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Do You Want to Make a Difference in South Queensferry

A community development trust presents the opportunity to create local ideas, prioritise which to deliver, design it, plan it, fund it, deliver it, manage it, all for the benefit of the community.

We need local people with the energy, drive, resilience and tenacity to see projects through from conception to birth and beyond.

If you would like to be part of that, then please email: queensferrycdt@gmail.com

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Schools & Lifelong Learning

YOUTH WORK VACANCY

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HOURS



We are looking to recruit **dynamic, energetic** and **enthusiastic** people with a passion for delivering services for young people.

If you can; Contribute fresh ideas to a youth programme.
Have the skills to build young people's self-esteem and self-confidence.
Support young people to develop their abilities to manage their personal & social relationships.
Create and develop a positive learning environment for young people to thrive and learn new skills.

We want to hear from you. We are currently looking to recruit for the following sessional posts;

POST: Youth workers & Sports Coaches (including trainee opportunities)

**LOCATION: Open All Hours,
Queensferry High School
80 Station Road
South Queensferry
EH30 9JX**

OVERVIEW: Open All Hours is a partnership between Edinburgh Leisure & Lifelong Learning. This is an inclusive project based in a local high school sports department. The young people are of high school age and can take part in a range of programmed sports and youth work activities. The project runs alongside school terms and typically runs for between 25 – 30 weeks per year.

DAY & TIMES: Friday evenings 6.00pm – 8.00pm

RATE: £15.01 (NB – planning and evaluating time included in this rate).

The closing date for applications is Friday 12th of November -interviews will take place the week after. Posts are due to commence in January subject to PVG disclosure checks.

For further information and an application pack please contact Isla Kay on 07845 015977 or email Isla.Kay@edinburgh.gov.uk.

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Chairs report for QDCC Virtual Business meeting being held on 25th October 2021

I have carried out the following business representing QDCC in the last month;

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community AGM 30th Sep '21

I was invited to attend the QCCC AGM held in the Health Centre. The business agenda was to elect a board and re-align business protocols. The Chair Andrew Burton spoke to those present about covid and the need to provide services around Health and Wellbeing and passionately about how one's health condition can cause isolation and from that loneliness.

CDT Steering Group Meetings

I have chaired and facilitated two CDT meetings held on the 5th and 19th October '21.

Members have learnt about the approach taken by several CDT's during the "forming" stage which has been useful in providing us with some direction. There is a good bit of discussion to be had yet! Some interest has been shown from a few Queensferry residents.

High Street Improvement Meeting with Traders 11th Oct '21

I was asked by Dave Sinclair to help with facilitating a meeting with Priory Church and the immediate businesses to discuss the Loan traffic signal works prior to Gilmartin starting the work on the 18th Oct '21. Grant and I attended the meeting and provided support and background information to those attending where the restrictions and constraints caused by the works were discussed. Those present raised their concerns the main one being about parking and were party to the decisions.

Christmas in Queensferry '21

I facilitated and chaired the Christmas in Queensferry '21 AGM held in the Rosebery Hall on Monday 18th Oct '21. Followed by a business meeting. I'm pleased to report that a committee was elected. Presently ChiQ is seeking funding for installing the Christmas Lights and working up a plan for installation by contractors and volunteer's. No stage event switch-on will be held this year due to the Covid risks.

EACC Virtual Meeting 21st Oct '21

I attended the EACC virtual meeting held on the evening of the 21st Oct as the agenda items were of interest to QDCC and the Neighbourhood network:

1. **Steve Kerr**, Chair of EACC, will give an update on Edinburgh Partnership meetings.
I can report;
 - Negotiations continue with EACC and CEC about improved communications and a document was presented to CEC (QDCC viewed a draft of the document) that will be distributed to all CC's. I don't see any evidence that progress is being made. Some good buzzwords are being used like empowerment and engagement but no context is being provided. I specifically asked the CC audience if they had seen any improvement in engagement with CEC and been empowered to do anything! The answer to the question was a resounding silence so that is a NONE!! A questionnaire is being issued asking CC's what the top five issues are for CC's with CEC.

West Edinburgh CC's have an outstanding Participation Request Form from Dec '20 that remains outstanding and we were asked to liaise with EACC on the particular business around poor communications by C EC Officers and our email going to spam/junk accounts.

2. **Lynne McMenemy**, City Plan 2030 Project Manager, will talk about the **City Plan 2030, Period for Representations**.

A summary from my notes;

The Heading statement is "that the 2030 plan is the settled view of CEC".

The 2030 plan proposal for West Edinburgh is the land to be redeveloped around the Airport. A lot of jargon used like Place Policies are being developed which is difficult to put into context and meaning such as; "the 20 min rule", "place briefs being developed" as an example but what does it mean. The aspiration is that affordable housing would increase to thirty-five per cent. They forecast a land bank for 43,000 homes will be needed. I asked about public transport improvements and job losses and used Queensferry as an example. I put it to officers that we don't have public transport but "private transport" they have no control over the service offered, the officer didn't quite say she agreed but couldn't say otherwise. The advice was that QDCC log our concerns at the formal consultation period from 7th Nov – 20th Dec. '21. There will be a virtual consultation presentation of the plan/meeting for West Edinburgh Community Councils.

3. Discussion about the **National Care Service**.

There is concern and consternation about bringing many of the support services under the one umbrella and the manner in which this proposal is being consulted.

Correspondence all by email;

- With Paul Lawrence seeking an update on actions, and was advised to expect an update from Gareth Barwell upon his return from holiday.
- Requested a virtual meeting with Dave Sinclair and to discuss High St funding and review parking restrictions at Binks.
- Requested a virtual meeting with Daisy Narayanan Urbanism expert appointed to lead on Edinburgh's sustainable placemaking future, along to a PSC meeting

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/13168/urbanism-expert-appointed-to-lead-on-edinburgh-s-sustainable-placemaking-future>

- Lloyd Richardson asking for information on the SFP consultations posted on Facebook by Councillor Young and received the following reply: As with any information from any member of the public or community group who submits feedback this will be taken into consideration as part of the review process, the reviews referred to is the reviews carried out in regular intervals (every second month) of each temporary project in place.
- Enquired if there would be a Remembrance Day service which there should be but we don't as yet know the format.

Keith Giblett

Chair 24th October '21

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – OCTOBER REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing communication has been as active as ever since last month. Activity has picked up a bit of late, again with interest in the Spaces for People project, Hawes Car Park, plans for the High Street and the Builyeon Road Development. Quite a number of mails have been received in the last week or so relating to the poor service provision at Lloyds pharmacy on the Loan.

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.

A couple of direct calls from local residents were received relating to planning matters. My thanks to Diane and Keith for dealing with these.

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 road surface on Scotstoun Avenue, an outbreak of window egging by youths in the Varneys estate and concerns relating to a number of actual and attempted house break-ins.

The Spaces for People initiative re the High Street, continues to attract comments – mostly negative and a number of queries were received relating to installation of traffic lights at the bottom of the Loan and the design of the road layout.

There has been a reduction in terms of complaints from residents in both Station Road and Rosshill Terrace on speeding however as always we continue to report noise and speeding concerns along this corridor. We pass any concerns reported to QDCC to CEC and Community Policing accordingly.

Continuing concerns have been raised in terms of youths gathering at Scotstoun Grove shopping centre.

No further updates have been received from CEC relating to continuation or otherwise of virtual and/or face to face meetings so we continue Community Council activities 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 to respective stakeholders and dealt with accordingly
At the time of writing no additional notes of interest in attending the virtual Business Meeting scheduled for 25th October have been received.

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

3. On 13th October I attended a meeting of the QDCC Executive where discussions were held on e-mail protocols, LDP/City Plan, High Street improvements and general planning issues. The proposals for the CDT were also covered
4. 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.

Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC business.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 24th October 2021

Treasurer's Report ▲ Diane Job

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Treasurer Report October 2021

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - Gift for Martin Crow - £24
Eddie Sharp - ECW Strimmer Parts - £29.33

Total CC Funds = £1723.19

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

- Cash Management Account - September interest £0.46 - £18346.89
- 95 Day Notice Account - September interest £7.49 - £60735.45

Nationwide Building Society - £86079.60

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - July - September interest - £10.94 - £85846.05

Charity Bank - £60872.28

Community Facility Funding Total = £ 396880.27

Diane Job,

QDCC Treasurer

Communications ▲ Graeme McKinley

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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 is 29th 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

See Chair's report on disappointing lack of tangible progress to date.

QHS Community Facilities

CEC Lifelong Learning is recruiting for the Open All Hours facility on Friday evenings at QHS for young people. Intention is to commence this from January 2022. See recruitment poster on front page here.

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. QDCC discussions continue with QHS management on better integration of the curriculum with the community and local businesses.

Graeme McKinley,
QDCC Communications

Education ▲ David Flint

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Education/recreation report October 2021

The Youth Engagement Group met with Michelle Gordon (DHT. QHS) on 6th October. One of the purposes of this meeting was for Michelle Gordon to 'meet' with Isla Kay (Lifelong Learning Development Officer). Unfortunately the 'Teams' technology let us down badly and communication with Michelle was very poor. Michelle has produced notes from the meeting. Items discussed.

1. Opportunities for QHS to be involved in community projects.
 2. Support with 16+ links.
 3. Pupil leadership.
 4. AOB included:- connection with pupil support. Clubs outwith school hours. Girls group. Street work. LGBT group. Transition P7 – S1.
- MG will contact Isla to discuss further.

Neil McKinlay has produced a document "How our community can support Queensferry High School". This is going to provide an excellent base for future discussions.

Queensferry Primary School. Parents Council meeting. 13/10/2021

A draft constitution was presented to the council for discussion. After a few minor alterations it was agreed that it should be adopted.

Karen McGregor (HT) presented her report. The past year had produced more than anticipated health and safety problems. 'Teams' had proved to be an important platform for the school. They are conducting a Wifi survey in the building in an attempt to improve access. The school is looking to reach out again once restrictions are lifted. They are hoping to be able to make more use of the larger spaces in the school in the near future.

The previous year's money had not been used because of the situation, it was agreed that this should be made immediately available to the Head Teacher for school use.

Active Schools programme was discussed and the situation regarding payment for coaches and the volunteer situation. Date of next meeting 20th January 2022.

David Flint

Sewage issues - Station /Ashburnham Road

The extensive sewage work is coming to a conclusion and it looks like the landscaping work is all that needs to be done to complete the project.

Car Disturbance Issues

Keith Giblett has had follow up dialogue with our senior police officer contacts who have committed to prioritise police visits to the FRB car park and other “hot spots” as and when resources allow.

We are of the opinion that as a Community Council we have done as much as we can to resolve the issues which we believe from feedback have reduced somewhat although clearly have not been completely eradicated.

We have informed the Varney estate residents via their representative of our position. We will continue to monitor the situation.

General Town Environmental Enhancement

Mclvor Brae

Keith Giblett has pointed out the poor state of the weed strewn Mclvor Brae border particularly around the Fir tree which is illuminated for the Christmas in Queensferry display. I have raised this with the Parks Dept. to see if this can be weeded in the next few weeks failing which I will arrange for a Friends of Ferry Glen task force to tackle the work

Echline Woodland Trust (EWT).

A joint task force team comprising EWT members, Ferry Glen volunteers and a team for the Lothians Conservation team completed a big tidy up on the woodland on the 23rd October. Well done to all involved.

Promenade

A local resident has offered 12 birch trees to adorn the large tarmac area that has been created following the construction of the new turning circle on the promenade. Her concept is that they would be situated in large wooden planters to break up this “barren” stretch of ground . Following discussion with Graeme McKinley and Norrie Work it has been decided to await the completion of the whole project including the installation of a cycle lane and possible street furniture before deciding if this is feasible/desirable. Clearly permission must be obtained from CEC if it is considered a viable project.

Tree Planting

A suggestion has been received from Lawrairie Wood to acquire more native species tree from The Woodland Trust for further tree planting across the town. Following us reaching out to local groups it is possible further hedge sapling tree planting could be done at the Echline Woodland Trust grounds and also Echline Primary School. Lawrairie is following up with The Woodland Trust to see if

“free” saplings could be obtained from them and we will organise the resources to help with the planting .

St Margaret's Primary School

Some educational bulb planting classes are being organised next month for primary 6 and 7 pupils run by volunteers from the Friends of Ferry Glen.

Neil McKinlay, Convenor. QDCC Environmental Committee 24th October 2021

Health & Wellbeing **Anne Mitchell**

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Health and Wellbeing report October 2021

Flu vaccine; there remains a lot of confusion and frustration around this with people who are normally housebound being sent appointments for mass sites. I have followed this up with public health department and have been assured that the people who are normally classed as housebound will be treated as such and there will be a team coming out to you. As there are limitations on the mass sites during COP 26 there are plans to divert vaccinators to the community team for the first few days in November. If you cannot attend an appointment and are classed as housebound, please do not attend until after the 7th November to wait and see if the team come to you. Do not worry if you miss your appointment for a mass site as long as you have a letter of invitation, they will see you if you turn up later than your appointment time. Communication has been a big problem this year as GP practice can only assume that the people, they have on their housebound list will be treated as such.

Once you have an appointment letter it is possible to use the contact number on the letter to change your appointment to South Queensferry however these appointments are limited in number to about 200 on a Saturday so please only change to these if you cannot get to the mass sites and leave these appointments for those who will struggle rather than just because it is more convenient. The vaccine service is completely separate to the GP practice so please do not phone the practice.

The vaccinators are not able to deviate from the guidelines so while 3rd doses of COVID vaccine for immunocompromised people can be given any time after 8 weeks following the second dose the booster cannot be given before 24 weeks after the second. (23 weeks and 6 days does not allow us to give this). A second dose will rarely be given before 8 weeks unless there is a clinical reason.

COVID testing; reminder if you have symptoms a PCR test which gets sent away is essential – a negative lateral flow does not mean you are negative if you have symptoms. Lateral flow test kits are still available at Lloyds and can be ordered on line. There are community testing stations but currently the nearest is Blackhall library.

Lloyds on The Loan have had several closures recently due to staffing issues which has impacted in a major way for many people in the area. Once again communication has been very poor with neither community council, GP practice or the other branch being kept informed. A massive thank you to the GP practice and Rosebery Ave for trying very hard to help those affected.

GP practice; the new mental health nurse is now established in post with slightly longer appointment times than the doctors have. While during COVID it was difficult to get future appointments, this system is now back up and running and where possible should be used. The on the day appointment system is geared for urgent appointments that cannot wait and should be returned to this.

We are continuing to create a data base of activities in Queensferry and have now collates from parents to be up to young adults. These have all been shared on facebook to get community contributions. At the moment the things really missing are to do with mental health particularly for young people and children. Support for teenage sexual health, pregnancy and parenthood are also lacking. This will hopefully give us the ammunition to push for these services.

Was asked to give a brief presentation to the Edinburgh association of community councils about the proposal for a national care service which I have fed back on nationally.

Plans are underway to run the **Ferry Elves** again this year.

Planning & Housing ▲ Diane Job

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Applications

During four week period ten applications were received

21/04757/FUL - Extend existing house stair projection to form GF office and first floor sun room. Remove existing concrete upper flight entrance steps. Fit new timber open rise upper flight entrance steps with new handrail and balustrading, all in accordance with original photographs attached. Alter existing Bedroom 1 and Bathroom as per plans - 7 Ashburnham Gardens

21/04768/FUL - Erection of 4-5 bedroom house. The erection of a detached 2 car garage - Land 20 Metres East Of The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm

21/04906/FUL - Single storey side extension - 97 Echline Drive

21/04909/FUL - Alterations to dwelling house: Rear/side extension, rear dormer window and roof lights to front pitched roof - 36 Springfield Lea

21/04952/FUL - New extension and alterations - 44 Dundas Avenue

21/04753/FUL - To demolish the existing garage and erect a timber garden room - 61 Echline Place

21/05089/FUL - Development of existing farm steading building with extension to form worship hall, associated access, car parking and landscaping - Farmhouse A North Milton Milton Farm Road - This is a revised plan to what was previously granted for 19/02418/FUL in 2019

21/05289/LBC - Replacement of modern windows to reinstate original astragal pattern.

Replacement of shower room window to closely match astragal pattern of main windows.

Retrospective permission for reinstatement of previous opening for shower room window.

Retrospective permission for external drainage on front of building - Stirling's Dairy 2 Brewery Close

21/05015/FUL - Erection of Garden Room - 31 Ashburnham Gardens

Trees in Conservation Area

21/05157/TCO - Fir tree (approx age of the property build 1986) - Felling and removal of the tree to be replaced with a garden border planting - 29 Ashburnham Gardens

The planning authority made five decisions during the four week period

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 - GRANTED

20/04835/CON - Complete demolition in a conservation area - 2 Stoneycroft Road - GRANTED

21/03402/FUL - A floating pontoon with with associated access bridge and retaining structure for boarding of passengers. (in retrospect) - Port Edgar Marina

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

21/04067/FUL - 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 - GRANTED

Planning Matters

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. QDCC submitted comments for all the applications to planning.

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 (the application was minded to grant subject to the completion of the S75 agreement). Cala are still planning to commence development this year, but this will be delayed slightly because of the planning delays. No further update

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Update from Taylor Wimpey - Potentially, prior to Christmas there will be another phase of piling (approximately 3-4 weeks) towards the middle of the site for forthcoming flats. This may however spill over into 2022.

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 21/04756/LBC | Internal and external alterations associated with proposed residential development. | 1 Scotstoun House South Queensferry EH30 9SE

QDCC submitted comments to planning for 21/04755/FUL objecting to the change of use to housing, also highlighting the loss of open space and the loss of future employment opportunities.

Dalmeny Park

21/00518/FUL - this application for the change of use from retail/commercial to affordable housing(16 flats) was to be heard at the Dev Management Sub-Committee meeting on the 6th October but on reading the report to committee I found that there was no mention of the comments sent by QDCC to planning in March and our comments were also not visible in the portal either. I contacted the case officer and copied Cllr Gardiner to advise them of the omission. The application was removed from the agenda for the 6th October.

With regard to Development Management Sub-Committee tomorrow (6 October 2021), due to an error in the report on the Agilent application (21/00518/FUL) (item 4.2) in relation to consideration of comments from Queensferry and District Community Council, the Chief Planning Officer has asked that Committee withdraws this report from the agenda tomorrow. As Item 4.4 Barnton Avenue West (21/00461/FUL) is linked to the above application (in relation to the delivery of affordable housing arising from it) the report on Barnton Avenue West also needs to be withdrawn from the agenda. It was advised that both applications will be returned to committee at the earliest opportunity.

As of Saturday 23rd October the report to committee and the full version of QDCC comments are not visible in the planning portal but the report for this application can be viewed in the Dev Management Sub-Committee meeting reports which does include some of QDCC's comments although not in detail.

The report mentions comments raised by QDCC as follows:

The matters of use, height and parking arrangements raised by QDCC have been addressed in the relevant sections above(in the report). With regards to the existing issues around parking and congestion issues in the locality, the developer of this application cannot be expected to resolve or relieve existing pressures from other developments or facilities, and the parking provision for this site is in compliance with the relevant transport policies.

In terms of the process and consultation, there is no requirement for CEC to formally consult the community council in this instance.

I tend not to agree with all that has been said re the process and consultation and I think it raises concerns that discussions and decisions have taken place for a change of use and the relocation of affordable housing from another development to Queensferry without consultation or even an e-mail from CEC to advise QDCC of this. The relocation of affordable housing also depends on the Barnton Ave West 21/00461/FUL application being granted.

The application will now be heard at the Dev Management Sub-Committee meeting on Wednesday 27th October with it remaining to be recommended by planning to be granted, the Barton Avenue West application will be heard at the meeting also and is recommended by planning to be granted.

City Plan 2030

The draft proposed plan was discussed by the CEC planning committee on the 29th September - and was approved. The plan now moves to its next stage, the statutory period of representation before it can be submitted to Scottish Ministers for Examination. What I didn't originally pick up was that there is housing mentioned in the plan for Queensferry at Ferrymuir. It is highlighted as H64 in the plan and for 84 flats although stated as 88 in Appendix 2. Also at the same location is BGN31 this is for children's play facilities. The site highlighted in the plan is presently occupied by NHS24 (Norseman House) and the office block behind it (Westcott House) which has companies leasing office space. The Scottish Ministers lease the NHS24 building from the owners. The current owners of the site are AEW UK CORE PROPERTY FUND and we have noted that this site is up for sale as an investment purchase. (from our own investigations). Signage suggests that there is currently office space available to let at Westcott House. This has raised concerns with QDCC and we will be keeping a close eye on H64 and BGN31 in the City Plan 2030 at this next stage.

Transport Report for October 2021

- 1. High Street Resurfacing** – Earlier this month we heard that the High Street scheme wasn't included in the Sustrans September 2021 round of awards, as mentioned in the Chair's report. While this means there is less certainty on total budget, other Sustrans opportunities remain available in 2022. For the core scheme, objections were received against the redetermination orders. Therefore the schedule for delivery remains difficult to predict because objections will take several months to resolve and could affect the design. The turning circle work west of the Hawes promenade was completed in October and attention has now turned to resurfacing the Hopetoun Rd and Loan junction where installation of traffic lights and a continuous pavement around Plewlands House are under way. The road surface type will be different to asphalt traditionally used around this junction; the idea is to make the Priory area more in keeping with the historic core and less vehicle-focused. There are a number of phases to work over the next 3-4 months with a break during December. Some disruption to nearby residents and businesses can be expected. Additionally the wider community may see road closures and diversions as the project develops. The contractors (Gilmartin) offered to produce a regular newsletter containing updates on progress. Subsequent work will bring enhanced traffic calming to Rosshill Terrace which will also involve road closures.
- 2. Spaces for People Projects** – SfP was rebranded as Travelling Safely under ETROs (experimental orders rather than being forced by the recent pandemic), but the overall idea remains the same. Following review in August, a report to CEC this month recommended retaining the High St and A90 measures for just now,. Experiences are evaluated every 2-3 months, so although a few minor changes were made to the High St scheme in September further suggestions for improvement are still encouraged. These could be in response to changing travel patterns or reassessing whether the schemes meet their objectives.
- 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.
- 4. Active Travel** – Consultation on the idea of new path from Craw's Close to the recreation centre at Dundas Park was carried out in September/October. In addition to the dialogue with Atkins on active travel routes, we hope to meet with CEC's new urbanism expert, as mentioned in the Chair's report. This manager recently addressed the EACC on city centre transformation topics. Queensferry's interest is likely to surround the increasing interest in local centres and '20 minute neighbourhood' aspects of town planning.

- 5. 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. The industrial action may be extended to several consecutive days in November. Some First 63 and Horsburgh service 7 journeys were cancelled due to driver shortage in October. Lothian Buses are attempting to prepare Christmas & New Year schedules involving the 43, which is useful to know because CEC no longer offer a safety net subsidy if core services are not provided commercially.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

24 October 2021

Cllr Lang & cllr Young

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October 2021 report

High Street upgrade works

After years of discussion and consultation, we are pleased the early works for the High Street upgrade have started at the west end at The Loan. The funding application to Sustrans for additional funding for the complete project has still to be decided in November. The completion of the Hawes turning circle has resulted in two resident complaints about a loss of car parking.

Road safety projects

At the last Council meeting, Kevin asked a series of questions which confirmed unacceptable delays in the delivery of a host of road safety projects, including new crossings, speed limit reductions and traffic calming. This is relevant to Queensferry as projects include the Scotstoun Avenue traffic calming and the reduction of speed limit at Bo'ness Road. There are also outstanding actions from the speed monitoring which found Kirkliston Road also met the criteria for speed reduction measures.

Regrettably, we feel the obsession with 'spaces for people' over the last 18 months has meant the current administration has taken its eye off the ball on the wider road safety programme. Less time is needed on grand 20 year plans and more focus on delivering promises made.

Speeding / noisy vehicles

We continue to have considerable correspondence from people across the town about the ongoing and persistent problem of noisy speeding cars and motorbikes through the town. We have been in discussion with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP regarding a possible public meeting on the issue so the police could hear firsthand the problem and be held accountable for what is seen as a lack of effective action. However, recent rises in COVID case numbers may make that unfeasible for now.

Ferry Muir housing and access

We continue to be in dialogue with Varney estate residents about road access for the new housing. This was prompted by another letter from Transport Scotland confirming there had been ‘no change in their position’ despite a legal opinion from Ambassador Homes confirming right of access from Ferry Muir Gait. We remain encouraged that Ambassador continue to plan to construct the westerly access regardless.

Pharmacy access

Many residents have contacted us about problems with temporary closures and long waiting times for the local pharmacies. These have been referred to Alex Cole-Hamilton who we know has written formally to Lloyds. This is all the more frustrating as it was Lloyds who objected when Will Samson sought to add additional pharmacy capacity to the town at Scotstoun.

Clr Hutchison

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Next Year’s Election

As communicated to the QDCC office bearers on October 14th, I have decided that I will not be standing for re-election as a Councillor in next May’s election.

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, and the associated recovery programme is discussed at a monthly all-party oversight group. Blended meetings are now taking place for council committees although it appears to be the intention of the administration that in person Full Council meetings will not return until after the turn of the year. The Council has maintained a more cautious approach to the re-opening of community centres than that which is mandated by the Scottish government and this is something which I am currently taking forward with officers following contact from users.

Full Council

Full Council has not met since the last meeting of QDCC.

Full Council will meet again on Thursday 28th October at 10am 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

A meeting of the Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee is in the process of being organised for early November.

Local Issues

Harbour Repairs - My meeting with the Executive Director of Place which was postponed in September is yet to be rescheduled, this remains top of my list when we do meet.

As ever I continue to assist residents in the QDCC area on a wide range of issues.

Surgeries

Having reviewed pre-pandemic attendance levels as well as the number of requests for meetings during COVID-19, I have taken the decision not to resume scheduled in person surgeries. Constituents requiring assistance can contact me by email graham.hutchison@edinburgh.gov.uk or phone [0131 529 4354](tel:01315294354).

Cllr Work

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Cllr Norman Work's report for October 2021

Dark entry update; I received a further update from Martin Duncan, CEC Access Officer who informed me that he has the dimensions for the Trishaw, and he has asked that the redundant metal post be removed which should allow access for the Trishaw. Gillian Smith of QCCC has been copied into the correspondence. I visited the location on Saturday and the post was still in position.

Coffee & Cake; On Saturday 16th October the management committee of Rosebery Halls invited me, while enjoying a coffee & cake, to see the new play area/garden at the back of the community centre. The garden project has been funded by the management committee with all the painting, sanding, trees and bush trimming all carried out by volunteers from the Rotary Club

Ferry Fair thank you; On Sunday 17th October in the Queensferry Hub, the Ferry Fair Committee held a small thank you event for the volunteers who helped with this year's Ferry Fair. It was a nice way of thanking the many volunteers for helping at the double crowning ceremonies.

Christmas in Queensferry; CiQ held their socially distanced AGM in the Roseberry Hall on 18th October. It was good to see a healthy turnout at the AGM and it was encouraging to meet a new resident interested in getting involved who was promptly elected to the committee. Plans are underway to hold a very small switch on event this year with a date chosen but this will more likely be recorded for posting on social media rather than a 'public' event.

QCDT meeting; On 19th October I attended an online meeting via MS Teams of the Queensferry Community Development Trust steering group. Posters are being designed to distribute via social media to encourage residents to get involved and drop in sessions are planned for any residents interested in joining a QCDT.

63 bus diversion; An action point from last month's meeting was to raise potential to temporarily amend First Bus 63 route to include Ingliston vaccination centre with CEC. I contacted Alan Dean & Stuart Lowrie who said they had discussed the suggestion with representatives from First Bus at our contract liaison meeting and their view was that the proposal would have a serious detrimental effect on the overall service itself.

Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee; will be holding their next meeting in November date TBA.

Almond NN; The next meeting; Almond Neighbourhood Network is scheduled for Wed 10th November via MS Teams

Remembrance Parade; I have been asked by the Lord Provost to represent the City of Edinburgh at the Haymarket Remembrance service this year so I will miss the Queensferry event. However, as Cllr Hutchison and I have had a well worked agreement to share our wreath laying duties in the Almond Ward for the past five years, Cllr Hutchison will lay a wreath on behalf of us both on Sunday 14th November. The Council has publicised an order for restrictions from 10:20am to 11:15am on Sunday 14th November on the High Street & The Loan, although at time of writing, I have not seen or received any notice of the event from organisers.

Proxy Purchasing/

Proxy Purchasing; I asked if Queensferry could be included in the week long **#DontAskForIt** campaign by Police Scotland to highlight the penalties, a fine of up to £5000 and 3 months in jail for adults buying alcohol for under 18's. I was accompanied by PC Greg Stephen from their Licensing section and we spoke to staff and members of the public at the Top Shops.

Bus Shelter on Hopetoun Road; I was contacted by a resident after the bus shelter next to the Police Station was removed. The bus shelter was removed to accommodate the works taking place and the location of the bus stop will be moved towards the Police Station. The bus shelter will be replaced at the new location.

Sewage Leak/Flooding; I've not received any further updates on sewage works at both Ashburnham and Railway Path however, I noticed the works at Ashburnham Road are not complete, the path is open with the landscaping area fenced off.

Happy to answer questions or expand on anything in my report.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

Other Documents

Agenda

**QDCC October Business Meeting
Monday 25th October 2021 at 7.30pm
(Virtual Meeting)**

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

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary

15th October 2021

Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 27 September 2021 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer), David Flint, Andy Malarky, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Muir Kay (QBC), David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Sgt Sandra Watt (Police Scotland), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, 1 guest Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), and 2 local residents.

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 2 local residents were attending. Keith also welcomed Sgt Sandra Watt from Police Scotland to QDCC. Craig Downie, new Headteacher at QHS, would be joining the meeting later to introduce himself to QDCC members.</p> <p>September had been exceptionally busy with meetings including Network Rail on Visitor Experience Centre revised plans, Active Travel team following the Spaces for People audit report, CEC senior officials on various matters arising, BEAR Scotland on transport, and other correspondence. Mailbox correspondence also busy on housing and maintenance issues eg tree & hedge pruning, and blocked gullies.</p>
2. Apologies	<p>Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair), Laura Sexton, Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Kevin Lang, Jenni Meldrum (QBA).</p>
3. Police Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Sandra Watt, new Community Sergeant for North West Edinburgh, thanked Keith for his welcome remarks. The monthly report showed reductions in all the figures recorded and additional background was provided on incidents. Current activity continued to concentrate on car drivers and young people's anti-social behaviours. Plans for further action were discussed. Local residents were encouraged to use the 101 number to report incidents. Cllr Young noted feedback on delays in getting through resulting in calls unanswered and therefore statistics not reflecting the true picture. On evidence it would also be helpful to know what is required, eg photos, car numbers.</p>

	<p>ACTION: Sgt Watt to advise on evidence to support incident reports.</p> <p>Muir asked about Police responsibility for incidents involving people on the water, following a recent case involving jet skiers. Sandra advised that action would depend on individual circumstances but the Police would not enter the water. She would check Police procedure and report back.</p> <p>ACTION: Sgt Watt to check and advise on Police action regarding incidents in the water, eg in/around the Harbour area.</p>
<p>4. Minutes from Last Meeting (Aug 21)</p>	<p>Minutes proposed by David F and seconded by Neil.</p>
<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 2020</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sept update – raised at meeting with CEC officials, to be considered as part of wider action on small museums.</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 to act as an engagement vehicle. Now topic on Edinburgh CC Association, also struggling to set up meeting with CEC. Sept update – raised at meeting with CEC officials. Director of Place taken action to investigate how email communication might be improved. See CEC Engagement action below.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>JANUARY 2021</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ACTION DEFERRED TO JUNE 22 – to confirm formally adopted.</p> <p>MARCH 2021</p> <p>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. Cllrs Lang/Young notified of fly-tipping at Tesco, Aug. Need for dedicated recycling point in SQ being pursued. Sept update – Cllrs Lang/Young to resolve.</p> <p>ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>APRIL 2021</p>

QHS: Michelle and Neil to pick up re-establishing community engagement at QHS. Neil to follow-up at start of next session. **Sept update** – Meeting to be arranged, as discussed at Agenda item 6.

ACTION CLOSED

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

QCCC - Trishaws: Rosebery Estate and CEC Access Officer discussing options to resolve access restrictions at Dark Entry, Cllr Work monitoring. Norman checking progress with Active Travel Officer, Aug. **Sept update** – Martin Duncan contacted, response awaited.

ACTION CONTINUES

MAY 2021

Community Facility Funding: Set up Development Trust sub-committee to discuss taking this forward. Meetings held, seeking members views, Aug. **Sept update** – consultation with community on proposals via website & social media.

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. **Sept 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. Work now in progress at QHS to install new large pipes, Aug. Monitor to conclusion. **Sept update** – ongoing.

ACTION CONTINUES – PENDING WORKS SIGN OFF

Cemetery Maintenance: Cllr Work to liaise with the new Friends Group, and other interested parties, on action proposed to resolve Cemetery maintenance concerns. Friends Group held first meeting, Aug. **Sept update** – see Cllr Work report, positive meeting, action ‘wish list’ agreed. Post meeting note, action list issued.

ACTION CLOSED

Skate Park Proposal: Cllr Work to seek clarification on VAT Run status from CEC. **Aug update** – CEC confirmed not currently Local Nature Reserve, but

	<p>being considered. CEC also advised may conflict with Forest Kindergarten.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>JULY 21</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Harbour Repairs: Cllr Hutchison to pursue action on Harbour repairs with CEC. Graham written to CEC, meeting scheduled. Work needs to be priority, will continue to pursue, Aug. Sept update - raised with CEC officials, agreed action by Gareth Barwell awaited. Cllr Hutchison also pursuing.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>Longcraig Pier: Cllr Hutchison to check position on resurfacing road to Longcraig Pier. Aug update – waiting for response from CEC.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>CEC Engagement: Keith to form group to discuss CEC lack of community engagement with CCs. Cllr Hutchison to be involved. 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. Sept update – covered in Chair’s report, QDCC meeting with CEC officials, 6 Sept. Meeting minutes and CEC actions submitted for approval. Post meeting Director of Place took matter up with CEC Governance. CEC email system updated and QDCC Councillors email addresses added to the (safe) ‘Whitelist’.</p> <p>ACTION CONTINUES – PENDING CONFIRMATION OF IMPROVED EMAIL RESPONSES</p> <p>Forth Bridge Lights: Karen to check responsibility for replacing/updating lights on Forth Bridge. Sept update – currently no funding available.</p> <p>ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>AUGUST 21 MINUTES</p> <p>High Street Warning Signage: 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. Sept update – covered at Agenda item 11, Transport. Signs erected.</p> <p>ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>Glenforth Court Gardens: Diane and Neil to ascertain garden maintenance position at Glenforth Court, Ferrymuir.</p> <p>ACTION OUTSTANDING</p>
6. QHS Update	Keith introduced Craig Downie, new Headteacher at QHS. Craig thanked Keith for welcoming him and providing the opportunity to meet QDCC members and

	<p>attendees, albeit online for the moment. He had only just started and was therefore still getting to know everyone at the school and across the wider community. He looked forward to engaging with QDCC in due course.</p> <p>Michelle noted there were 14 new staff this session. Also New acting Depute Headteacher, Kevin Thomas, who was a previous PSL for Hopetoun House and that post is being covered internally.</p> <p>Louise reported complaint received on congestion involving the buses at 'drop off' time. Michelle forwarded contact details of the transport lead to refer this to. Louise had also received comments from residents on the floodlights, querying lit till 10.00pm and shining into homes, plus some noise. Michelle said the lights were being tested and the school had been notified about timing and noise, she would pass on this additional feedback.</p> <p>On pupil engagement for this session Neil asked how best to set up meeting to take forward. Agreed Michelle to suggest dates, and will act as point of contact. Keith asked which businesses or professions the school would like to engage with in terms of skills and knowledge, and a number of these were discussed. Opportunities for voluntary work, award schemes and wider youth activity, were also raised.</p> <p>Keith thanked Craig and Michelle for their updates and feedback.</p>
<p>7. Chair's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p>
<p>8. Councillors' Reports</p>	<p>Cllrs Lang/Young. Report circulated before the meeting. Diane asked if there was any update on the location for new West Edinburgh High School. Louise advised that more on this would be known in October.</p> <p>Cllr Hutchison. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p> <p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. Anne asked if Ward Cllrs could help with the vaccination centre access concerns noted in her Health & Wellbeing report, specifically lack of direct bus service to the main Ingliston centre to be used by all residents, and as no local GP-run flu service this year. Agreement from NHS Lothian that people car sharing or in a minibus will be taken together as long as they have an appointment for some point in the future, but this may not be satisfactory for everyone. Potential to divert First Bus 63 service raised, and while not a Lothian service it is funded by CEC grant so may be scope to amend route temporarily. This would also help Kirkliston residents as well as SQ. Norman and Louise agreed to raise with CEC.</p> <p>ACTION: Ward Cllrs to raise potential to temporarily amend First Bus 63 route, to include Ingliston vaccination centre, with CEC.</p>

9. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.
10. Secretary's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be notified direct to Terry to respond.
11. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Planning & Housing. Report circulated before the meeting. Diane advised another busy month as described in her report with 12 applications. She summarised the main areas of activity, including the proposed City Plan 2030 to be discussed by CEC that week. Grant asked about additional houses at Ferrymuir and Diane agreed to check.</p> <p><u>Forth Bridge Experience Visitor Centre, amended plans</u> A local resident queried the provision of electric charging points in Queensferry. The Visitor Centre plans include 16 electric charging spaces but parking is to be closed at night so not accessible to residents. This was raised with Network Rail at one of the recent 'drop in' meetings on the new plans. Grant noted the charging points were intended for visitors, and that there had been previous concerns amongst residents on noise levels when the facility is closed, as well as security.</p> <p>Transport. Report circulated before the meeting. Keith commented that warning signs for cyclists continuing west bound onto the High Street against the flow of traffic had been erected, but were being ignored.</p> <p>Environment. Report circulated before the meeting. Neil noted the recent positive enhancements across Queensferry. The Plastics Free Queensferry proposal seeking formal action is not within QDCC remit. Agreed this needs to come from CEC. Neil to ask the group to liaise with Cllr Lang to take this forward as he is a member of the Environment Committee. Andy queried what the group are looking for from QDCC or others. Neil to check further.</p> <p>ACTION: Neil to ascertain what the new Plastic Free Queensferry group is seeking from QDCC, or more appropriately CEC, and refer their request onto Cllr Lang to pursue with CEC Environment Committee where relevant.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing. Report circulated before the meeting. Vaccination centre transport discussed at Agenda item 8. Nothing further to add, no questions raised.</p> <p>Communication. Report circulated before the meeting. Graeme advised he had added Visit Queensferry information to QDCC website, as a brand placeholder pending formal adoption by others, potentially the Development Trust.</p> <p>Education & Recreation. Report circulated before the meeting. David F noted he is in touch with Primary and High School Parent Council</p>

	<p>Chairs, and responses awaited.</p> <p>Forth Bridges Tourism Strategy Keith invited Karen to update QDCC on progress, including the signage project which was also of interest to one of the other attendees. Currently liaising with Network Rail and seeking one designer common to both projects. Karen to forward Strategy link to attendee for potential assistance. Updates also given on UNESCO digital trail, green tourism accreditation, and Visit Scotland attractions discount promotion.</p> <p>QCCC Gillian reported day care had resumed beginning of August. Groups were small, but numbers building, and going well. AGM on 30 September at Health Centre, Keith and Terry both invited to attend on behalf of QDCC. The Trishaws had seen low interest so far, due to current circumstances. Someone with prior experience elsewhere was moving to Queensferry, so hopeful may help increase take-up next year. Neil asked about reaching out to other groups or individuals who might benefit. Gillian mentioned social prescribing by GPs as a possibility.</p> <p>QHT David L thanked Karen for providing Visit Scotland initiative information. On Plastic Free Queensferry, QHT had been approached as a community ally. He also noted all meetings will be virtual this year.</p> <p>QBC Muir reported QBC had held first face-to-face meeting. The AGM is on 29 October. Regarding discussion at recent meeting with CEC officials he advised no-one had been in touch about joint visit at the Harbour, and no contact either on the slipway safety sign.</p> <p>SQ Rotary Club Neil advised face-to-face meetings to recommence end of October. Refurbishment work at the Hideaway café was finished, and all looking good. Proposals for Santa Sleigh programme underway, subject to CEC licence, insurance etc.</p>
12. CEC/QDCC Business	None raised.
13. Questions from the floor	No questions raised, but comment that Police Report discussion had been very good.
14. AOB	<p>Anne proposed doing Ferry Elves again this year starting October, subject to QDCC approval. This was agreed.</p> <p>Andy advised that a recent fire rescue involving a crew from Dunfermline had</p>

	<p>found they didn't know where the nearest fire hydrant was. The background to this was discussed and concern expressed. Agreed more information to be sought on why they were unable to access the records. Keith to ask Terry to check further with Andy, formally follow up with the Fire Service, and report back.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to liaise with Andy on fire hydrant records following recent incident, and formally follow up-with the Fire Service if required.</p>
15. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 25 October 2021 at 7.30pm.

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