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Nov 2021

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## **Chairs report for the virtual business meeting being held Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov '21.**

### **Queensferry Sea Cadets AGM 27<sup>th</sup> October '21**

I was invited to and attended the Queensferry Sea Cadets AGM. The Sea Cadets delivered a substantive diverse development programme for the cadets in a very difficult year on a limited budget, in difficult circumstances working within the limits of the Covid restrictions. I was impressed with the support they provide to their cadets so invited the Chair Andy Shearer to share their AGM report with you and the Sea Cadets Chaplain Dr Rev Iain MacRobert the Minister for the Priory Church which presents him with the opportunity to inform you about the work of the church at our November QDCC business meeting.

### **Forth Bridges Men's Shed**

I was asked by Tony Jones Chair of Forth Bridges Men's Shed if I could assist him by providing contacts and information to set up and establish a Men's Shed in the Queensferry locality. Presently the Rosebery Hall MC has agreed to support them by providing them with a room to meet. They are in the process of developing their plans by researching Men's Shed and how others have been established. I suspect premises could be the real hurdle to overcome.

### **High St Improvements Works**

I have met and spoken with Derek Reid Site Manager for Gilmartins Civils and been given an onsite update about progress with the High Street works. The work seems to have gone better than planned and disruption and traffic congestion has not been as serious as some might have expected. The work is on target to take a break on the 6<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas trade period for local businesses and residents.

### **Meeting with Daisy Narayanan 4<sup>th</sup> Nov '21**

As reported in my October QDCC Chairs report a virtual meeting was planned and held with Daisy Narayanan Urbanism expert appointed to lead on Edinburgh's sustainable placemaking future. Our intention is to meet with Daisy early in '22 to discuss the content of numerous consultations that have been held in Queensferry with the intention of exploring how an updated document of improvements and actions can be compiled into a working project document for all interested parties in Queensferry.

### **Queensferry CDT Steering Group Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> Nov '21**

I chaired a meeting of the Steering group. Invited to the meeting was the Chair of Winchburgh CDT who gave an enlightening talk about the challenges and journey they had travelled forming a CDT.

Lucy Espeland Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) attended and provided information about DTAS who provide support and guidance to groups who wish to form a development trust.

The next meeting is planned for 8<sup>th</sup> Dec '21.

### **Almond Neighbourhood Network Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> Nov ,21**

I chaired a meeting of the Almond Neighbour network as did QDCC Conveners Health & Wellbeing and Communications. Should you be interested in the work of the NN minutes of the meetings can be provided to you.

### **EACC Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> Nov '21**

I was invited to attend a meeting being held with EACC representatives and CEC Governance officers to discuss the thorny issue of how CEC should/could support Community Councils in they work they do representing their communities with the council, stakeholders and government agencies. I can make a paper that had been tabled prior to the meeting available to interested parties.

### **Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Committee meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> Nov '21**

A quarterly virtual meeting had been arranged which I attended. There was little progress to report from the last quarterly meeting aside from learning that Mr Ian Heigh Network Rail is retiring at the end of this year. Ian has been a good friend to QDCC keeping us informed of Forth Bridge matters and developments both on the bridge and that would impact upon Queensferry and the wider locality. We are indebted to Ian for doing so and he will be sorely missed. I would contest his knowledge and experience will be missed no more than by local voluntary organisations like QDCC.

### **Other matters**

On behalf of QDCC I continue to support convenors and local interest groups and individuals with enquiries from council departments, officers, local residents and businesses on a variety of different subject and topics.

Keith Giblett, Chair  
20 Nov 21.

## Secretary's Report Terry Airlie

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### **CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – NOVEMBER REPORT**

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing communication has been quite busy again since last month.  
Continuing interest in the Spaces for People project, Hawes Car Park turning circle, plans for the High Street, the roadworks at the foot of the loan and the Builyeon Road Development.

In the last couple of weeks a lot of (negative) interest was received in plans to erect a 5G telecommunications mast at the junction of Rosebery Avenue and Kirkliston Road.

I have collated comments and sent on to the applicant and await an acknowledgement.

Again a number of mails have been received 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 quite a few 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.

I believe the time is right for QDCC to discuss how best to position ourselves in terms of getting across to local residents our aims and purpose.

A couple of direct calls were received relating to Council Tax queries from residents new to Queensferry.

This month the mailbox has once again has included queries on the availability or otherwise of Council Housing and/or affordable homes.

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

Complaints were also received about firework noise around bonfire night.

A query relating to assistance in trying to overturn a parking fine in Scotmid Carpark was also received.

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

By far the largest volume of mail received (about 20 queries) related to the plans to erect a 5G telecommunications mast at the junction of Rosebery Avenue and Kirkliston Road.

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 a 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 and setting up the QDCC shared mailbox.

2. A number of website enquiries have been received over the last period on various topics, mostly as 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 22<sup>nd</sup> November have been received.

One significant item of postal mail was received in the period since the last meeting – a hard copy of the City Plan 2030. I viewed this and it has been passed on to Diane.

3. On 4<sup>th</sup> November I attended a virtual meeting with Daisy Narayanan from CEC on placemaking. I have issued internal notes and once comments are received I will collate, send these on to Daisy and arrange a follow up meeting early next year.
4. On 9<sup>th</sup> November I attended a virtual meeting of the Queensferry Community Development Trust steering group
5. On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of QDCC at the Remembrance Day Ceremony. It was very well attended with around 20 wreaths being laid.
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.

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 – 20<sup>th</sup> November 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 - Remembrance Wreath - £32.40

Lothian Conservation Volunteers - Work for ECW - £66.40

**Total CC Funds = £1624.39**

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## Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

- Cash Management Account - £18346.89
- 95 Day Notice Account - Oct interest £7.74 - £60743.19

Nationwide Building Society - £86079.60

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £85846.05

Charity Bank - £60872.28

**Community Facility Funding Total = £ 396888.01**

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 has published brief updates in the Nov/Dec edition to give up space for the Queensferry CDT advert. 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](mailto:Alistair@wordsandpicturesuk.com). Distribution has been delayed this month due to a supply transport problem.

### CEC Engagement

EACC continues to negotiate a stronger two way communication link between CEC and CC's.

### 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.

## 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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### Ed/Rec report for November 2021.

#### **QHS Parents Council meeting 26<sup>th</sup> October.** A brief summary.

Sarah Clarkson has recently taken over as chairperson. She welcomed attendees and drew attention to training programmes available for them. The PC are going to review their constitution

The main part of the meeting was the presentation by the new Head Teacher, Craig Downie (CD).

He told the meeting that the staff had been working incredibly hard throughout the Covid problems.

He looked forward to working with parents and carers to make an even more successful school.

He described the revised Assessment Strategy and confirmed that there would be no prelims or study leave. Arrangements for exams will have to be modified.

CD spoke about the effect of Covid on pupils. They are recruiting more staff, in particular to support pupils who are struggling with their schooling.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme will be re-started.

CD stated that they are looking to establish a consistency of standards and already there has been an improvement.

They intend to reinstate parents' evenings.

There will be an extensive review of the curriculum. CD is keen to celebrate success within the school.

There followed a question and answer session which was very positive and encouraging.

After the full minutes have been adopted in the next PC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December, they will be made available on the school website and to parents and councillors.

David Flint

## QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for November 2021

### **Sewage issues - Station /Ashburnham Road**

Work has commenced to restore the land where the new sewage works were carried out.

### **Mclvor Brae**

A Friends of Ferry Glen team has tidied up the ground around the Fir tree which is to be illuminated for the Christmas in Queensferry display. We hope to have the area under the “Guardian of the Bridges sculpture refreshed with fresh bark.

Keith Giblett has reached out to a number of CEC contacts to identify parties who could assist with the repair to the above sculpture as a large part of the small mosaic tiles on one of the “humps” is missing either through children sitting on it or perhaps vandalism. Keith is also seeking contacts to repair the concrete seal sculpture at the Hawes Pier which has lost an eye due to corrosion of the underlying reinforcing steel members.

### **St Margaret’s Primary School**

With one of my Friends of Ferry Glen volunteers we ran an educational workshop for the primary 6/7 pupils on bulb cultivation. The workshop comprised a practical bulb planting session whilst delivering some biological information as well as some history and economic lessons surrounding the Holland Tulip Mania phenomenon of the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century. The plan is to run further vegetable growing workshops for the children in the spring of 2022 making full use of the poly tunnel which is currently underutilised.

### **Friends of South Queensferry Cemetery and the Vennel**

I have undertaken some bulb planting sessions at the cemetery to assist this group and have offered my support to prepare an application for a Green Flag Award for the cemetery. The group have made great progress with the enhancement of the cemetery since its recent inception.

### **“The Toppies” Shopping Precinct**

I have tidied up the 7 large wooden planters and planted them up with spring flowering plants. The oak barrel planters are on their last legs so I will develop a plan to raise some funding to replace them hopefully in time for next summer planting.

### **Planters at Stewart Clark Avenue**

I am still trying to ascertain what CEC have committed to do to refurbish the 8 large stone planters in this part of town. Meantime I have cleared out 3 of them and planted them up with some spring flowering plants and bulbs

## **Cleanferry Group**

Another successful litter blitz was run by this group around the grounds surrounding the Tesco store with numerous bags of litter being filled.

## **South Queensferry Rotary Club**

A few weeks ago a group of Rotary Club members planted several hundred purple crocus bulbs at the grass area at the Echline Corner. These purple crocus bulbs are the signature colour for the Rotary International project to eradicate Polio throughout the world.

A Rotary team also undertook a massive clear out of the overgrown “wilderness” area of ground next to the side door entrance to the Rosebery Halls Community Centre and further landscaping work will be done to create a more pleasant easily maintained garden area. We thank Gary Hook and his grounds maintenance team for uplifting the considerable amount of “green waste” from the site.

The club are also currently involved on giving the Ferry Fair Charity Bookshop a “make over “before it re opens.

## **Friends of Ferry Glen**

“It’s that time of the year again “and our team have been out busy sweeping leaves from the footpaths and stairs in the Ferry Glen area.

**Neil McKinlay , Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee**

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

# Health & Wellbeing Anne Mitchell

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## **Health and Wellbeing report November 2021**

Ferry Elves are up and running for 2021 with 20 children referred so far. Huge thanks to the Rosebery hall committee for allowing us to use the community huts for drop off sessions of clothes, gift wrap and as new toys. The community has not failed to support this local initiative and the Just giving page has raised £ 800 within the first week.

We were very fortunate and were successful in receiving money through the Almond Neighbourhood Network to support this scheme.

The high school hope to generate a foodbank again this year and we are looking at winter coat and shoe provision. We have established strong links with 2 of the primary schools in particular.

During November I have remained an active member of the Almond voluntary sector forum where there is much discussion about how to deal with social isolation and subsequent mental health support following lock down and cost of living rises.

Locally we are in negotiation with Y people to see if a drop-in session for advice about housing and benefits can be reinstated for the area.

Health in mind have also been contacted to discuss the potential for restarting face to face meetings or training sessions.

I also attend the Almond Neighbourhood network as current focus is on social isolation. The initial work around what activities are available is 90% complete for this area and the glaring gaps are around mental health support for children and young adults.

As health and wellbeing convenor for QDCC I was asked to represent the Edinburgh community councils at a joint meeting with the Edinburgh joint board providing health and social care across Lothian and was able to discuss the perceived chaos around vaccine appointments particularly for those who are housebound.

Links with these varied groups allowed me to raise with the Edinburgh public health team the difficulties that some families had around getting a PCR test when they didn't drive. Subsequently local schools are now aware of how to expediate this testing and minimise time away from education for the children.

Attend a zoom discussion around what specialist housing would be required for the future and was pleased to see that his group was seriously looking at future proofing new builds as well as how local people can access these new builds.

Another zoom event was around mental health, what was defined by that phrase and how funding should be spent for the over 16s. Pointed out that joining excellent groups in Edinburgh took a lot more time, effort and money for people like those in Queensferry to get to than it did for those in the city on frequent bus routes.

The issues around Lloyds pharmacy and service provision remains fragmented with little communication other than a note on the door.

Via the transport group and Almond neighbourhood network have raised with Spaces for People that a few people are missing their step when using widened pavements leading to bad falls. This will be reviewed.

**Anne Mitchell**

## Planning Report November 2021

### Applications

#### During four week period seven applications were received

21/05371/FUL - Proposed two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension - 48 Station Road

21/05449/CLP - Garage Conversion - 21 Briggers Brae

21/05749/FUL - Proposed rear single storey extension and front canopy - 17 Primrose Gardens

21/05780/FUL - Construction of outdoor building in garden - 79 Sommerville Gardens

21/05827/FUL - Formation of passing place on public road - Craigiehill Quarry West Craigie Farm Road Dalmeny

21/05870/PA - Proposed 16.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works - Telecoms Apparatus 26 Metres Northwest Of 90 Rosebery Avenue

21/05787/ADV - The proposed advertisement is a vinyl banner 2000mmw x 1000mmh signposting the direction to the RNLI Queensferry shop - Proposed Advertisement Hoarding 44 Metres North Of 22 Newhalls Road

### Decisions

#### The planning authority made eight decisions during the four week period

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 - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

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

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

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

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

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 - GRANTED

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

20/05023/FUL - Residential development and associated works including formation of vehicular and pedestrian access, suds, infrastructure provision and hard and soft landscaping - Land Bounded By M90, Springfield Lea, Place And Terrace And Bo'Ness Road Echline- GRANTED WITH LEGAL AGREEMENT

### 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 - comments on these applications is now closed and there has been no indication to when a decision will be made on these applications

## **Springfield LDP Site HSG1**

20/05023/FUL - This application which was minded to grant in May 2021 has now been granted as the S75 legal agreement has successfully been completed. Within this agreement there will be 44 affordable properties 1, 2 and 3 bedroom, which will include 30 flats and 14 houses 9 of which will be delivered by RSL and 5 will be Golden Share. It is not known at this stage how many will be social rent or mid rent for the flats. Just over £2 million to be given towards education, Health Care contribution is £36,960, Car Club contribution is £23,500 and the Transport Contribution £6000. The S75 Agreement can be viewed in full in the planning portal.

## **Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)**

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 - there has been no further update

## **Scotstoun House**

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

There has been no indication when a decision will be made on these applications.

## **Dalmeny Park**

21/00518/FUL - The change of use to housing and the building of 16 affordable flats. The application was heard at the Dev Management Sub-Committee meeting on Wednesday 27th October and was approved. I listened to the webcast and the main topic of the discussion on this application was how many cycle parking spaces there should be!!!! Please note that the planning portal has yet to be updated.

## **Forthview Development (Corus site)**

There has been no update from Ambassador on how this development is progressing

## **City Plan 2030**

The draft proposed plan was discussed by the CEC planning committee on the 29th September - and was approved. The plan is now at it's next stage the statutory period of representation before it can be submitted to Scottish Ministers for Examination. Representations can now be made on the plan until 5pm on the 20th December. Queensferry has one area highlighted in the plan as H64 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 proposed 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 that if the proposed site is accepted in the City Plan 2030 Queensferry would lose employment for more housing.

You can [make representations on the proposed City Plan 2030](#) during the six week representation period running from 7 November to the 20 December 2021 through the consultation hub. Representations can be in support of, or object to any aspect of the Proposed Plan, and should set out any changes you wish to see. Comments can also be made on the Environmental Report and background documents. All comments must be submitted through the hub by 5pm on Monday 20 December.

More information can be found here - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cityplan2030>

### **Telecommunication Masts**

21/05870/PA | Proposed 16.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wrapround Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. | Telecoms Apparatus 26 Metres Northwest Of 90 Rosebery Avenue South Queensferry

QDCC received a consultation letter for this mast from WHP Telecoms Ltd and shared the information via our social media and website for feedback, we received many e-mails objecting and raising concerns to this mast being located at this location and have relayed these to WHP.

A planning application for this mast has now been submitted to CEC and residents can raise their concerns directly to CEC planning, all documents on this application can be viewed in the planning portal. Neighbour notifications have been sent to four households nearest the location of the mast. The document SITE SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION in the portal states other sites looked at but discounted for various reasons. Objections to planning applications for masts can be raised for ie for location and appearance of the masts. Unfortunately I am led to believe that current legislation makes it quite constrained for CEC and other planning authorities as it can only consider the siting and appearance of these masts.

I have been informed that 5G masts have a shorter range and limited by obstructions and therefore sadly applications such as this could become a regular occurrence in the future.

This will be my last planning report for 2021 but will be continuing throughout December and January 2022 with planning matters.

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

## Transport Report for November 2021

- 1. High Street Resurfacing** – No major news on the main High Street section since last month, but peripheral work is complete at the west end of the Hawes promenade and clear progress made on the pavement at the bottom of The Loan. While work will pause in December there is more scheduled for early in the new year. This is possibly more disruptive to vehicles as it involves resurfacing the road rather than just creating a new pavement.
- 2. Burnshot Bridge** – A tree planting event originally planned immediately after completion of the Burnshot Bridge will be held on Thursday 2 December between 10.30am and 2pm. It is mainly intended for Kirkliston Primary School P7 children but everyone is welcome and all equipment will be provided. A total of 450 trees are available for planting at this event, which will be supplemented by more wildflower seeds in spring 2022 because the original plants didn't take in the dry spell of 2021.
- 3. 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. As per last month's action we contacted CEC about a three different pedestrian fall incidents that occurred on Queensferry High St, leaving the patients bruised and shaken. The affected people couldn't provide reasons for falling but it's possible the sharp change in height from the kerb led to them tripping over. If this is a common issue there might be a technical solution available.
- 4. Dialogue with BEAR** – As per last month's action, we asked BEAR about effectiveness of the cable cleaning trial mentioned in their newsletter from August. Furthermore we asked about general plans for diverting traffic during times when/if ice accretion affects the Queensferry Crossing. A date/time of Monday 29 November at 6pm was proposed for a virtual meeting so just let me know if you wish to attend.
- 5. Active Travel** – Earlier this month we participated in a virtual meeting with CEC's new urbanism expert, as mentioned in the Chair's report. With residential developments anticipated soon, Queensferry is likely to be included in the aim of drawing transport and planning closer together and delivering the City Mobility Plan. The task shouldn't be underestimated as initiatives can be complicated by funding or external stakeholders such as Transport Scotland or a variety of landowners. Previous experience has been frustrating for locals, with the High Street surface project being just one example. In advance of another meeting in 8-12 weeks, QDCC would try listing and distributing town studies from a range of providers over the past 10-15 years on topics such as placemaking, signage and traffic.
- 6. Public Transport** – Following resolution of the industrial dispute at ScotRail earlier this month, trains are now running again on Sundays. Owing to staff shortages at Lothian Country coupled with relatively low passenger demand, the off-peak 43 bus frequency is

being reduced from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes. Selected routes across Lothian's network are being cut back for these reasons along with city centre delays associated with tram and North Bridge diversions, which consume extra resources. This will probably remain in place into 2022 unless travel patterns change significantly. Occasional issues are experienced on the 7 and 63 services which are usually reported through Twitter messages as driver shortages come to light.

**Grant Sangster**

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

18 November 2021

## Queensferry & District Community Council – November 2021

### Resident feedback on the High Street traffic measures

In response to many emails about the impact of the new measures on the High Street, we ran a short survey to try and get a sense of how widespread these views were. We had around 250 responses, 2/3s of which were people who were in favour of the one-way scheme. Some of the headline statistics are below. We have shared this information with Council Officials and asked for their proposals on what can be done in response:

- 40% specifically called out the benefit of feeling a visit to the high street is now a better experience as a pedestrian and a similar number mentioned being pleased at having less traffic on the high street
- 40% mentioned concerns over the Rosshill/Station Rd pollution levels
- 40% said they find it harder to find somewhere to park when visiting the high St to shop
- Calls for improved parking solutions to avoid discouraging shoppers to the high street.
- Most common concern was cycling safety, with cycling allowed 2-way on the high street. Drivers who are unaware can be surprised and it risks an accident. Need better signposting for drivers or divert cyclists.
- A review of alternative diversion routes away from the 3 schools or install safe crossing points.

### QHS & Edinburgh Leisure

We've had a number of emails from local residents cover a few things connected to the school. With the darker nights, the contrast with the floodlights is causing some issues for neighbouring residents, and some of the entrance lights remain on overnight. We're looking into any adjustments that can be made to mitigate the impact.

We've also had a complaint/concern raised over the deterioration in the leisure facilities stainless steel/chrome finishings which are showing some signs of rust already – perhaps impacted by the Covid cleaning measures. We've asked Officers to look at what can be done.

### Roadworks at The Loan/Hopetoun Road

We are pleased to see progress being made here, and the introduction of the pavement on the west side is a great measure for pedestrians. However we've also hear about the impact of the work on passing trade for nearby retail and we've made enquiries with Officials about any options to help support our local businesses.

### Scotstoun Ave traffic calming

This has been repeatedly delayed. Despite assurances that Spaces for People initiatives would not impact on other active travel projects, this particular road has been pushed back repeatedly for years. The detailed designs and road safety audit are now complete, and the final legal paperwork is being completed. The tender should be going out by the end of this month/start of December and we are due an update on the tender before Christmas.

### 5G mast installations

We've had increasing numbers of complaints from residents around the sudden installation of 5G phone masts at Springfield/Bo'ness Rd, and Rosebery/Kirkliston Rd. These are appearing across our ward and we've had similar complaints in Kirkliston and Silverknowes. We are very concerned that such large structures are been erected without a proper consultation or opportunity for objection. However, the Government has given 'permitted rights' to telecommunications companies who don't

have to apply for planning permission except in circumstances such as being sited in a conservation area.

### **Remembrance Day ceremony**

We were both delighted, along with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, to join members of the community in the return of the Remembrance Day parade and ceremony. A very fitting tribute and an honour to pay our respects.

## ClIr Hutchison

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### **Councillors Report — November 2021**

#### **COVID-19 Response**

The council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be analysed through update reports to the Policy and Sustainability committee, 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 and have thankfully started to see some progress on.

#### **Full Council**

Full Council met on Thursday 28th October with a significant portion of the meeting giving to the inquiry report by Susanne Tanner QC into historic abuse allegations.

Full Council will meet again on Thursday 25th November at 10am in a virtual setting and the meeting will be webcast in the usual fashion.

#### **Almond Neighbourhood Network**

The Almond Neighbourhood Network met on Wednesday 10th November, as previously the timing of the meeting meant that I was unable to attend.

#### **Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee**

A meeting of the Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee was held on Wednesday 3rd November.

It was agreed that future meeting will continue to be held virtually and would move to an earlier start time of 5pm.

#### **Local Issues**

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

**5G masts** - I have received a number of complaints about the proposed erection of new 5G telecommunications masts in the town.

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

#### **Events**

**I was honoured to attend the Remembrance Sunday commemoration in the High Street along with my family and to lay a wreath of behalf of Councillor Work and I. I commend everyone involved in organising the event and the members of The Queensferry History Group for the wonderful book they produced which I was privileged to receive a copy of.**

**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](mailto:graham.hutchison@edinburgh.gov.uk) or phone [0131 529 4354](tel:01315294354).

## Cllr Work

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### **Cllr Norman Work's report for November meeting 2021**

**Queensferry Sea Cadets;** I was invited to attend a virtual AGM of Queensferry Sea Cadets on 27<sup>th</sup> October where it was pleasing to learn that they have finally secured a long-term lease which now gives them the opportunity to build a purpose-built hall.

**Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee;** I chaired the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November also attended by Cllr Hutchison. Work has started to surface the road to Longcraig Pier after CEC accepted that they are responsible even though the land the road is on is not owned by the council. Details of work on both piers was discussed, cruise liner visits and it was agreed to continue with virtual meetings but to hold in late afternoon rather than evening to accommodate working hours of participants.

**QCDT Steering Group;** I managed to attend the last hour of the Community Development Trust Steering Group meeting where I was encouraged to see several new faces who are interested in getting involved.

**Christmas in Queensferry;** A social distant meeting was held in the Rosebery Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November to go over the final arrangements for the small light switch on event taking place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November. This is not a public event and photos/news will be posted on Facebook as soon as possible after the event.

**Remembrance Sunday;** I was grateful to Cllr Hutchison who laid a wreath on behalf of both of us as I was unable to attend the service in Queensferry as I was asked by the Lord Provost if I could attend the remembrance service at Haymarket on behalf of the city.

**Loony Dook;** An action point from last month's meeting. I was asked to make enquiries about this year's Loony Dook. I have not been provided with much detail of what is planned but I was informed that there is an event going ahead this year as the Council has agreed to underwrite this year's event and an announcement will be made in due course.

**Other meetings/events/issues;** I noticed that the metal pole has now been removed at the Dark Entrance. I attended the Queensferry High School Parent Council via MS Teams on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Attended the Almond Neighbourhood Network meeting on 10th November. I went along to the Dalmeny Xmas Market on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November. I have received several emails regarding 5G Masts, a complaint about dog fouling and another incident of a house being targeted by eggs in relation to youths at the top shops.

Cllr Norman Work

# Other Documents

## Agenda

**QDCC November Business Meeting  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm  
(Virtual Meeting)**

<b>1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome &amp; Protocols</b>
<b>2. Apologies</b>
<b>3. Police Report</b>
<b>4. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (October 2021)</b>
<b>5. Any Matters Arising</b>
<b>6. Sea Cadets – Andy Shearer and Ian McRoberts</b>
<b>7. Promotion of Purpose of QDCC</b>
<b>8. Community Development Trust Update</b>
<b>9. Chair's Report</b>
<b>10. Almond Ward Councillor Reports</b>
<b>11. Treasurer's Report</b>
<b>12. Secretary's Report</b>
<b>13. QDCC Sub Committees Reports</b>
<b>14. CEC/QDCC Business updates</b>
<b>15. Any Other Business</b>
<b>16. Questions from the floor</b>
<b>17. Date and time of next meeting</b>

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021

## Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

### Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 25 October 2021 at 7.30pm

### MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

#### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer), Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Muir Kay (QBC), David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary), Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, and 1 local resident.

<b>1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	<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.</p> <p>Keith noted October again busy with various planning matters and the High Street improvement works.</p>
<b>2. Apologies</b>	<p>David Flint, Laura Sexton, Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Sgt Sandra Watt (Police Scotland), Jenni Meldrum (QBA).</p>
<b>3. Police Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>No further driving related incidents reported at the Hawes from September onwards, and only 1 regarding Ferrymuir.</p> <p>Graeme asked if the Police Report can be included in the Newsletter. Terry agreed to check.</p> <p>No other questions raised. Members advised to contact Terry direct if any arise subsequently.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Terry to contact Inspector Elliot regarding publication of Police Report.</b></p>
<b>4. Minutes from Last Meeting (Sept 21)</b>	<p>Minutes proposed by Graeme and seconded by Grant.</p>
<b>5. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY 2020</u></b></p> <p><b>Museum:</b> 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. Raised at meeting with CEC officials, 6 Sept, to be considered as part of wider</p>

action on small museums. **Oct update** – request to CEC for update on all their actions from recent meeting. Advised in hand, Gareth Barwell to complete on return from leave.

**ACTION CONTINUES**

**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. Raised at meeting with CEC officials, Sept. Director of Place taken action to investigate how email communication might be improved. See CEC Engagement action below. **Oct update** – covered in Chair’s report. Also discussed at EACC meeting on 21 October.

**ACTION CONTINUES**

**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.**

**Oct update** – Grant suggested checking grit bins are full before the winter sets in.

**Station Road:** Terry to notify CEC speed pads on Rosshill Terrace/Station Road require maintenance. CEC notified and response awaited. CEC discussing land ownership with Network Rail before approval for work to proceed, Aug. **Oct update** – no response from CEC, Terry to chase. Grant observed some repainting of speed cushions meantime.

**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. Martin Duncan, CEC Access Officer, contacted Sept, response awaited. **Oct update** - covered in Cllr Work report. Martin Duncan has asked for redundant metal post to be removed which should allow Trishaw access. Gillian Smith, QCCC, informed.

**ACTION CONTINUES**

**MAY 2021**

**Community Facility Funding:** Set up Development Trust sub-committee to discuss taking this forward. Meetings held, seeking members views, Aug. Consultation with community on proposals via website & social media, Sept. **Oct update** – covered in Chair’s report. To be handled as business agenda item going forward.

**ACTION CLOSED**

**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 with group. Ongoing, July.

**ACTION CONTINUES – LOW PRIORITY**

**JUNE 2021**

**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. Ongoing, Sept. **Oct update** – remedial work carried out, landscaping required to complete project. Area fenced and ready for planting. Review and close at next meeting.

**ACTION CONTINUES - PROPOSED TO CLOSE, NOV 21**

**Skate Park Proposal:** Cllr Work to seek clarification on VAT Run status from CEC. Confirmed not currently Local Nature Reserve, but being considered, Aug. CEC also advised may conflict with Forest Kindergarten. **Oct update** – no further contact, agreed to close.

**ACTION CLOSED**

**JULY 21**

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

**ACTION CONTINUES**

**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. Raised with CEC officials, agreed action by Gareth Barwell awaited, Sept. Cllr Hutchison also pursuing. **Oct update** – monitor via QDCC/CEC Meeting Actions list

**ACTION CLOSED**

**Longcraig Pier:** Cllr Hutchison to check position on resurfacing road to Longcraig Pier. Waiting for response from CEC, Aug. **Oct update** – Graham chased with CEC.

**ACTION CONTINUES**

**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, 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

	<p>(safe) 'Whitelist', Sept. <b>Oct update</b> – noted in Chair's Report, keep open.  <b>ACTION CONTINUES – PENDING CONFIRMATION OF IMPROVED EMAIL RESPONSES</b></p> <p><b><u>AUGUST 2021</u></b>  <b>Glenforth Court Gardens:</b> Diane and Neil to ascertain garden maintenance position at Glenforth Court, Ferrymuir. <b>Oct update</b> - enquiries concluded.  <b>ACTION CLOSED</b></p> <p><b><u>SEPTEMBER 2021</u></b>  <b>Police Incident Reporting:</b> Sgt Watt to advise on evidence to support incident reports involving driver related matters. <b>Oct update</b> – advice is 2 pieces of corroborated evidence required in order to pursue prosecution, plus witness statements and court attendance if called for by PFS.  <b>ACTION CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Incidents on the Water:</b> Sgt Watt to check and advise on Police action regarding incidents on the water, eg in/around the Harbour area. <b>Oct update</b> – Marine Unit contacted, formal response awaited. Circumstances will dictate response, normally wait for individuals to come ashore and then take action. Feedback passed onto Muir to inform QBC members.  <b>ACTION CONTINUES – PENDING FORMAL RESPONSE</b></p> <p><b>Ingliston Vaccination Centre Transport:</b> Ward Cllrs to raise potential to temporarily amend First Bus 63 route, to include Ingliston vaccination centre, with CEC. <b>Oct update</b> – route change not viable. However, appointments now available at Health Centre on Saturdays for those with difficulty accessing Ingliston. Note these are not being run by the GP practice.  <b>ACTION CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Plastic Free Group:</b> 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 if appropriate. <b>Oct update</b> – Neil in contact with Group and will report back as relevant.  <b>ACTION CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Fire Hydrant Locations:</b> Terry to liaise with Andy on fire hydrant records following recent incident, and formally follow up-with the Fire Service if required. <b>Oct update</b> – Keith checking with contact at Crewe Toll.  <b>ACTION CONTINUES</b></p>
<p><b>6. QDCC eMail Protocol Proposal</b></p>	<p>Graeme explained the background on using personal email addresses for correspondence outwith QDCC, following a recent incident with a local resident's email being passed on inadvertently. Revised procedure proposed all messages external to QDCC to be sent to Terry or Graeme, they then forward to addressees from the QDCC registered email account. Exceptions</p>

	to this where confidential information is involved. Proposal agreed, with immediate effect.
<b>7. QHS Update</b>	<p>Michelle updated the meeting on recent QHS activity, noting just back from half-term break. Positive meeting held with Neil, Graeme and others on driving forward common issues. Next meeting end November focussing on 16+ careers. Parent Council meeting on 26 October, first with Craig new QHS Headteacher. Staffing increases included 2 maths posts advertised, and 1 PE post. On pupil welfare and support QHS doesn't reach the threshold for an Education Welfare Officer, but looking to a Pupil Support Officer to assist with attendance, though this isn't low at QHS.</p> <p>Wish to get involved with Ferry Elves again, and at an early stage this year. Anne to contact Michelle re set up.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Anne to message Michelle on set up meeting for Ferry Elves.</b></p>
<b>8. CDT Update</b>	<p>Keith outlined the background and work to date on setting up a Community Development Trust, as detailed in his report. Positive feedback, with interest generated across Queensferry via social media posts and word of mouth. Guidance needed on direction of travel, currently learning from other Trusts what they've done. Reached out to Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS) and meeting with them on 9 November. Contacts for further information are Keith, Terry and Graeme.</p>
<b>9. Chair's Report</b>	Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.
<b>10. National Care Service</b>	<p>Keith invited Anne to outline the changes to health and social care provision proposed by the Scottish Government. Anne had covered this at a presentation to the EACC on 21 October. The main changes are around governance and funding, to provide better lines of accountability. They involve bringing control into SG, who would then procure services from local authorities. Aim is to address differences in equity of facilities and funding across Scotland.</p> <p>Questions and comments included extra or improved actual benefits for individuals; current significant issues with provision of care at home; placing responsibility in a single organisation; and addressing differences between city and rural needs. Acknowledged a complicated problem to solve, will need money and time.</p>
<b>11. Councillors' Reports</b>	<p><b>Cllr Hutchison.</b> Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised. Graham advised that he was not standing for re-election next May. Keith thanked him for his contribution to QDCC business and Graham also said that he had enjoyed working with QDCC.</p> <p><b>Cllrs Lang/Young.</b> Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add. Keith queried the apparent difference between the report and that from the Police this month on calls regarding noisy cars and ASB. Kevin said that still</p>

	<p>getting feedback from residents, and who say not reporting to Police as can't get through. Local resident present advised a call they made had been answered quickly, and the previous night there had been 2 Police vans dealing with ASB. In contrast Kevin had been contacted by a constituent who had waited 30mins to get through and gave up. His view was that a public meeting is needed. Keith noted there was a need to get confidence back into the 101 reporting system.</p> <p>David L queried reliance on Sustrans funding for the High Street project and their role in the allocation process. Kevin advised that if needed CEC will, and can, cover the funding required if Sustrans don't. Keith added that had the project been delivered when initially scheduled, ie pre Covid, it would have been poorer quality. Having Sustrans will provide a better end result. Kevin expected decision in November.</p> <p><b>Cllr Work.</b> Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Norman offered apologies for the Remembrance Parade on 14 November, he had been asked to represent CEC elsewhere. Regarding Queensferry the road closure had been made but no details circulated, yet.</p> <p>Keith thanked Norman for his support to the 'Don't Ask For It' campaign alerting residents to the penalties incurred in 'proxy' buying alcohol for under 18s. These are a fine up to £5,000 and prison sentence, and serve as a strong message to anyone asked to buy alcohol for those underage.</p> <p><u>Lloyds Pharmacy</u></p> <p>The meeting discussed the current situation regarding pharmacy provision, specifically the Lloyds branch at the Loan with reduced opening hours, long queues, and impact on key service provision. Graeme raised the relatively recent decision by CEC not to grant permission for a 3<sup>rd</sup> location at Scotstoun shops and whether that could be brought back. Noted this would take time and action needed now.</p> <p>Kevin reported this has been taken up by Alex Cole-Hamilton, MSP, who was pursuing directly with Lloyds management, and NHS Lothian. During the meeting an update was received from him that other West Edinburgh branches have similar problems. He would raise with Ministers if no satisfactory response received from NHS Lothian.</p>
<p><b>12. Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p>
<p><b>13. Secretary's Report</b></p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p>
<p><b>14. Sub-Committees &amp; Local Interest Groups</b></p>	<p><b>Communication.</b> Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised. Graeme noted next edition of Spotlight would feature the CDT.</p> <p><b>Planning &amp; Housing.</b> Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane referred to the list of applications in her report highlighting Scotstoun Avenue - no progress; Builyeon Road - QDCC comments submitted; and lots of private house extensions and upgrades. The Dalmeny Park application for</p>

16 flats to be taken at DMS Committee on 27 October. Not understood why QDCC wasn't notified of affordable housing switch from Barnton, resulting in change of use in Queensferry, and unclear if to be social or market rent. Keith concurred, QDCC unaware till application submitted.

Following a query at the last meeting she confirmed that the City Plan 2030 includes 84 flats at Ferrymuir, on the current NHS site which is up for sale as an investment purchase. QDCC concerned as NHS is a large employer in the town.

Post Meeting Note – message from Network Rail on the Forth Bridge Experience. Project team working on developing proposals and preparing information required to submit a full planning application, likely to be later in November. Attended a NQCC (virtual) meeting early October to talk though proposals. Will keep QDCC updated.

**Transport.** Report circulated before the meeting.

Keith commented on winter road network preparations and proposed a meeting with BEAR Scotland to discuss Queensferry Crossing de-icing measures, and potential to divert to the FRB.

**ACTION: Grant to set up virtual meeting with BEAR Scotland on preparations for winter conditions.**

**Environment.** Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.

**Health & Wellbeing.** Report circulated before the meeting.

Anne advised that services at Lowland Hall (Ingliston) and the Pyramids (Bathgate) vaccination centres will be suspended from 31 Oct to 3 Nov inc, due to COP26.

She also reported 3 people had suffered falls in the SfP sections on the High Street. To pass details to Grant to feedback.

**ACTION: Anne to forward details of falls on the High Street to Grant for onward feedback re SfP measures.**

**Education & Recreation.** Report circulated before the meeting.

Any questions to be notified to David F.

#### **QHT**

David L advised that a sub group has been set up to look at the High Street. Details and observations would be shared with QDCC. He noted that Covid had pushed forward the one-way system which might not otherwise have happened. Feeling was could be some enhancements, but tweaks only. On the turning circle and new traffic lights Keith said QDCC would be looking for feedback from businesses and residents around Easter next year. Also an opportunity to discuss next steps and lessons learned with QHT for the next stage of the project. Overall desire is to have a High Street that everyone is proud of.

	<p><b>QCCC</b></p> <p>Gillian reported their Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator is reviewing the Community Directory, to check status post Covid. Funding for a Christmas lunch for older people has been awarded by Age UK. Forty people are to benefit, taking place first week in December. Other services back up and running, day care and befriending. The latter was important as addresses social isolation.</p> <p>Keith observed that befriending had been raised at recent QCCC AGM. It had been proposed that Andrew Burton (Chair) would contact QDCC in early 2022 to further discuss befriending post Covid, as an increase in need was anticipated.</p> <p><b>QBC</b></p> <p>No report this month, due to bad online connection.</p> <p><b>SQ Rotary Club</b></p> <p>Neil advised first face-to-face meeting taken place at Conifox, blended approach with 16 attendees plus Zoom. Keith commented on the work at the Rosebery Hall outdoor play area. Neil explained had involved removing shrubs, painting and new equipment which Rotary members and a Duke of Edinburgh volunteer had enjoyed doing. Would like to do more of this over the winter if possible.</p>
<b>15. CEC/QDCC Business</b>	None raised.
<b>16. Questions from the floor</b>	No questions raised.
<b>17. AOB</b>	<p>Graeme noted Edinburgh Hogmanay programme now announced and tickets on sale from next day. He enquired if the Loony Dook was taking place as not mentioned. The pros and cons of a large event like this re Covid were discussed, and Norman agreed to make further enquiries. Graham observed that it is for CEC to resolve.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Cllr Work to enquire about Loony Dook 2022.</b></p>
<b>18. Date and time of next meeting</b>	Monday 22 November 2021 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.