small people to build dens. The effect of the woodland is spreading out onto the amenity grassland of the housing area. The hedge is a good idea and is coming on.

You are doing all the right things- keep the paths reasonably clear of snags but I agree that you should resist formalising them. There is a right of responsible access and people use them at their own risk at present. Once you formalise them or actively invite people in you could increase your liability. Keep it nice & informal.

I was very impressed by Eddie's approach. The wood is in good hands. Like many groups, you need to try and reach out to the younger generation. One thing you could try is a father and son morning (or afternoon), aiming for sons in the 8-13 age range. Or a mother and daughter day. Or both on different days- make it competitive. You would need to have clear worthwhile tasks to do, lopping and strimming mainly, I guess. Make sure you include a picnic.

Onwards and upwards! I'm so impressed by how Echline Community Woodland has developed. Well done to all concerned”.

Keith Giblett
Chair QDCC
21st Aug '21.

Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – AUGUST REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing communication has been a bit busier than last month. Activity has picked up a bit of late, no doubt sparked by recent Spaces for People updates and plans for the High Street and Hawes Car Park, planning development updates across the town in general and of course The Ferry Fair. Although the visitation of the funfair is welcomed by some, other local residents and businesses are less inclined to agree.

Whilst many folks believe the funfair is an official part of The Ferry Fair, it is by custom and/or tradition rather than any formal agreement that these events take place at the same time.

As always, residents continue to engage with QDCC primarily through social media rather than direct contact via e-mail, although we still continue to receive a considerable number of phone calls – mostly from people who believe that QDCC is “The Local Council” and responsible for many of the services delivered by CEC. Wherever possible I try to pass on these queries to the relevant local authority departments.

This month the mailbox has once again has included queries on the availability or otherwise of Council Housing and/or affordable homes, rent issues, questions relating to the eligibility of council

tax rebates, blocked drains and gulleys, faulty streetlighting and the ongoing lack of maintenance relating to overgrown bushes, hedges and grass cutting across the town – especially Lovers Lane and Scotstoun Avenue.

The ownership/adoption of pathways whether CEC or Manor Homes continues to remain an issue.

The Spaces for People initiative re the High Street, continues to attract comments – mostly negative. Now that work is commencing on the High Street project it will be interesting to see how this pans out.

Residents from both Station Road and Rosshill Terrace remain worried about the impact of these changes and continue to report noise and speeding concerns along this corridor. We pass any concerns reported to QDCC to CEC and Community Policing accordingly.

The Ambassador Homes development at FerryMuirGait and associated access matters continue to feature. An update on the recent planning application by Ambassador for a variation to access along Hugh Russell is explained in the Planning Report.

Some communication has also been received on the updated Network Rail proposals for The Forth Bridge Walking Experience,

Residents from Echline have also been in touch of late regarding latest updates to the Builyeon Road development. Dialogue is ongoing at the time of writing this report.

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

I continue to engage with CEC and should any further relevant information be received I will share with everyone as necessary.

Business continues as normal 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.

My thanks go out once more to Diane for pursuing a never ending number of planning matters on behalf of QDCC and for the annual accounts, Liz for the meeting minutes, and to Graeme for organizing online meetings.

2. A number of website enquiries have been received over the last period on a number of topics, mostly listed above and these have been circulated accordingly to respective stakeholders and dealt with – however one most recent query relates to sports facilities provision at QHS at the back of the campus, and a concern that what was promised has not been delivered. I contacted both CEC and the 4 ward councillors seeking clarification and Crawford McGhie from CEC has responded outlining future plans for the site. Details to follow.

At the time of writing one note of interest in attending the virtual Business Meeting scheduled for 23rd August has been received.

No significant postal mail was received in the period since the last meeting

3. On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and local residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 22nd August 2021

Treasurer's Report ▲ Diane Job

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Treasurer Report – Aug 2021

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

ECW - Replacement strimmer head - £50.33

PMA - Accountant Fees - £150.00

Total CC Funds = £1784.86

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

- Cash Management Account - £18346.43

- 95 Day Notice Account - July interest £14.47 - £60720.22

Nationwide Building Society - £86079.60

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £85835.11

Charity Bank - £60872.28

Community Facility Funding Total = £396853.64

Diane Job, QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement

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.

Spotlight Magazine

The next edition will be Sep/Oct with the deadline for content by this Thurs 26th Aug . Any community council content for this or 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

CEC Engagement

The Edinburgh Association of Community Councils Steering group on CEC community engagement, CC Empowerment and Advocacy met with CEC officers on 10th Aug. It was agreed that we should seek to agree and implement as much change as possible within the collective group prior to seeking involvement of the Edinburgh Partnership which may protract and delay otherwise deliverable actions.

QHS Community Facilities

The outdoor sports area has been handed over to the school, however there is some further work required as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter.

The gym and fitness classes over the summer appear to have been popular in the first weeks of the holidays but tapered off towards the latter half. Swimming pool bookings appear to have remained strong throughout. Now that schools have returned, community access hours are back to normal out of school hours.

Since Scot Gov restrictions were eased, classes have been increased in capacity from 10 to 12. All facilities still require booking in advance and the sauna and steam room remain closed. Additional classes are being introduced over the next few weeks.

Discussions over the Open All Hours (managed access for young people to all facilities on a Friday evening for a nominal entrance fee, normally £1) for Queensferry continue positively. General view is that it is an obvious choice and would be highly unusual and challengeable if QHS is not chosen. Once CEC lift COVID based restrictions on Youth Clubs, this would look to be implemented.

Youth Engagement

CEC Lifelong Learning continues with street work, meeting with local young people. Limited success to date, plans to advertise where and when in advance. Now that schools have returned, the Youth Engagement Group will pick up with Michelle, first meeting scheduled this week, to discuss ideas and plan future engagement.

Graeme McKinley,
QDCC Communications

Education ▲ David Flint

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Education/recreation report August 2021

The schools all went back on Wednesday. Some Covid regulations are still in place and will be reviewed regularly. The new head teacher Craig Downie will take charge on 20th September, we wish him well in his new post.

The library is open to deposit books but booking is still required to browse.

We have received several up-dates on the situation in the community centres. They announced that the Rosebery Hall would be open from 23rd August but the situation is that some restrictions are still in place, eg. 1 metre distancing and limited numbers, this means that activities are very limited. We look to receive a further up-date soon.

Edinburgh Leisure has operated a programme throughout the summer holiday, in the High School, and we look to review its success soon.

The Youth Engagement Group has met to review the present situation and to make plans for the future. They hope to engage further with the high school.

David Flint.

Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

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QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for August 2021

2030 Climate Strategy (Delivering a Net Zero Climate Ready Edinburgh)

On Thursday the 19th August I attended an online meeting with a number of other Community Council members and local government officers to review and discuss the above strategic plan.

The draft strategy lays out how the City of Edinburgh (as well as most other large cities across the country who are preparing similar plans) will enable support and deliver action to meet their Net

Zero carbon emissions by working with leading strategic partners in Edinburgh and highlight actions citizens, communities and the wider business community could take to help drive down emissions.

We had a presentation from Paula Mcleay Head of strategy CEC and Maureen Lynn from the Scottish Parliament. The event was concluded by a presentation from a senior strategic officer from the City of Copenhagen who are much further down the tracks with the implementation of their Net Zero strategy

In summary in my opinion the aims and objectives outlined in the draft paper are directionally spot on. Everyone recognises that this will be a lengthy, complex and demanding programme with many conflicting elements: balancing housing needs, job creation, building the economy and environmental concerns and there will be no “silver bullet” to solve all the issues.

The meeting chair was at pains to point out that the views of our citizens are integral to the plan as their commitment and actions will be critical in achieving the strategic aims of the programme. On this point I did volunteer that the trust of our community in terms of their concerns and views of issues affecting South Queensferry being really “listened to “ by CEC was poor and this would require a lot of work to remedy. This concern was accepted!

The meeting was low on detail on how Community Councils can actually support this Climate Strategy but we were told repeatedly that Community Councils will play a key role with the implementation. A further online Team workshop is being held for Community Council members on Thursday the 26th August 7.00pm till 9.00pm which will drop down into this level of detail. I will provide a further update report following the next meeting. Meantime if anyone wants the link to attend this meeting or a copy of the Executive Summary Strategy Paper just contact me.

Other

Sewage issues –Old Railway Line

Scottish Water have confirmed to Cllr Norrie Work that the majority of the necessary sewage repair works have been undertaken by the contractors and the remaining work should be completed very soon. Norrie is now checking that all the work has been completed and if so get them to remove the unsightly plastic barriers.

Sewage issues - Station /Ashburnham Road

Extensive work has been ongoing on the area of grass land in front of the new High School during the past few weeks. From my discussions with one of the contractors on site (MacKenzie Construction) I was informed that the existing sewage holding tanks were inadequate to cope with volume of waste being produced causing the periodic sewage overflows being experienced. 2 new large sewage pipes are being installed to address the problem. This is an 8 week project and they are 3 weeks in so a further 5 weeks to complete the work. Following completion of the work the ground will be reinstated by MW groundworks.

Car Disturbance Issues

Ferrymuir Lane car park

We have received a commitment from our Police Inspector contact for his traffic and community police officers to make periodic evening visits to the car park over the weekends to speak to the drivers congregating there about the noise issues experienced by residents. A further meeting will

be held with the resident's representative at the beginning of September to assess the situation and agree the next steps.

High Street Noise issues

We would welcome a report from our Lib Dem Ward Councillors on this general matter as we understand they are monitoring the overall situation and speaking to residents.

Friends of Ferry Glen and Back Braes

The team has cleared the weeds from the 4 large flower planters and surrounding areas on the Dalmeny Station car park which filled 5 large sacks. The station garden area is in need of a renovation and my plan is for the local Rotary Club to assume ongoing maintenance responsibility for this area and the also the maintenance of the tubs on the platform under their Environmental programme.

General Town Environmental Enhancement

Following discussion with the local Park Ranger Michael Jump the CEC Housing Department have committed to the refurbishment of the overgrown grass and border area outside the flats at the foot of the Loan and also the large border area on the corner of the Loan and the entrance to the High Street which also need a "facelift". It is anticipated that these works will be undertaken shortly which will enhance the appearance of this central part of the town.

Further to this update I had a further on site meeting with Michael Jump. There has been some communication issues with the Housing dept. regarding who was going to fund these projects as the Housing dept. incorrectly thought that the Parks dept. were covering the costs. However the Housing dept. are now going to get a contractor to prepare a costing and submit this for budget approval so hopefully these projects will still get the green light as both areas are an eyesore .

Whilst working at the "Top Shops " shopping precinct I had a complaint from one of the Cleanferry volunteers about materials (old shop fittings) that appear to have been dumped at the rear exits to one of the convenience stores and also the general state of the nearby lock ups which area is strewn with rubbish and is a complete eyesore. I will see what can be done with both issues.

The Haven (Queensferry Churches Care in the Community)

The local Rotary Club have completed a total renovation of the Haven garden area which is used as an outside seating area for people who attend the facility. The club are also working on the renovation of the play park area next to the Hideaway café.

Cleanferry group

This group had a "litter blitz "last Monday on the areas adjoining the McDonalds fast food outlet and they had a very good turnout of volunteers. McDonald's area committed to "do their bit" to address the littering issue.

Neil McKinlay,

Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee
20th August 2021

Health and Wellbeing report August 2021

Vaccines continue to be offered to anyone over the age of 16. It appears to be difficult to get appointments changed but as all centres are doing a drop-in service then please go to the centre of your choice at the time of your choice (within the opening hours for that centre). If possible, cancel your existing appointment via the appointments system so that your original appointment is available for someone else. Drop in system is also available in several shopping outlets. For anyone who is unsure or worried about needles then please contact me via messenger if you would like to chat.

There is not yet information about a booster vaccine or the annual flu service but plans are underway.

Work with the Almond Neighbourhood Network continues with assessing facilities available in the area. A list for parents to be and new parents is currently in the public domain for corrections and additions. A further one for under 5s is nearly ready for the same.

Have fed in to the expert group considering the setting up of a national care service.

August 2021

Applications

During four week period six applications were received

21/03907/LBC - Extend existing stair projection to form GF office and first floor sunroom - 7 Ashburnham Gardens

21/04068/LBC - General internal alterations and refurbishment. Replace flat roof and install velux. Create TV room and guest bedroom in existing utility and store - Land 51 Metres East Of Dalmeny Home Farm Dalmeny Estate

21/03989/FUL - Re-roofing and removal of chimney - 3-4 Villa Road

21/04019/AMC - Discharge of conditions 1 including the masterplan for 980x new homes, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 (informative 2a/b) and the approval of associated infrastructure to facilitate Masterplan Planning Consent (16/01797/PPP) - Land 288 Metres Southwest Of 10 Builyeon Road

21/04116/FUL - Proposed change of access to provide pedestrian and cycle access at Hugh Russell Place and change house type - 6 Hugh Russell Place (This application is for a variation to the current permission required in respect of change of access to remove vehicular access to Hugh Russell Place and provide cycle and pedestrian access)

Proposal Of Application Notice

21/04153/PAN - Proposed development of reception centre and bridge access system with associated car parking, landscaping and servicing, alterations to existing pedestrian and vehicular access and retention of operational land for maintenance purposes - The Forts 3 Hawes Brae

Decisions

The planning authority made ten decisions during the five week period

21/03805/TCO - cypress hedge - removal to ground level of cypress hedge running from centre towards wall - Old School House 1 Kirkliston Road - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

21/02912/FUL - Proposed attic conversion to form bedroom and shower room - 46 Lawson Crescent - GRANTED

21/03214/FUL - Garage conversion - 38 Echline Grove - GRANTED

21/02929/PA - Prior notification for electronic communication code operators. Proposed 5G telecoms installation: 20m high Street pole and 3 No. cabinets with ancillary works / coloured grey. Site located on existing grass verge, located off A904 Echline, South Queensferry Road, Edinburgh, EH30 9WJ - Proposed Telecoms Apparatus Builyeon Road Echline - APPROVED

21/01809/FUL - Internal alterations and enlargement of existing house - 4 Harbour Lane - REFUSED

21/03431/FUL - Form side and rear extension - Forth Bungalow Station Road - GRANTED

21/03360/PA - Installation of a 12 metre high smart metering radio mast (overall height 15m), 1No. smart Metering Omni antenna, 1No. Smart Metering GPS, along with ancillary equipment incorporating a smart metering equipment cabinet to be fixed on a concrete base - Proposed Telecomms Apparatus 167 Metres West Of 1 Scotstoun House - APPROVED

21/03582/FUL - Proposed orangery - 1 Dalmeny Home Farm Dalmeny Estate - GRANTED

21/03577/LBC - Proposed orangery - 1 Dalmeny Home Farm Dalmeny Estate - GRANTED

21/03116/FUL - 2 storey side extension - 22 Dundas Avenue - GRANTED

Planning Matters

Dundas Children's Play Park

QDCC received an update from Alan Grevers and have been advised that he is tidying up the drawing and getting an estimated price together and will hopefully get a little extra funding to do something like, what was the agreed plan - No further update

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - it had been anticipated that this work would be scheduled for over the summer but QDCC has had no further update on this work

Builyeon Road Housing Development

Cala lodged the Builyeon Road Master plan 21/04019/AMC with the City of Edinburgh Council on 23rd July. Last date for public comments is the 10th September.

Two separate PPP applications have also been lodged with respect to the commercial/retail site 21/04016/PPP and the care home proposal 21/04018/PPP. Last date for public comments for these two applications is the 17th September.

All applications can be viewed in the CEC planning portal.

Details can also be viewed on all these applications using the link below

Forthview Development (Corus)

21/04116/FUL- QDCC were not advised in advance by Ambassador that this application was being submitted to CEC planning - Proposed change of access to provide pedestrian and cycle access at Hugh Russell Place and change house type - 6 Hugh Russell Place This application is for a variation to the current permission required in respect of change of access to remove vehicular access to Hugh Russell Place and provide cycle and pedestrian access only. QDCC contacted Ambassador/Ryden reps to query the proposed changes and were advised that there will be two vehicular accesses to the development via Henry Ross Place and Ferrymuir Gait Road. Ryden have advised QDCC that the Forthview development will continue to be accessed from Ferrymuir Gait Road over which Ambassador has full and uninterrupted access rights for vehicles and pedestrians consistent with the registered title.

QDCC had previously contacted Ambassador/Ryden after receiving concerns regarding the removal/attempted removal of trees that residents weren't aware would be happening. A reply from Ryden was received stating that they had responded to CEC on the tree protection issue and provided photographs of the tree protection measures and details of the associated works and had received no further response from CEC and regarding the works in that area it was understood that they have avoided the tree root areas completely.

Forth Bridge Experience Visitor Centre

21/04153/PAN - Proposed development of reception centre and bridge access system with associated car parking, landscaping and servicing, alterations to existing pedestrian and vehicular access and retention of operational land for maintenance purposes - The Forts 3 Hawes Brae This application came as a complete surprise to QDCC as no indication had been communicated to QDCC from Network Rail prior to the submission to CEC planning and although having an application already granted for the visitor centre Network Rail have submitted this new PAN application with proposals which seem more low-key with changes to the design of the reception hub and the location moved to the east of the Forth Bridge. QDCC have a MS Teams meeting planned with Network Rail reps on the 24th August to find out details of this new application and of the public consultations which will be taking place.

Sealscraig Workshop/Studio Planning Application

20/05222/FUL - This application was refused at the Dev Management Sub-committee meeting on the 18th August - details of the decision to refuse can be viewed in the planning portal. A summary of the report by planning to the committee was as follows:

The proposed development is not acceptable in principle in this location. Whilst the development will not harm the special interest of nearby listed buildings, it is of inappropriate design and siting and will not preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area. The proposal does not comply with the adopted Local Development Plan. There are no material considerations that outweigh this conclusion.

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

Transport Report for August 2021

- 1. High Street Resurfacing** – No update since last month on the Sustrans funding, although a decision was thought more likely in September. Advance work by the contractors (Gilmartin) to build a turning circle at the west of Hawes car park started following departure of the fairground and is expected to be complete around the middle of October. Subsequent work in the coming months will involve traffic calming around Rosshill Terrace and lights at the bottom of The Loan, each involving road closures and diversions which will be familiar to many residents by now. A break period in work is likely during December then restarting in Q1 2022. For the core scheme, some redetermination orders have been raised and objections received, therefore a schedule for delivery remains difficult to predict even if funding was known.
- 2. Spaces for People Projects** – Further minor changes were implemented during July and August, such as moving or removing temporary signs. The work to create a turning area at the west of Hawes car park naturally strengthens visual cues to discourage vehicles travelling against the one way convention for the High Street. Tar has been laid over cobbled stretches of the extended pavement for a more comfortable walking experience. Some further correspondence was received from local residents concerned about the Station Road diversion and anti-social behaviour from car or motor bike owners around Queensferry.
- 3. Fence around Field West of Queensferry Crossing** – No further news from BEAR on the subject this month, although wires in the fence have been broken down enabling relatively free passage for anyone wishing to use this route.
- 4. Forth Bridges Forum Developments** – Previously approved plans for the Forth Bridge walking experience development have been revised, as reported elsewhere. Some objectors identified difficulties with traffic and car parking along with privacy concerns relating to pedestrians using realigned paths but it is not yet known if these had any bearing on the recent changes. Hopefully we will hear more about the reasoning and over the coming month.
- 5. Everyday Cycling Shift Programme and Active Travel** – The proposal mentioned last month for using an Everyday Cycle Shift grant of £800 towards securing unattended bikes at Dalmeny Station was deemed ineligible. Some further dialogue with Atkins and CEC is anticipated later this month as plans for establishing active travel routes across Queensferry's challenging landscape evolve. Still early days but the hope is to design and progress key routes alongside projected developments to alleviate long-standing and emerging difficulties for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users.
- 6. Public Transport** – Stagecoach have re-routed their service [X51](#) to call near St John's Hospital at the Alderstone Rd stop and extended the hours of operation to 6am – 7pm. All but the last journey run one way around Howden so to catch a bus returning to Queensferry

you use the same stop as where you were dropped off at St John's and are taken through the Almondvale terminus. An industrial dispute which seems set continue for the foreseeable future means no trains run from Dalmeny on Sundays. In anticipation of continued low demand and financial loss, ScotRail released a draft [timetable](#) for a consultation period of six weeks. This is aimed at the May-December 2022 period but would likely persist into subsequent years. The existing Fife Circle is separated into hourly Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline runs which call at Dalmeny, typically giving us 2 trains per hour to Edinburgh. Former Perth and Dundee express trains provide extra capacity by stopping on the Fife arms but generally don't call at Dalmeny. Enhancements at peak times cater well for commuters in the 8-9am and 5-6pm periods but limited shoulder peak provision between Dalmeny & Waverley may be off-putting to some passengers (for example 9-10am, 4-5pm and 6-7pm).

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

21 August 2021

Cllr Lang & cllr Young

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High Street safety audit and actions

Having pursued transport officers, we are now in possession of the full safety audit report relating to the High Street 'spaces for people' changes and one-way system. This also considered the risks associated from the increased traffic along Station Road and Rosshill Terrace.

Unfortunately, this report has been provided to us on a strictly confidential basis and means that sharing it at this stage or discussing content could open us to a Standards Commission complaint.

We find this situation to be extremely frustrating as constituents have asked us about the report. We have been told we can release the details once officers have agreed their responses to the recommendations.

We continue to work with residents at Rosshill Terrace regarding the long overdue speed cushion. We are awaiting a more detailed update from the relevant officer but understand there are now new issues relating to ownership which could hold matters up further.

Queensferry play park investment

The issue of play park upgrades in Queensferry has been an issue for a number of years. The current Scottish Government was recently elected on a promise to upgrade every play park in Scotland. However, there is now concern that Ministers will not provide the necessary funding to allow for investment on this scale.

Kevin has tabled questions for this week's full Council on Edinburgh's allocation of the promised funding and how this money will be prioritised. We are obviously keen for Queensferry to get its fair share of money and for this to be available in any first tranche.

We will provide a further update in our next monthly report.

Ferry Muir housing and access

We have continued to be in dialogue with many residents of the Varney estate about the new housing development and road access. We were encouraged by the news that Ambassador Homes is now in possession of a legal opinion confirming right of access to the development from Ferry Muir Gait.

Meanwhile, and at the request of local residents, we have asked for a formal speed survey at Viewforth Place to ascertain whether it would meet the requirements for traffic calming measures.

Active travel in Queensferry

Atkins has been commissioned by the City of Edinburgh Council to assist with the local development plan delivery programme and to consider potential active travel links in and around Queensferry. We are due to get a verbal officer briefing on Monday 23 August and can update the QDCC following this.

Scotstoun Avenue traffic calming

The horrendously overdue traffic calming on Scotstoun Avenue looks set to be delayed yet again. Whilst the design work is complete, the road safety team is only looking to put the works out to tender in September. Despite promises from the Council administration that work would start this autumn, we are worried the current timetable means work is likely to start well into the winter and potentially into 2022.

Other updates

- We are pursuing issues arising with non-resident parking in Smith's Land. This has been made more complex by the ownership and adoption status of the square.
- There have been major and repeated issues with waste collection in Little Street. This is being pursued with officers.
- At the request of two residents, we have contacted road signage officers about discrepancies between the approach signage and on-bridge signage related to cyclist access. We understand this has caused confusion amongst cyclists.
- Concerns have been raised with us about the condition of the planters along parts of Stewart Clark Avenue. This is being pursued with the parks and greenspaces team.
- We have again chased up the lack of clear signage or disabled blue badge holders at the Hawes car park.

Councillors Report — August 2021

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. It is now hoped that in person meetings will be able to return to the City Chambers in October now the whole of Scotland has been moved to 'level 0'.

Full Council

Full Council has not met since the last meeting of QDCC due to the summer recess.

Full Council will meet again on Thursday 26th August in a virtual setting and the meeting will be webcast in the usual fashion.

Almond Neighbourhood Network

The Almond Neighbourhood Network has not met since the last meeting of QDCC.

Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee

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

Local Issues

Harbour Repairs - Having been asked to raise the apparent stagnation in moving forward the Harbour repairs at last month's QDCC meeting I took this up with the officers in charge of the project and was given assurances that things were still progressing satisfactorily. I forwarded on the response but I will also take up these concerns with the Executive Director of Place when I meet with him in the coming weeks.

Harbour Slipway - Further to my report in May, I have sent on a response from the Council's legal department advising that the Council does have enforcement powers to ensure appropriate health and safety signage is in place.

Builyeon Road - Details of the revised planning applications for the Builyeon Road site have now been published.

Private Hire Cabs – The matter referred to in my previous report is still under investigation from a licencing perspective.

Following my question to officers at the Transport and Environment meeting on Thursday 19th, private hire cabs will now be considered for a potential exemption on the public transport slips on the A90.

BT pole – Following erection of a telegraph pole in Springfield and the concerns raised by a resident, a planning enforcement investigation concluded that there was no action to be taken. The investigation is still ongoing from a health and safety perspective.

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 email graham.hutchison@edinburgh.gov.uk or phone 0131 529 4354.

Councillor Graham J. Hutchison

Cllr Work

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Cllr Norman Work's Report August 2021.

Cruise Liner Visit update; Just an update to let you know that the two cruise ships that were scheduled for the 13th and 17th of September at Queensferry have cancelled and will now be anchoring at Newhaven.

Ferry Fair; I was pleased to be able to help with stewarding duties for the two ceremonies which took place over two weekends at Dalmeny Estate. Congratulations to QDCC's Diane Job for carrying out the Gracious Lady duties and well done to the committee who were able to organise two ceremonies over two weekends in difficult circumstances. A special mention to Jane Forrester who is standing down after many years helping out and was pleased when Jane received the Burryman's hat.

Burrymam; I had a good time following the Burryman round Queensferry. Well done to Andrew Taylor for his 10th Anniversary as the Burryman and his team who help with this amazing tradition. Both the Ferry Fair and the Burryman were grateful to Police Scotland who did an amazing job making sure everyone was safe and a special mention to Martin Crow who has now retired from service but was rewarded with several parting gifts by the community for his service.

Flooding; There was flooding again at the Binks Car Park and Echline Drive after heavy rain. I contacted the council who visited both locations. Scottish Water need to be involved in Echline Drive as gullies have been cleared and checked before and after the rain by the council and it appears to be a capacity issue rather than blocked gullies. I've contacted Scottish Water to ask for their assistance

Sewage & Scottish Water Works: I am pleased to see works to improve the drainage around the QHS site which is scheduled to last several weeks. I have been liaising with Neil McKinlay to report on the works. I contacted Ryan McKeever for an update on the sewage problem on the rail path and work is expected to take place shortly for the diversion as noted in last months report.

Active Travel Links; I was contacted by Kenneth Fearnside from Atkins who have been commissioned by The City of Edinburgh to assist with delivery of the Local Development Plan which includes potential Active Travel links in Queensferry particularly around the Builyeon Road and Scotstoun sites wondering if I'd be interested in a short meeting or briefing to outline the work done to date.

QHS Sport Facilities; I was asked to follow up on sports facilities following comments that the sports facilities were completed despite provisions for a running track, shot put area, long jump and markings on the Tennis court not in place. Crawford McGhie reported; *The external soft landscaping, which is significant area of the phase 2 site, has all been grass seeded but will take time to fully establish. Once the grass had established it is the intention for the athletics provisions to be line painted in specific areas*

proposed on the overall site plan including an area for a 100m track, shot put, long jump. This was always the plan. The tennis courts are simply line markings on the main hardstanding tarmac and were never intended to be bespoke courts. There were several options proposed however the school decided on the tennis lining to provide a possible additional use for the hardstanding area.

Hedges & Weeds; I contacted both CEC & Manor Estates on various issues relating to ground maintenance and was successful in getting the council to cut back weeds that were encroaching on part of Lovers Lane which CEC maintain which included stinging nettles. However, both CEC & Manor won't cut hedges any earlier than September for several reasons. One being RSPB nest guidelines.

Dark Entry; I contacted Gillian Smith from QCCC by email and personally when passing, that someone would be in touch about the proposed changes to allow access for their trishaw at the Dark Entrance.

Cllr Norman Work

Other Documents

Agenda

QDCC August Business Meeting
Monday 23rd August 2021 at 7.30pm
(Virtual Meeting)

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Protocols
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Minutes from the last business meeting (July 2021)
5. Any Matters Arising
6. Chair's Report
7. Almond Ward Councillor Reports
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Secretary's Report
10. QDCC Sub Committees Reports
11. CEC/QDCC Business updates
12. Any Other Business
13. Questions from the floor
14. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary

16th August 2021

Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 26 July 2021 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer), David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Muir Kay (QBC), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary), Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, 2 guests Ryan Cramb (Edinburgh Leisure) and Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), 2 residents.

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the online meeting via MS Teams.</p> <p>In addition to members, meeting links are available to the public on request and 2 local residents were attending. Keith also welcomed Ryan Cramb from Edinburgh Leisure, and Karen Stewart the Forth Bridges Tourism Strategy Manager.</p>
2. Apologies	<p>David Learmond (QHT), Andy Malarky, Cllr Kevin Lang, Martin Crow (Police), Michelle Gordon (QHS), Jenni Meldrum (interim rep for town centre businesses), Gillian Smith (QCCC).</p>
3. Police Report	<p>No formal Police report for this meeting. Various matters discussed with the Chief Inspector, as covered in the Chair's report at Agenda Item 6. Keith advised in future a revised Police report format would mean more localised content. It was hoped to have Police representation at the August meeting.</p>
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (June 21)	<p>Amendment requested to Item 7, Cllrs reports – Cemetery maintenance and proposed Friends Group. Wording revised and agreed post meeting. Delete relevant 2 paragraphs on June 21, page 4 and replace with -</p> <p>“There had been recent complaints on Cemetery maintenance, particularly grass cutting. The role of the new Friends Group was discussed and whether they may be able to assist in future. Laura reminded members that cemetery provision is a statutory responsibility and not therefore appropriate to transfer</p>

<p>2021 AGM Minutes</p>	<p>it onto the Friends Group. Keith expressed surprise that there isn't a Management Plan, even a basic plan for grass cutting and weeding. He asked if a Ward Cllr could help Neil Walker set up the Group and agree an Action Plan, in conjunction with others as required. Cllr Work offered to help and advise on points discussed at this meeting. Cllr Lang noted he had already agreed to do this."</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by David F.</p> <p>The draft 2021 AGM minutes were agreed by QDCC and will be formally adopted at next year's AGM. Keith noted that the 2020/21 accounts were still with the auditor and should be available for review at the August meeting.</p>
<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2020</p> <p>Museum: Action for QDCC to re-engage with CEC Museum Dept. Meeting taken place with Gillian Findlay, Museums and Galleries Senior Curator. Anna MacQuarrie, Curator, nominated to join FBWHMC Collections Group on behalf of the Museums Service. Other issues discussed are in progress. July update – ongoing.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>OCTOBER 2020</p> <p>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. Now topic on Edinburgh CC Association agenda. EACC also struggling to set up meeting with CEC. July update – ongoing no response from CEC. See also discussion at Agenda Item 9, Secretary's report.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>JANUARY 2021</p> <p>Road & Pavement Adoption Dalmeny Park: Cllrs Work and Hutchison 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. June 21 update – confirmed inspections taken place.</p> <p>ACTION DEFERRED TO JUNE 22 – to confirm Dalmeny Park roads formally adopted.</p> <p>MARCH 2021</p> <p>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</p>

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. QDCC meeting taken place, see June Chair's report. 2nd meeting with Ward Cllrs being arranged. **July update** – action now closed. Cllr Young reported officials taking decisions on removal of facilities, not full Environment Committee. Motion raised by Lib Dems on appropriate approval procedure.

ACTION CLOSED

Harbour Wall: Terry to follow up funding status for Harbour Wall repairs with Renata Wilson, and liaise with Ward Councillors. Followed up, but emergency repairs now needed due to pot hole. Terry to chase action with Renata. Response awaited. Muir confirmed all survey work completed and going out to contractors, funding position needs clarified. David L in touch with CEC re Common Good Fund. Response still awaited from Renata Wilson at CEC. Keith to write to CEC. **July update** – covered under Agenda Item 6, Chair's Report.

ACTION CLOSED – new action below.

APRIL 2021

QHS: Michelle and Neil to pick up re-establishing community engagement at QHS, early June. **June update** – Neil to follow-up at start of next session.

ACTION DEFERRED TO SEPT 21

Station Road: Terry to notify CEC speed pads on Rosshill Terrace/Station Road require maintenance. CEC notified and response awaited. **July update** – still awaiting response. **ACTION CONTINUES**

QCCC - Trishaws: Cllr Work to check previous email exchange with Rosebery Estate on potential to move a post at Dark Entry to allow Trishaw access, and advise QCCC of response. Grant suggested asking if a key for the gate is possible, for Trishaw access only. Cllr Work to follow up. **July update** – covered at Agenda Item 7, Cllr Reports. Rosebery Estate and CEC Access Officer discussing options to resolve this, Norman monitoring.

ACTION CONTINUES

MAY 2021

Community Facility Funding: Keith to set up Development Trust sub-committee to discuss taking this forward. Initial meeting cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. **July update** – 2 meetings held, and consulting to seek members views.

ACTION CONTINUES

Queensferry Business Register: Keith, David L, Neil and Graeme to discuss number and scale of business activity within Queensferry, and potential benefits of seeking formal engagement. In progress, initial discussion, to be taken forward with group. **July update** – ongoing, subject to other priorities.

ACTION CONTINUES

	<p>JUNE 21</p> <p>Sewage Leak/Flooding: Cllr Work, together with other Ward Cllrs, to agree an Action Plan to resolve the sewage leak issue around Ashburnham, and flooding in other areas reported, as a matter of urgency. July update – in progress, some work done, pipes replaced. Terry keeping local residents informed.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Cemetery Maintenance (revised action): Cllr Work to liaise with the new Friends Group, and other interested parties, on action proposed to resolve Cemetery maintenance concerns. July update – Norman to contact Neil Walker.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Kirkliston Nursing Home: Cllr Lang to forward details of new Nursing Home in Kirkliston to Anne. July update – Done.</p> <p>ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>Skate Park Proposal: Cllr Work to seek clarification on VAT Run status from CEC. July update – Norman checking with Ritchie Fraser at CEC parks, response awaited.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p>
<p>Edinburgh Leisure, QHS Summer Update</p>	<p>Keith welcomed Ryan Cramb from Edinburgh Leisure (EL) and invited him to update the meeting on the new sport and fitness facilities at QHS. Ryan provided details on opening hours and uptake of the main activities on offer in the pool and gym. All EL venues running at lower capacity due to Covid restrictions but Queensferry was above average. He would share the data with QDCC for circulation.</p> <p>Phase 2, the 3G pitches and tennis courts, to be signed off next week, also progressing with equipment. Keith queried why Queensferry’s equipment had come from the Drum Brae centre. The QHS facility was new, why not the equipment also. Cllrs Hutchison and Lang felt that utilising equipment in good working order in this way was in line with policy, but the question is for EL not CEC. Ryan agreed to check this out.</p> <p>ACTION: Edinburgh Leisure asked to explain decision process for equipment at QHS. Terry to liaise with Ryan on response.</p> <p>Moving forward from 9 August, looking at an ‘Open All Hours’ (OAH) scheme for Queensferry. OAH is physical activity based youth work delivered in partnership between EL, CEC and voluntary organisations. For High School children and provides organised activities, and has support of the South Queensferry Youth Team. Laura noted all legal Covid restrictions should be lifted then and asked if EL were planning for this in terms of distancing measures etc. Ryan confirmed in hand, waiting for final go ahead decision. Graeme asked if a letter of support for OAH from QDCC would be helpful.</p>

	<p>Ryan said it would, Terry to prepare.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to draft QDCC letter of support to Edinburgh Leisure for the Open All Hours scheme in Queensferry.</p> <p>Keith thanked Ryan for his update, and that QDCC would welcome him back for a further update in due course.</p>
<p>6. Chair's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Keith commented specifically on Harbour repairs progress. He had discussed this with Muir and both felt the works required are stalling, and that not a lot has been achieved in last 2-3 months. Muir agreed, noting Renata Wilson had left CEC and an interim manager is in place. Weather is critical, as move towards winter there will be more deterioration and thus more expense required. Cllr Hutchison agreed change in manager not helpful, and would pursue action required.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Hutchison to pursue action on Harbour repairs with CEC.</p>
<p>7. Councillors' Reports</p>	<p>Cllr Hutchison. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Noted a quiet month, currently in summer recess.</p> <p>Diane asked about the use of creosote on telephone poles. Graham said shouldn't be used in residential locations. He would update Diane on the outcome regarding the pole at Springfield, which was also being checked for planning status.</p> <p>Grant queried reference to a non-CEC registered private hire firm picking up passengers in Queensferry. The understanding is that it's OK if pre-booked but not if pick up from the street. Graham advised the case had been reported and was being investigated.</p> <p>Graeme noted the poor condition of the road to Longcraig Pier, needs resurfacing. Graham to check further.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Hutchison to check position on resurfacing road to Longcraig Pier.</p> <p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p> <p>Norman provided an update on cruise liner visits, 2 dates were now confirmed, 13th and 17th September, from 7am to 8pm both days.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young. Cllr Young gave a verbal update.</p> <p>Also a quiet month, main items were planning requirements for new Springfield phone mast and increase in complaints regarding noise levels and instances of car speeding or racing. Contact had been made with the Police Inspector on the latter. Neil asked for an update on the High Street and Hawes issues. Louise is to reach out again to local residents.</p> <p><u>Station Road Driving ASB</u></p> <p>A resident from Station Road explained how this is affecting them. The noise includes vehicles backfiring and is amplified due to their property's proximity to the Rail Bridge, occurs every night around 11.00pm, been recorded and</p>

	<p>shared with QDCC. Laura asked if consideration had been given to CCTV or speed cameras. Louise explained very few streets use CCTV, mobile camera unit availability is limited and Police advice was these not necessarily a solution. Graeme mentioned the safety audit in June which covered speeding, QDCC had requested copy of the report, a separate survey on Rosshill Terrace is to be done after the school holidays. Keith thanked the resident for sharing their experiences with QDCC, noting it's a topic of ongoing interest and concern to QDCC, and is understood to be a priority for the Traffic Police.</p>
8. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.
9. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry noted meeting with new Police personnel previous day. They are keen to maintain relationships and report on local activity. Somewhat surprisingly they're not on notification list for TTROs and hadn't been included in Spaces for People road changes either. It was thought the Neighbourhood Network would have picked this up. QDCC to take action to correct the matter.</p> <p>At EACC level Graeme added no further progress, new structure not working, lack of liaison with council officers and meetings cancelled. QDCC stated its concern and disappointment at lack of community engagement across the city and in NW Edinburgh in particular, been previous audit criticism, and asked Ward Cllrs to note. Keith proposed forming a group to discuss further. Graham felt that CEC has no interest in engaging with CCs, and also no interest in residents' opinions on Spaces for People. He offered to join the group proposed.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to form group to discuss CEC lack of community engagement with CCs. Cllr Hutchison to be involved.</p>
10. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>FBTS Update</p> <p>Karen provided an update covering the new national trail to be launched at COP26 in November, Green Tourism Accreditation scheme and Visit Scotland listings for local businesses, progress with signage review including meeting with Fife colleagues, and potential changes to Spaces for People signs.</p> <p>Graeme asked about lighting on the Forth Bridge, several lamps need replaced, and maybe update from sodium to LED. Unsure who is responsible as Network Rail said not them. Keith explained the background and Karen undertook to check further.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to check responsibility for replacing/updating lights on Forth Bridge.</p> <p>Planning & Housing. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane noted the online links for Builyeon Road development now provided. She was checking action taken on trees at the Forthview development, and also commented that Ferrymuir Gait access route now the subject of a local petition.</p> <p>Transport. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>

	<p>Environment. Report circulated before the meeting. A positive response had been received from Parks Dept and the Housing Association on renovation work to improve the area around Hill Court flats. It was understood CEC have budget to fund the work and residents have been asked for views on options. Greenferry will take on maintenance once done and one of the residents has volunteered to help with this.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing. Report circulated before the meeting. Anne commented that the Almond Neighbourhood Network remit is significant and taking time and resource. Contact being made with others to take forward and more details will then be shared.</p> <p>Education & Recreation. Report circulated before the meeting. David F updated QDCC on proposals to reopen the Rosebery Hall from 17 August. CEC had written to the Management Committee with the numbers of people permitted in each area. These were based on 2m distancing so much less than anticipated and mean opening the Hall for community use isn't possible or viable. QDCC expressed concern at this approach, given current Covid restrictions were now 1m distancing in public buildings, and felt strongly that Queensferry was being disadvantaged. Ward Cllrs were asked to raise this with CEC officials. Louise would make representations at senior level. Laura noted that SG currently propose lifting remaining restrictions on 9 August so should be time to put more suitable arrangements in place for opening on 17 August. CEC should be urged to plan for this.</p> <p>ACTION: Ward Cllrs to make representations to CEC regarding occupancy numbers for Rosebery Hall re-opening.</p> <p>QBC Muir advised had been a severe sewage leak at Gote Lane, CEC officials had worked together to resolve this and kept him updated. A separate serious influx of pollution, possibly from tank clearance, had collected in the Harbour. Keith queried if this needed reporting to SEPA. Norman agreed to contact the Hawes/Longcraig Users Committee to check on reporting requirements.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Work to seek advice from Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee on pollution reporting requirements.</p> <p>Communication. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
<p>11. CEC/QDCC Business</p>	<p>None raised.</p>
<p>12. AOB</p>	<p>An update on this year's Ferry Fair arrangements was given.</p>
<p>13. Questions from the floor</p>	<p>Query raised on responsibility for hedge at Scotstoun Road, needs cutting back. Norman to contact Manor Estates Housing Association.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Work to contact Manor Estates regarding hedge pruning at</p>

	Scotstoun Road.
14. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 23 August 2021 at 7.30pm.