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August minutes (draft)

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Thank you

Mental health sessions for unpaid carers
Join our drop-ins to enhance your wellbeing!

Emotional regulation ONLINE
When: Tuesday 5 October
Time: 5-6pm

Breathing and Grounding ONLINE
When: Saturday 9 October
Time: 9-10 am

Boundaries ONLINE
When: Tuesday 12 October
Time: 5-6pm

Dealing with unpredictability ONLINE
When: Tuesday 19 October
Time: 5-6pm

Chats about self-care ONLINE
When: Saturday 23 October
Time: 9-10am

For more information and to register please email or phone Paulina Szach:
e: paulina.szach@health-in-mind.org.uk
p: 07435274586

www.health-in-mind.org.uk

We're part of the Carewell Health & Wellbeing Partnership

3 bedroom house

Diagram showing a 3-bedroom house layout with fire alarm locations: Bedroom, Hall, Bedroom, Bathroom, Bedroom, Sitting Room, Kitchen.

Legend:
 ✓ Smoke Alarm (In hallways and main living areas)
 🔴 Heat Alarm (In kitchen)
 🔵 Carbon Monoxide Alarm (Fixed where there is a fuel-burning appliance)
 🔗 Interlinked Alarms

mygov.scot/firealarms



QDCC Chairman's report for September '21 Business Meeting

I have over the last month represented QDCC on the following business.

Meeting with CEC Executive Director of Place – 6th September '21

I facilitated a meeting for Sub Committee conveners with Paul Lawrence and his senior managers to raise and discuss a pre-agenda of outstanding business with QDCC. I'm grateful to our minute secretary Liz for taking notes as a record of the meeting. Convenors have approved the notes and they are presently with Mr Lawrence for sign off and will be available shortly to QDCC and the public.

Almond Neighbourhood Network meeting

I chaired the virtual Almond NN meeting held on 8th September '21. Minutes are available to view.

EACC Virtual meeting 9th Sept '21

I attended the EACC virtual meeting to participate in discussions about a proposal that was being put to the CEC about how CEC will engage with Community Councils going forward. The proposal will be ratified at some point by the Edinburgh Partnership.

Hawes Promenade Turning Circle

I met with Gilmartin's site manager on site to view and discuss the civils works of forming the turning circle. The work has gone well and to plan and will be finished in mid-October when they will move their site establishment to commence works on the traffic signalled junction at the foot of the Loan.

Other business

I continue to support and work with all the sub group conveners and this has been an exceptionally busy month on all fronts as you will learn from the convenors reports.

Keith Giblett

Chair QDCC 26th September '21.

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – SEPTEMBER REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing communication has been quite active since last month. Activity has picked up a bit of late, again with interest in the Spaces for People updates, plans for the High Street and Hawes Car Park, planning development activity across the town including the Forth Bridge Experience revised plans.

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, blocked drains and gulleys, the ongoing lack of maintenance relating to overgrown bushes, hedges and grass cutting across the town in general and concerns relating to a number of actual and attempted house break-ins

The ownership/adoption of pathways whether CEC or Manor Homes has once again been raised

The Spaces for People initiative re the High Street, continues to attract comments – mostly negative and a query was received relating to installation of traffic lights at the bottom of the Loan.

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.

Residents from Echline have once again been in touch of late with concerns regarding the Builyeon Road development.

Some concerns have been raised in terms of youths gathering at Scotstoun Grove shopping centre and the littering associated with that

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 what seems to be a never ending number of planning matters on behalf of QDCC, 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
At the time of writing three notes of interest in attending the virtual Business Meeting scheduled for 27th September has been received.

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

3. On 24th August I attended a meeting with Network Rail to discuss the latest proposals for the Forth Bridge Experience.

4. On 26th August I attended a meeting relating to Active Travel proposals for Queensferry with Atkins. Details in the Transport Report
5. On 6th September I attended a meeting with CEC Executive Director of Place. Details in Chairs Report
6. 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 – 26th September 2021

Treasurer's Report Diane Job

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Treasurer Report September 2021

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - TSO invoice - £8.34

Total CC Funds = £1776.52

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

- Cash Management Account - £18346.43
- 95 Day Notice Account - August interest £7.74 - £60727.96

Nationwide Building Society - £86079.60

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £85835.11

Charity Bank - £60872.28

Community Facility Funding Total = £396861.38

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

QDCC published brief updates in the Sep/Oct edition as usual. The next edition will be Nov/Dec with the deadline for content towards the end of Oct. 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 next meeting of the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils Steering group on CEC community engagement, CC Empowerment and Advocacy with CEC officers will be on 29th Sep. It was agreed at the last meeting that we should seek to agree and implement as much change as possible within the collective group (including key CEC officers and exec's where necessary) prior to seeking involvement of the Edinburgh Partnership which may protract and delay otherwise deliverable actions. I will report back on the outcome of the first meeting to that end.

QHS Community Facilities

No update as yet on Open All Hours (youth club evening access). This was intended for commencement in the October break; however CEC Lifelong Learning has approx 5 week lead time to recruit, train and staff it and as yet no decision has been announced to them.

Youth Engagement

CEC Lifelong Learning Services continues with street work, meeting with local young people with limited success to date. There may be some funding available but LLS are yet to establish from our young people how that could be most effectively spent locally.

Visit Queensferry

A Visit Queensferry page has been added to the QDCC website with visitor information. This is a brand holding position by QDCC until such time as a suitable custodian adopts it.

Graeme McKinley,
QDCC Communications

Education/recreation report Sep 2021

The new QHS Head Teacher Mr Craig Downie has commenced his role and the QHS Parent Council has elected a new chair, Sarah Clarkson. The Parent Council has asked Anne Marie Boyd to act as a representative link on their behalf to QDCC. I have relinquished my parental seat to allow another parent access to the Parent Council, I will continue to attend supporting David, with just the two (QDCC Education & Youth Engagement) hats on now. Michelle Gordon has, I understand, returned to work on a phased return basis following illness; we wish Michelle a full recovery in time. As a result Youth Engagement team discussions with QHS have been put on hold for now but hope to recommence soon.

Graeme McKinley on behalf of David Flint

QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for September 2021

Sewage issues –Old Railway Line

It would appear that the works have now been completed as the plastic barriers have been removed but for the sake of good order I would be grateful if Norrie Work can seek confirmation from his Scottish Water contacts.

Sewage issues - Station /Ashburnham Road

The extensive sewage work has continued on this site over the past month with 2 new large sewage holding tanks being installed. Following completion of the work the ground will be reinstated by MW groundworks which is important as the works have caused widespread ground disruption.

Car Disturbance Issues

FRB car park

A small number of noise related complaints have been logged by the Police from Varney residents over the past few months. Keith Giblett and myself met with the BEAR management team to discuss the issues and Keith has had a follow up meeting with Inspector Jonny Elliott who has committed to prioritise police visits to the FRB car park as and when resources allow. BEAR are in also

communication with Transport Scotland to ascertain what other steps might be feasible if there is an escalation in the noise issues/anti-social behaviours.

General Town Environmental Enhancement

A contractor has visited the 2 community border sites at the foot of the Loan and will submit a tender for the work to remodel the open area in front of the flats which has been badly neglected. A layer of woodchips has now been laid on the border on the corner of the Loan and the High street and an application of weed killer will be required to act as a further weed suppressant which only the contractor is permitted to do.

The CEC Parks Dept. have committed to support the refurbishment of the overgrown/neglected Planters near Stuart Clark Avenue details of who is doing what between the Parks Dept. team and local volunteers/residents needs to be confirmed.

Hideaway cafe

The local Rotary Club have completed their works to help with the renovation of the play park area next to the Hideaway café.

CleanFerry group

A further community "litter blitz" is planned shortly. The group have completed the refurbishment of the Boat border feature at the library with financial support from the GreenFerry Trust group and it is looking first class. Well done to all those who were involved in particular Malcolm Meikle whose shipwright skills are well evident in the completed project.

Plastic Free Queensferry

This environmental group has been re energised led by Janet Thomas and they have established a local action plan to reduce the use of "single use plastics" across the town.

We (QDCC) have been asked to discuss our role at our meeting on the 27th September, here is an extract from their minutes

1 The local council (or in our case QDCC) passes a motion regarding plastic free status

Action: Could this be put on the agenda at a QDCC meeting please!

The motion needs to state council will lead by example and phase out single-use plastics and state that the council will support all plastic free initiatives in the area

I am sure QDCC can fully support this worthwhile initiative. In terms of our ability to "lead by example and phase out single use plastic " we will need to discuss what is within our mandate/powers so to do in this regard.

Neil McKinlay,

Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee 26th September 2021

QDCC HEALTH AND WELLBEING REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021

There has been a lot of discussion locally around provision of the flu vaccine. The GP practice is not involved at all in the vaccine programme this year as this now sits with health and social care partnerships. Even their staff are having to go to mass sites. Unfortunately, this also means they are unable to help with appointments.

Flu is being administered along with the COVID vaccine boosters (must be 6 months after the second dose or later) for those who wish, and are eligible for, it therefore the use of the large mass vaccination sites is where this will take place in order to get as many people vaccinated as possible in a short space of time. If you are not due the COVID booster you will get the opportunity for this later. People who are eligible for either vaccine will be given an appointment or be asked to make an appointment via an online portal on NHS Inform. As last year those who are housebound will be given their vaccine by the community housebound team.

If you have received a letter with an appointment that you are unable to attend, you can rearrange your appointment online at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/flu-vaccine/invitations-and-appointments/rearrange-your-flu-vaccine-appointment>. Alternatively you can call the Lothian helpline on 0300 790 6296 for assistance with re-booking.

The sites nearest to us are Ingliston, lowland hall and Strathbrock, Broxburn although neither are easy to get to without a car! For those with a car, the Bathgate Pyramids is also an option with plenty parking. These larger sites appointments are from early October

Potentially there may be community appointments but as yet the company dealing with the appointments (not the NHS) has not managed to release these but those appointments will made available for October/November. Visit www.nhsinform.scot to find out more

I have managed to discuss this with the clinical leads in Ingliston and Bathgate- **both sites are willing to take people together even if the appointment is not together (each person must have an appointment for some point in the near future.)**

HCL can do these journeys (to Ingliston approx. [£12.50](#) return or £36.50 for 7 people with same pick-up point.)

Dalmeny cars do a wait and return from SQ £28 and from Kirkliston charge £25. If people want to share this would be reduced

63 bus drops off on the Glasgow road at Ingliston but as well as a walk down the road would require crossing the Glasgow road to get home. I have raised the fact that we have no suitable public transport with NHS Lothian. There is a possibility that they can discuss with Lothian buses the option of the 63 taking a slightly circuitous route via the vaccine centre. I will share this information IF it comes to fruition.

The 747 can drop at the airport but then it is a significant walk to the highland show ground.

Please do not go to your appointment if you are feeling unwell with symptoms of coronavirus, have recently tested positive for coronavirus, or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of coronavirus.

Lloyds pharmacy on Rosebery Ave is providing private flu vaccination service but not COVID boosters. Book on line but I believe that the first free slot is in November. Currently they are not able to provide NHS funded vaccine. Unfortunately, the pharmacy on the Loan is unable to undertake any vaccinations at present. Both sites continue to provide lateral flow tests for people with no symptoms for routine testing.

A reminder that if you have symptoms, you need a PCR test -nearest site is Edinburgh airport and you book an appointment online. A lateral flow test is a screening tool for those without symptoms that you can get for free from the chemist or order on line. If this is positive you need to then get a PCR test.

Excellent news from the GP practice is that there is a mental health nurse joining the team with appointments for the over18,s Monday – Thursday 8-6pm

Continuing to work with the Almond Neighbourhood network attempting to identify what services and groups exist in our area so that we can see what is missing

Continue to attend Voluntary sector forum meetings which encourages information sharing and identification of new services. Macmillan has created the role of link worker for a holistic approach to cancer sufferers which will cover this area; Loth.icj@nhslothian.scot would be the initial contact for support

Have attended 2 education sessions covering what PACT (Edinburgh wellbeing pact) and the power of communities which gave food for thought about how these lofty goals can be incorporated here.

Continue as an active member of IThrive who have created an online resource of groups that may be able to support people in a wide variety of ways

Planning & Housing ▲ Diane Job

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Applications

During five week period twelve applications were received

21/04016/PPP - Construction of Retail Foodstore (Class 1), Drive-Thru Food and Drink (Class 1+3/Sui Generis) and Petrol Filling-Station/Retail Kiosk/Carwash (Class 1/ Sui Generis) together with access, landscaping, parking and associated works - Land 288 Metres Southwest Of 10 Builyeon Road

21/04018/PPP - Construction of residential care home (class 8) with access, landscaping, amenity area, parking and associated works - Land 288 Metres Southwest Of 10 Builyeon Road

21/04323/FUL - Erection of a conservatory - 14 Thomson Place

21/04499/FUL - Formation of new orangeries to rear of property - 14 Linn Mill

21/03737/FUL - Erection of temporary marquee facilities on flat ground to provide training space - Craigiehall Riverside Road

21/04437/FUL - Create a run-in 3m wide in front garden for a single car - 17 Shore Road
21/04755/FUL - Redevelopment of Scotstoun House including conversion and extension of existing buildings to residential use, part- demolition of office extension, and erection of new build residential development with associated infrastructure, landscaping, access and parking - 1 Scotstoun House
21/04756/LBC - Internal and external alterations associated with proposed residential development - 1 Scotstoun House

Trees in a Conservation Area

21/04474/TCO - Small Lime tree, approx height 7 meters - removal of tree - Flat 7 22 Newhalls Road
21/04931/TCO - Mature Pear (approx 30 meters in height) - crown reduction by approximately 1-2 meters and deadwood - 7 Ashburnham Gardens

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

21/04434/CLP - Proposed rear extension - 83 Long Crook

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 nine decisions during the five week period

21/03118/FUL - Single storey extension to the rear with patio area to provide enhanced living area (as amended) - 4 Queen Margaret Drive - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT
20/04495/FUL - Demolition of an existing house and the erection of a replacement house on the same site - Totley Wells Lodge Westfield - GRANTED
20/05222/FUL - Erect new standalone workshop / studio building with separate access - 13 Edinburgh Road - REFUSED
21/04474/TCO - Small Lime tree, approx height 7 meters - Removal of tree - Flat 7 22 Newhalls Road - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
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 - PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION APPROVED
21/03502/FUL - Defective scotch slate roof covering to be removed and replaced with Spanish Cupa slates over Proctor Roofshield breathable underlay. Chimneys, valleys and flashings to be fitted with code 5 lead. New UPVC deep flow gutter system fitted, in black - 6 Station Road - GRANTED
21/03456/PA - Proposed 5G telecoms installation: 18m high Streetpole and 3no cabinets with ancillary works - coloured grey, positioned upon Boness Road - adopted highway (grass verge) - Proposed Telecomms Apparatus 20 Metres North Of 10 Echline Grove Bo'ness Road - GRANTED
21/03364/FUL - Installation of glazed screens, windows and doorways in existing openings, proposed window opening to rear.elevation and refinement of proposed internal layouts to class 4 workspace units - Easter Dalmeny Steading - GRANTED
21/03907/LBC - Extend existing stair projection to form GF office and first floor sunroom - 7 Ashburnham Gardens - GRANTED

Planning Matters

Dundas Children's Play Park

The additional funding required for the upgrade of the play park has been sourced, it is from the Scottish Government funding for play parks. Completion date will be March/April 2022

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - no date has been given for this work to be progressed

Builyeon Road Housing Development

Cala have lodged the Builyeon Road Master plan 21/04019/AMC with the City of Edinburgh Council. 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.

The EIA was lodged around 1 month after the main application, so period for public comments for 21/04019/AMC and the PPP applications has now been extended until 10 October. Applications can be viewed in the CEC planning portal.

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

<https://cala-builyeonroad.co.uk>

Cala have requested a meeting with the planners to discuss the applications following the close of the consultation period. Once Cala have this feedback, QDCC will be advised if the planners seek any changes/variations. In the meantime, Cala are looking to enter the field within the next couple of weeks to undertake intrusive site investigations. This is NOT the development work commencing.

Springfield LDP Site HSG1

20/05023/FUL - The S75 Agreement is in agreed form, and is now in the process of being signed by all parties. Once concluded this will allow planning permission to be issued. Cala are still planning to commence development this year, but this will be delayed slightly because of the planning delays.

Forthview Development (Corus)

21/04116/FUL- Further detailed title information has been given to Transport Scotland. Ambassador have responded to some issues raised regarding boundary treatment and the path at the north western part of the site - but simply on the basis that they are implementing the approved plans.

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 QDCC attended a MS Teams meeting with Network Rail reps on the 24th August to find out details of this new application and the revised plans. Two virtual drop-in sessions were arranged where local residents could book a slot to discuss the proposals with the project team and view the plans and design. A full planning application will be submitted later in the year

Update from Network Rail

We have held two online community drop-ins to date (13/09 and 21/09). We have a third drop-in due to take place next week (28/09). Both drop-ins had broadly similar feedback

The location of the building being moved to the other side of the bridge seemed to be positively received by those who attended

There was a general concern from residents about the level of car parking in Queensferry which has increased in recent months. Residents were therefore interested to learn more about the car parking proposals for the FBE

Residents were keen to talk through the layout of the footpath network

Attendees were also keen to hear about the timeline for the proposals

Scotstoun House

Two applications have been submitted to CEC planning

21/04755/FUL | Redevelopment of Scotstoun House including conversion and extension of existing buildings to residential use, part-demolition of office extension, and erection of new build residential development with associated infrastructure, landscaping, access and parking. | 1 Scotstoun House South Queensferry EH30 9SE Last date for comments is 11th October

21/04756/LBC | Internal and external alterations associated with proposed residential development. | 1 Scotstoun House South Queensferry EH30 9SE Last date for comments is 15th October

City Plan 2030

The draft proposed plan will be discussed by the CEC planning committee on the 29th September - it is recommended that the committee approves the proposed plan and it's supporting documents Approval of the Proposed Plan is required so that the Local Development Plan (LDP) process can move to its next stage, the statutory period of representation, before it can be submitted to Scottish Ministers for Examination. The report for the committee is 1677 pages long. There are no new housing developments in this plan for Queensferry. It is mentioned in the plan that a further 274 places will be required at Queensferry High School, Echline Primary will require 2 additional classes plus a dining hall extension and also mentions the Builyeon Road development 14 class primary school. As the green belt has been protected for the Kirkliston area for now concerns arise to where there will be a High School built for the Kirkliston pupils to attend instead of Queensferry High School. Funding for building of schools and additional spaces required at existing schools is usually part of the S75 agreement between the developer and CEC.

The planning committee paper for the proposed plan can be viewed using this link:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s37792/Item%206.1%20-%20City%20Plan%202030%20Approval%20of%20Proposed%20Plan%20for%20Statutory%20Representation%20Period.pdf%202.pdf>

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

Transport ▲ Grant Sangster

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1. **High Street Resurfacing** – No update since last month on the Sustrans funding, although a decision was thought likely in September. According to the contractors (Gilmartin) turning circle work is progressing in line with the plan and is still expected to be complete around the middle of October. In response to the cyclists ignoring the 'no entry' sign within the roadworks, Gilmartin said they would monitor usage and look into a few options however I'm not aware of action being taken yet. Subsequent work will involve traffic calming around Rosshill Terrace and lights at the bottom of The Loan in the coming months, 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 more certain.
2. **Spaces for People Projects** – We had further discussions with the relevant SfP team leader on the High Street scheme and ran through the actions recommended from the recent safety audit (which is a routine process rather than something conducted due to fears of inherent danger by design). Suggestions mostly involved refreshing white lines or introducing new road markings to clarify movement conventions. A few signs were recommended for removal, which were intended as temporary in any case, some vegetation was identified as overgrown so that it obscured important signs and improvements suggested for segregation barriers. The situation with parked vehicles perhaps causing extensive congestion along Station Road was recommended for a separate survey to see if it warrants more formal restrictions. This was already scheduled for a typical term-time period, probably in September or October. Outside the safety audit points, we highlighted difficulties presented to pedestrians and drivers by vehicles parked on both sides of Hawes Brae. Following the meeting, information was fed back to the SfP and signals teams regarding function of the new A90 bus lane on approach to Barnton junction.
3. **Dialogue with BEAR** – No further news this month on the fence surrounding a field west of the Queensferry Crossing, where a stile or gap would assist pedestrian movement to Linn Mill. Keith & Neil have had discussions regarding anti-social behaviour issues at the Forth Road Bridge car park, detailed separately.
4. **Meeting with CEC Directors of Place & Operational Services** – As reported elsewhere this meeting included introduction of traffic calming features along the full length of Scotstoun Avenue. Although a longstanding Section 75 commitment, there have been complications with multiple developments and delays in implementing the agreed design.
5. **Active Travel** – Some further dialogue with Atkins was held on prospects for active travel routes across Queensferry's challenging 'townscape'. While there wasn't much progress on some of the more difficult areas, a route between Craw's Close and the recreation centre pitches near Dundas playpark has been drawn up. A street-lit path approximately 4 metres wide is proposed which would open up a pedestrian and cyclist route to Burdock Road and the station without needing to use Station Road where people have reported feeling unsafe. The outline plan is available for feedback until the end of September, by using the comments box at the Hub or sending an email to queensferryactivetravel@atkinsglobal.com
6. **Public Transport** – No formal changes to bus or train times this month. Arrangements continue for rail replacement buses to serve hospitals at Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline on Sundays due to industrial action cancelling all trains from Dalmeny. Some Horsburgh service

7 journeys have been cancelled due to driver shortage in September, however the link between Queensferry & St John's was enhanced by the Stagecoach X51 changes introduced last month (albeit only operating from Ferrymuir).

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

26 September 2021

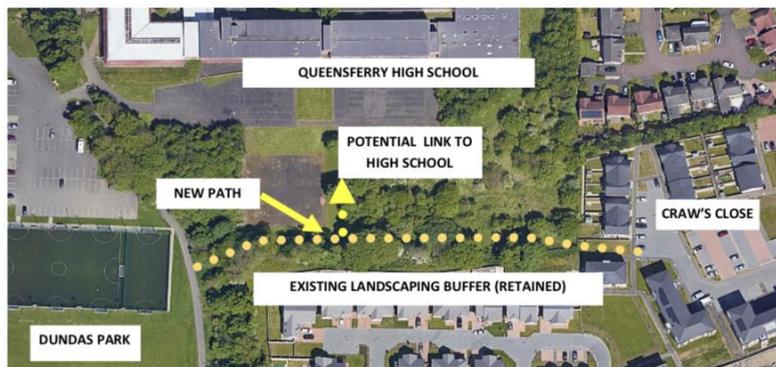
THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL
QUEENSFERRY ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECTS
QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL LINK

Atkins are working with the Council team to explore improvements to the active travel network in Queensferry. As part of the early stages of this we are developing proposals for the construction of a new link to the south of Queensferry High School.

The proposed link would connect the existing paths in Dundas Park through to the new housing at Craw's Close. The link will be a shared use path, able to be used by all those walking, wheeling and cycling to access Dundas Park, local schools and provide a new connection towards Dalmeny Station.

We are keen to hear from the local community about the potential delivery of this link and we would welcome any comments or feedback that you have.

Further information on the project is provided overleaf and an outline location plan provided below.



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Local Development Plan – Planning Committee 29 September

The Council planning committee is due to meet on 29 September to consider the new draft local development plan for Edinburgh. The proposal would protect the greenbelt land around Queensferry making it harder for developers to push through any applications for further housing. It's a very encouraging first step, but now needs to go out for public consultation and then be reviewed by the Scottish Government.

Queensferry Library booking system

You no longer need to book your visit to Queensferry Library if you are going to browse and borrow books. However, booking is still required for all other services. To support the continued Test and Protect system, all visitors will still have their name, telephone number, date of visit, time of arrival and departure recorded.

Proposals submitted for new Queensferry Care Home

As part of its plans for the Echline / Builyeon Road site, CALA Homes have submitted a planning application for a new care home for Queensferry, on the west site of the development site, near to the planned new commercial area. Whilst we have had long standing reservations about the whole Echline development, we are pleased to see the plans include a new care home as we have heard from many constituents about the lack of suitable housing for elderly people in the town. You can view the plans via the Council planning [portal](#) - reference 21/04018/PPP

Plans put forward for local food store and drive through outlets

A separate planning application has been submitted for a new commercial area, south east of the Queensferry Crossing roundabout. The plans involve a mid sized discount food store (e.g. Lidl or Aldi), a new petrol station and car wash, along with two drive thru food and drink outlets. The proposals are currently out for consultation. You can view the plans and submit comments by 3 October via the planning [portal](#), using reference 21/04016/PPP

Revised plans for Forth Bridge visitor hub

Network Rail has informed us it plans to submit revised proposals for its new Forth Bridge walk and visitor hub. We are pleased to see that the changes involve moving the planned new building further to the east, away from current homes at the Ashburnhams. This will help to reduce the noise and visual impact. The public consultations took place earlier this month, and a full planning application will be submitted later this year.

Walking and cycling improvements for Queensferry and Dalmeny

Last month, we had a detailed discussion with transport officers about changes to make it safer and easier to walk and cycle around Queensferry and Dalmeny. Consultants have been commissioned by the Council to explore improvements. A public engagement exercise will aim to understand local views. As part of the early stages of the project, proposals are being developed for a new link to the south of QHS to connect the existing paths in Dundas Park through to the new housing at Craws Close.

Good news as Dundas Park to be upgraded at last

Over the last few years, we have been fighting to get the necessary funding to get much needed upgrades to the play equipment at Dundas Park. We are delighted to say that this park is one of three across the city which has been prioritised for improvements using new funding. The upgrade should happen over the next six months.

West Edinburgh High School

With the release of the draft Local Development Plan and the proposed retention of greenbelt land around Kirkliston, Education Officials need to look at options for the new West Edinburgh High School, as the promise of land from Miller Homes won't be forthcoming if they're not allowed to develop the site. We secured agreement on a motion at Education Committee, committing Officers to present a plan with associated timescales, and expect to see this plan at committee later this month. QHS is expected to reach capacity in 2025 so any further delay risks greater use of temporary units to provide additional capacity.

Cllr Hutchison

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Councillors Report not submitted.

Cllr Work

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Cllr Norman Work's report for September 2021 meeting

Active Travel; On 26th August I attended a briefing by Kenneth Fearnside of Atkins who have been appointed by the council to look at active travel routes in Queensferry. One of the main active travel routes suggested, called the High School Link is for a new path to link Dundas Park to Craw's Close. Subsequently, a letter has been distributed to residents asking for feedback and Aitkens have contacted the 4 ward councillors for their support which I'm happy to give.

Hedge Trimming; Manor have trimmed back the hedges that they are responsible for but there are still parts of Lover's Lane that the council have still to cut back and I've asked the council when they will be round as they usually come round shortly after Manor have completed their work.

Christmas in Queensferry; On 31st August I attended a meeting of CiQ held in the Rosebery Hall which was the first time we have met face to face since the lockdown. The Committee explored a few ideas and although agreed not to hold the full staged event some form of parade or event would still take place and the 25th November is the date suggested.

Sewage problem on old railway path; I've contacted Ryan McKeever at Scottish Water for confirmation that work has taken place after learning that the barriers have been taking away. I received confirmation that all works are complete. Additionally, Ryan is also getting one of his squads to routinely inspect the line to confirm that there will not be any issues with the new diversion.

Friends of South Queensferry Cemetery and the Vennel Kirk's Church burial ground; I contact Neill Walker and he reported that I could share the following. The talk and tour was a great success with about

30 people in attendance. The Friends Committee had a 2 hour meeting at SQ Cemetery with 2 staff members of the Edinburgh Cemeteries Management Team and the following action points on to be taken forward. The tools for the Friends Volunteer Group have now been ordered and are arranging for them to be delivered this week. The tools will be stored at the cemetery bothy and the Friends Group will have a key to the bothy and are finalizing the public liability insurance so that the Friends Volunteer Group is covered for its activities. Neil said that the Friends Volunteer Group will meet once a month for 2 hours tidying up the cemetery, though individuals can go up at other times that may better suit. They are looking to recruit members of the Friends Volunteer Group to help with litter picking, flower and bulb planting, flower bed maintenance, sweeping paths, and general tidying on top of the core maintenance undertaken by the Council.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

Other Documents

Agenda

QDCC Sep Business Meeting
Monday 27rd Sep 2021 at 7.30pm
(Virtual Meeting)

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| 1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Protocols |
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| 2. Apologies |
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| 3. Police Report |
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| 4. Minutes from the last business meeting (August 2021) |
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| 11. CEC/QDCC Business updates |
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| 14. Date and time of next meeting |
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Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary

20th September 2021

Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 23 August 2021 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer), David Flint, Andy Malarky, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Muir Kay (QBC), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary), Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Norman Work, 1 guest Lawraine Wood (Greenferry), and 1 local resident.

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| 1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks | <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the online meeting via MS Teams. In addition to members, meeting links are available to the public on request and 1 local resident was attending. Keith also welcomed Lawraine Wood from the Greenferry group and who had expressed interest in helping to set up the Community Development Trust.</p> <p>August had been another busy month in Queensferry. Congratulations were extended to the Ferry Fair Committee for 2 different, and successful, crowning ceremonies and to Diane for her Gracious Lady role at the 2021 event. The funfair had been able to visit this year, albeit smaller than previous years. QDCC also congratulated Andrew Taylor for his 10th year as Burryman and with reports of an increase in local support on his tour of the Burgh. The Police were thanked for their assistance during the festivities.</p> |
| 2. Apologies | David Learmond (QHT), Jenni Meldrum (QBA), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Louise Young, Police representative. |
| 3. Police Report | <p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry noted Police apologies due to changeover in personnel following Martin Crow's retirement the previous week. Issues providing statistics for Almond Ward were ongoing. Police involvement in car racing activity and handling anti-social behaviour were noted. No queries raised on the report.</p> |
| 4. QDCC 2020/21 Annual Accounts | <p>The Auditor's Report on the 2020/21 Annual Accounts had now been received and circulated to members by Diane. Financial activity had been less than previous years due to Covid, and an increase in expenditure was anticipated in the current, or following, year. Terry asked if there were any comments from CEC regarding CCs not spending their full grant last year. Diane advised no feedback on this had been received.</p> <p>The Accounts were approved by Terry, and seconded by Grant.</p> |
| 5. Minutes from Last | Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by David F. |

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| Meeting (July 21) | |
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| 6. Matters Arising | <p>FEBRUARY 2020 Museum: QDCC to re-engage with CEC Museum Dept. Meeting held with Museums and Galleries. Curator nominated to join FBWHMC Collections Group on behalf of Museums Service. Other issues discussed are in progress. Aug update – ongoing, pending CEC return to full capacity. ACTION CONTINUES</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 to act as an engagement vehicle. Now topic on Edinburgh CC Association, also struggling to set up meeting with CEC. Aug update – ongoing. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>JANUARY 2021 Road & Pavement Adoption Dalmeny Park: Inspections by CEC/SW taken place, thereafter roads go onto a 1-year maintenance period, and then be formally adopted. ACTION DEFERRED TO JUNE 22 – to confirm formally adopted.</p> <p>MARCH 2021 Recycling Facilities: Meeting with CEC to discuss future of recycling bins at Tesco taken place, June. Further meeting with Ward Cllrs arranged. Cllr Young reported officials taking decisions on removal of facilities, not full Environment Committee. Motion raised by Lib Dems on appropriate approval procedure. Aug update – Cllrs Lang/Young notified of fly-tipping at Tesco. Need for dedicated recycling point in SQ being pursued. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>APRIL 2021 QHS: Michelle and Neil to pick up re-establishing community engagement at QHS. June update – Neil to follow-up at start of next session. ACTION DUE SEPT 21</p> <p>Station Road: Terry to notify CEC speed pads on Rosshill Terrace/Station Road require maintenance. CEC notified and response awaited. Aug update – CEC discussing land ownership with Network Rail before approval for work to proceed. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>QCCC - Trishaws: Rosebery Estate and CEC Access Officer discussing options to resolve access restrictions at Dark Entry, Cllr Work monitoring. Aug update – in hand, Norman checking progress with Active Travel Officer. ACTION CONTINUES</p> |

MAY 2021

Community Facility Funding: Set up Development Trust sub-committee to discuss taking this forward. Meetings held, consulting to seek members views.

Aug update – see Chair’s report, work in progress.

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. **Aug update** – ongoing.

ACTION CONTINUES – LOW PRIORITY

JUNE 21

Ashburnham 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.

Aug update – work now in train at QHS to install new large pipes. Monitor to conclusion, further 5 weeks planned.

ACTION CONTINUES

Cemetery Maintenance: Cllr Work to liaise with the new Friends Group, and other interested parties, on action proposed to resolve Cemetery maintenance concerns. **Aug update** – Friends Group held first meeting.

ACTION CONTINUES

Skate Park Proposal: Cllr Work to seek clarification on VAT Run status from CEC. **Aug update** – CEC confirmed not currently Local Nature Reserve, but being considered. CEC also advised may conflict with Forest Kindergarten.

ACTION CONTINUES

JULY 21

QHS Sports Equipment: Edinburgh Leisure asked to explain decision process for equipment at QHS. Terry to liaise with Ryan on response. **Aug update** – EL contacted, response awaited.

ACTION CONTINUES

OAHS Scheme: Terry to draft QDCC letter of support to Edinburgh Leisure for the Open All Hours scheme in Queensferry. **Aug update** – done, and thanks received from EL.

ACTION CLOSED

Harbour Repairs: Cllr Hutchison to pursue action on Harbour repairs with CEC. **Aug update** - Graham written to CEC, meeting scheduled. Work needs to be priority, will continue to pursue.

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| | <p>Longcraig Pier: Cllr Hutchison to check position on resurfacing road to Longcraig Pier. Aug update – waiting for response from CEC. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>CEC Engagement: Keith to form group to discuss CEC lack of community engagement with CCs. Cllr Hutchison to be involved. Aug update - communication concerns continue, lack of response, timing, and short notice messages are both frustrating and disruptive. CEC Director is aware and to meet with QDCC ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Forth Bridge Lights: Karen to check responsibility for replacing/updating lights on Forth Bridge. Aug update – pending response from Karen. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Rosebery Hall Re-opening: Ward Cllrs to make representations to CEC regarding occupancy numbers for Rosebery Hall re-opening. Aug update – overtaken by events, RH re-opened 23 Aug. Message from Management Committee thanking Ward Cllrs for their involvement and opening was going well. ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>Pollution Reporting: Cllr Work to seek advice from Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee on Harbour pollution reporting requirements. Aug update - confirmed SEPA should be informed. QBC advised. ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>Scotstoun Avenue Hedge Mtce: Cllr Work to contact Manor Estates regarding hedge pruning at Scotstoun Avenue. Aug update – Done, details in Norman’s report. ACTION CLOSED</p> |
| <p>7. QHS Update</p> | <p>Keith welcomed Michelle’s return following the school summer break and invited her to update members on QHS activity. The High School had completed first few days teaching. Increased staff numbers due to various factors. Depute Headteacher covering the Headteacher post pending arrival of the new Head in September. S1 cohort had received a good introduction to senior school. The well-being hub had expanded, dedicated resource for social and emotional needs. Covid restrictions on testing and self-isolation changed since last term, recovery plan is in place, though cases currently increasing. Phase 2 of the grounds area been signed off, and working with CEC on facilities. More outdoor, and covered, seating in place. Other improvements in hand.</p> <p>Keith noted queries received on athletics provision and tennis court lining. Outstanding work ongoing and status update would be available for the Sept</p> |

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| | <p>QDCC meeting. In the meantime he asked that any queries on this be passed to QDCC.</p> <p>Anne commented on the potential extension of Covid vaccinations to children aged 12-15, and was happy to assist those who may be anxious of have concerns if this would be helpful. Michelle suggested including something in the school Newsletter as an appropriate way to take this forward.</p> |
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| <p>8. Chair's Report</p> <p>ECW Report</p> | <p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Keith asked if Ward Cllrs had received any further queries on the replacement phone posts for the broadband fibre rollout, noting there had been talk of a petition asking for retrospective action to replace the new wooden pole with steel ones. It was understood the main complaint is aesthetics, residents hadn't known that wood poles would be used and the view was replacing them with metal poles similar to the new street lights was more desirable. Cllr Hutchison's report noted that planning permission wasn't required but that this relates to specific individual poles, not a wider scheme. Graham advised he was content to pursue this further, if he could be given details of the number and location involved. Keith to look into this.</p> <p><u>Echline Community Woodland (ECW)</u></p> <p>A recent report on the woodland had been circulated to QDCC. The report praised the work done by the community in establishing the woodland and offered some suggestions for future consideration on paths and other areas. Keith thanked the ECW team for their hard work on developing the site, and noted support from QDCC members with ongoing maintenance. This represented a good example of joint working.</p> <p>David F added that all the recent fly-tipped rubbish had been removed, and thanked BEAR Scotland for their help with this.</p> |
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| <p>9. Councillors' Reports</p> | <p>Cllr Hutchison. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised</p> <p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Kevin had attended a briefing on Active Travel Plans that day. Details would be shared with QDCC at the scheduled meeting to discuss on Thursday.</p> <p>Diane asked for clarification on the parking matter at Smith's Land. Kevin confirmed it's the area at the Vennel Hall, used by local residents, but is a public space.</p> <p>Graeme queried the comment on signage for cyclists. Kevin said this is at the FRB where the 'on-ramp' reference is confusing. Transport Scotland has agreed to correct it.</p> |
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| <p>10. Treasurer's Report</p> | <p>Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p> |
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| 11. Secretary's Report | Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised. |
| 12. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups | <p>Planning & Housing. Report circulated before the meeting. Diane commented on continued lack of progress at Dundas Play Area and the traffic calming measures at Scotstoun. The change in road access submitted by Ambassador for the Forthview development to now include Ferrymuir Gait and reduce to one street via the Varneys was unexpected. Similarly proposed changes to the Forth Bridge Experience, with a smaller hub and new location, were also new and hadn't been notified to QDCC. The Sealscraig proposal had been refused by the Development Management Sub Committee. Keith thanked Diane for her report, noting that this month nearly all activity had been reactive.</p> <p>Transport. Report circulated before the meeting. Grant noted the rail timetable changes to the Fife Circle wef May 22. The off-peak reduction could generate correspondence. QDCC would comment in due course, no feedback from residents so far. Graeme asked about signage for cyclists at the new Hawes turning circle, was there a need to alert safety risk when continuing west bound onto the High Street against the flow of other traffic at this pinch point. Grant agreed QDCC to comment on this and propose sign advising cyclists to dismount. ACTION: Grant to raise potential safety issue for cyclists continuing west bound, against the flow of traffic, beyond the new Hawes turning circle. Consider warning sign advising cyclists to dismount.</p> <p>Environment. Report circulated before the meeting. Neil noted the CEC 2030 Climate Strategy, which was comprehensive. Informed that CCs to have a pivotal role in implementation. Engagement with communities required but CEC reminded of their need to improve communications with Queensferry. QDCC to consider how best to get involved. Two pilot areas/schemes are proposed, should Queensferry be one of these. Meeting on 26 Aug to discuss details.</p> <p>Kevin was asked about current status of car noise related issues at the Hawes. He said very few complaints from High Street and Newhalls residents over the summer, but some from Station Road and Kirkliston Road. A local High Street resident attending the meeting commented that Thursday to Saturday are the worst days. Police action had helped, most drivers were responsible with only 3 or 4 who spoilt it for everyone. Keith referred to recent Police activity on this and that further monitoring was to be undertaken.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing. Report circulated before the meeting. Anne reiterated that the Almond Neighbourhood Network remit is taking time. Neil asked about the list of groups and when ready to share. Anne noted being worked through and that there is a lot to collate.</p> |

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| | <p>Keith asked about progress with Covid vaccination rates for the younger age group(s). Anne said was going better than expected.</p> <p>Communication. Report circulated before the meeting. Graeme noted that deadline for Spotlight Sept/Oct issue is Thurs 26 August.</p> <p>Education & Recreation. Report circulated before the meeting. David F commented on the QHS Phase 2 ground works already referred to by the Chair in the QHS update above.</p> <p>QBC Muir thanked Graham for his assistance following up the Harbour repair works. He asked for more information on the proposed slipway signage, specifically who is doing it and what will it say. QBC wish to have input to this. He also advised that QBC propose meeting face-to- face from September, under the new rules.</p> <p>SQ Rotary Club Neil reported that the Rotary Club also intend to reconvene in person. Looking for suitable venue, Conifox and Dalmeny Hall being considered. Activity and events programme for next 12 months being drawn up, Club still well supported and vibrant.</p> |
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| 13. CEC/QDCC Business | None raised. |
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| 14. Questions from the floor | None raised. |
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| 15. AOB | <p>Anne commented that the grounds at Glenforth Court are in poor condition, specifically the side that looks onto the Dakota. Agreed Link Housing responsible. Diane to check and forward the Link contract to Neil, to see if QDCC can advise or assist.</p> <p>ACTION: Diane and Neil to ascertain garden maintenance position at Glenforth Court, Ferrymuir.</p> <p>Neil noted a broken slab and hole on West Terrace. Graeme confirmed already reported to CEC.</p> |
| 16. Date and time of next meeting | Monday 27 September 2021 at 7.30pm. |

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