

QDCC

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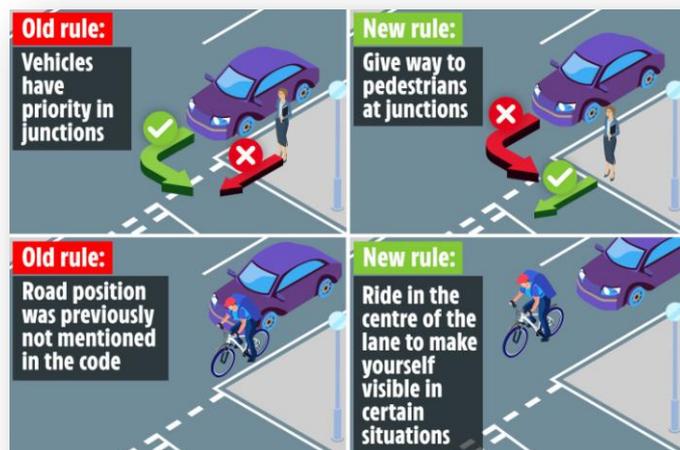
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“Welcome to this Queensferry & District community council monthly reports newsletter. Please browse by scrolling through or use the menu to the left to select a specific report or document. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and our website for more information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

Thank you



Chairs report for the Virtual Business Meeting being held on 24th January 2022

Queensferry Men's Shed

I was approached by Tony Jones Forth Bridges Men's Shed seeking support in finding suitable accommodation for the Men's Shed meetings. Presently they are meeting in the Rosebery Hall on a two weekly basis. Accommodation in Queensferry is at a premium and it will be difficult to find a suitable property. I facilitated a meeting with Dawn Anderson a link worker in Muirhouse who kindly gave of her time offering up some ideas. It's for Tony to discuss with his group how they wish to progress the project.

EACC AGM & Meetings

In the last quarter of December, I have attended Edinburgh Association of Community Council meetings with an interest in the EACC's work with CEC endeavouring to improve communications with CEC. The EACC has produced a paper seeking to have officers appointed who will work directly with community councils. This Paper will go before the Edinburgh Partnership in February with the hope of getting approval. At the agm held in November I was nominated and accepted the position of Vice Chair of the EACC. Presently the EACC Executive are working hard on revising the constitution endeavouring to make the EACC a more inclusive organisation for all Edinburgh Community Councils.

Christmas in Queensferry 21

It was my pleasure to Chair the Christmas in Queensferry group of volunteers in successfully installing the High St decorations, having the peripheral pole-mount decorations installed by contractors and holding an impromptu lights switch on by both Ferry Fair Queens. ChiQ is indebted to Cala Homes, Ambassador Homes, Almond Neighbourhood Network for funding the Christmas Lights with support from The City of Edinburgh Council Lighting and our local Community Policing Team. A big thank you to the team of volunteers it could not be done without them.

Virtual Meeting about Road Bridges Operational matters

As reported in the Transport Convenors report I attended the meeting with BEAR Management to learn about operational matters for the two road bridges.

CDT Meeting 8th Dec 21

I chaired and facilitated a meeting of the CDT Group. The outcome of the meeting was the forming of two working groups one to consolidate the consultations that have been carried in Queensferry over the last 10/15 years and the other to make recommendations on the legal form for the Trust.

QDCC Exec meeting

As reported by the Secretary I called and held an Executive meeting of QDCC to discuss ongoing business and agree a business priority and appropriate actions to be taken.

Ferry Elves

It's been my pleasure to support the "Ferry Elves" project which has benefited a number of families in Queensferry and is reported in the Health & Wellbeing Convenors report.

High St Improvements

Please refer to the Transport Convenors report for the update with the plans. I continue to visit the presents works on a weekly basis and meet with Gilmartins PM. The work is progressing well and to plan. I have also attended two virtual meetings to discuss with Rosshill and Ashburnham residents their concerns from the impacts from the introduction of the one-way system. The City of Edinburgh Council are open and willing to consider ideas for mitigating the impacts.

Sculptures Seal & Guardian of the Bridges repairs

The Environmental Convenor brought to my attention that both statues located at the Hawes are in need of repair. We have obtained a quote for the repair to the Seal's eye and are presently investigating how the Guardian of the Bridges tiled mosaic can be repaired. We have tried contacting the artist to no avail. I have made some enquiries as to how the works can be funded. As reported by the Treasurer QDCC has in the interim paid £200 for the cost of the quote for the Seal repair. My expectation is that this outlay is recovered.

Keith Giblett

Chair QDCC 23 Jan 2022

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Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JANUARY REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing communication has been relatively steady since the last meeting - but has picked up a bit in the last week or so.

There continues to ongoing interest in the Spaces for People project, the Hawes Car Park turning circle, plans for the High Street refurbishment, the roadworks at the foot of the loan and both the Springfield and Builyeon Road developments.

A couple of queries on access to the Ambassador Homes development were also fielded
Ongoing issues with service levels at Lloyds pharmacy on the Loan have again been reported.

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. Since the last meeting I have fielded calls on "boy racers" substandard council housing, availability of council housing, a request for assistance in organizing a marriage licence, and someone looking to speak to the head of South Queensferry Council Housing Department

At the November meeting I felt the time was right for QDCC to discuss how best to position ourselves in terms of getting across to local residents our aims and purpose. I have received some initial feedback but feel more work is needed on this topic and a clear plan developed.

An update on Community Council activities/meetings was received from CEC shortly after the November meeting. This was circulated to all Community Councillors with a request for comments/feedback.

There was an encouraging response, but the majority felt that for the immediate future we should continue to meet virtually with an understanding that as guidance evolves we will revisit this at a later date.

As such we will continue Community Council activities for the foreseeable future as before, continuing to follow 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.

2. A number of website enquiries have been received since the last meeting on various topics, and these have been circulated to respective stakeholders and dealt with accordingly. At the time of writing a number of notes of interest in attending the virtual Business Meeting scheduled for 24th January have been received.
3. On 29th November I attended a virtual meeting with representatives from Bear Scotland to discuss the Queensferry Crossing, including plans on how to deal with ice accretion. An update on works associated with The Forth Road Bridge was also provided. Some discussion was also held on the current situation with the Car Park
4. On 1st December along with the Chair I attended a call with a resident from Station Road to listen to concerns expressed about the impact the High Street one way system was having on the area. Traffic study data was discussed and shared. Clarity was also provided regarding the operation and make up of the Steering Group.
5. On 6th December I attended a meeting of the QDCC executive. Topics discussed included City Plan 2030, EACC, 5G Masts, High Street Improvements and a planned meeting with Neil Gardner, Convenor of CEC Planning. I was charged with inviting Alex Cole Hamilton to a QDCC meeting. His attendance at the January meeting has been confirmed.
6. On 8th December I attended a meeting of the Queensferry Community Development Trust. I have joined one of the working groups looking at the various consultations that have been commissioned about Queensferry over the years
7. On 18th January I chaired a meeting of QDCC with Neil Gardner Planning Convenor at CEC and David Givan, Chief Planning Officer at CEC. In order to facilitate discussion a list of pre-prepared questions were forwarded to the participants in order to maximise time. Time restraints precluded all topics being covered but a commitment was received to provide written responses. Areas covered included City Plan 2030, non delivery by CEC no Placemaking outcomes, inappropriate application of city

centre policies to rural areas and the impact of COVID-19 on planning applications and submission of responses.

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

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 21st January 2021

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Treasurer's Report [▲ Diane Job](#)

Money in this month:

CEC - Grant for the Ferry Elves - £1100

Rotary Club of South Queensferry - Donation for the Ferry Elves - £300

Money out this month:

Anne Mitchell - Ferry Elves - £1100

Anne Mitchell - Ferry Elves - £300

Graciela Ainsworth Sculpture Conservation Ltd - Site survey of the Inchcolm Seals and the Guardian of the Bridges - £192

Terry Airlie - Payment for Christmas Goodwill - £94

Total CC Funds = £ 1338.39

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - December Interest £0.46 - £18347.35

95 Day Notice Account - November Interest £7.49 December Interest £7.74 - £60758.42

Nationwide Building Society - £86079.60

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - Oct-Dec Interest £10.82 - £85856.87

Charity Bank - £60872.28

Community Facility Funding Total = £ 396914.52

Diane Job,

QDCC Treasurer

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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 Jan/Feb 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.

Engagement

EACC continues to negotiate a stronger two way communication link between CEC and CC's. This has been a protracted process to date but positive moves are being proposed gradually. However, tangible delivery is yet to surface.

QHS Community Facilities

Update from Edinburgh Leisure on QHS facilities :

- Queensferry is currently performing well year to date.
- We currently have 117 members within Queensferry utilising the facilities.
- New equipment for fitness classes arriving Mid-Feb, currently trying to source teachers for new classes
- Recent new gym equipment, hopeful of more upgrades in the not so distant future

In relation to the cleanliness issues, rust and other varying factors. Ryan Cramb (EL) has reported this to the site team to investigate. Edinburgh Leisure are responsible for the day to day cleanliness during community time but factors such as rusting etc is out with our control and has been escalated.

Youth Engagement

Open All Hours, a young persons' (s1 upwards) facility at QHS on Friday evenings is scheduled to commence early Feb at QHS.

QDCC is engaged in Team Around the Cluster where discussions continue with QHS management and other stakeholders on better integration of the curriculum with the community and local businesses, to mutually support our young people in the community.

Graeme McKinley,
QDCC Communications

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Education ▲ David Flint

QPS Parents Council meeting postponed till 23rd Feb.
QHS Parents Council next meet 27th Jan.
Teams Around The Cluster Next meet 9th Feb.
Rosebery Hall Committee still has not met but I have requested an update.
QDCC link with QHS, Michelle, meeting to be arranged.

David Flint

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Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

QDCC ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT – JANUARY 2022

The issue with various trees that have embedded themselves in the Forth River boundary wall at various locations and could be damaging them and also some on Hopetoun Road at the former BT offices has been reported to CEC via Michael Jump our Park Ranger.

Damaged and dangerous footsteps on the footpath near the oil depot at Dalmeny village has also been reported to Michael Jump.

Sources of possible funding to cover the costs to repair the seal and guardian of the bridges statues continues.

The flower border at the foot of the Loan will be extended significantly in size due to the reconfiguration of the pavement. I spoke to a contactor who informed me that their landscapers will be remodelling the border with new top soil and plants at the end of this month . I will keep an eye on this .

A further Litter Blitz by the CleanFerry volunteers was recently undertaken around the “ Top Shops” area

A new Rotary Environmental Team has been established and they will assume responsibility for the maintenance of the Dalmeny Station gardens and planters via the “Adopt a Station “ organisation. The team are also looking at projects to include the refurbishment of the flower planters in Dalmeny Village which are becoming dilapidated and repainting/repairing some of the garden furniture and planters at Hawthorn Bank gardens.

A local resident as complained about some anti social behaviour on the Council owned Waste Ground opposite the Haven, this involved calling out the Fire Service to attend a fire that had been started . Graeme McKinley and I will be meeting the resident on the 25th January and undertaking a site visit to ascertain what action can be taken to address the issue.

Neil McKinlay , 21st January 2022

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Health & Wellbeing ▲ Anne Mitchell

Health and Wellbeing Report January 2022

December was incredibly busy with the activities of the Ferry Elves. Again this was kept anonymous and we had a mix of self referral, referrals from health visitors, schools and Homestart. With 30 families we supported 69 children from babies to teens.

Volunteers joined us to accept donations on several weekends leading up to mid December – the quality of the donations was exceptional with many items still having the tag on. Volunteers also put out (and took down) the fliers on bus stops around the area.

The Rosebery hall committee were incredibly helpful, letting us use the back room in the community huts for 4 weeks which meant we could easily see what we had- which was a lot.

This year families felt that winter coats and shoes were as much a priority as gifts but as we had been lucky enough to obtain a grant from Almond Neighbourhood network to cover the costs of gifts (£20-£25 per child) we managed to use the money raised through just giving for coats and shoes. We also had support from Rotary with £300 towards winter coats.

The books are still being formalised but we have spent approx: £1420 on gifts, £996 on winter coats and £552 on shoes. On top of this Queensferry High School and Echline Primary School collected an amazing amount of food for us to provide a good-sized parcel for each family and the remainder going to the food bank.

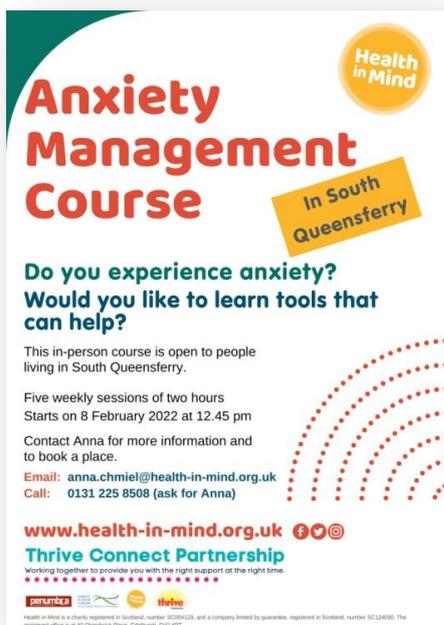
Anything left over has either been stored for future, given to Kids Love Clothes, given to Food bank or taken to Barnardos but there wasn't that much that was not re-homed locally. A massive thank you to everyone in the community for all your support.

We are lucky to be one of the first places that Health in Mind is resuming face to face work groups in February - adverts have been shared on social media and our website. [Link available here or by clicking the image below on the left.](#)

Anne Mitchell

Health and Wellbeing Convener

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Health in Mind

Anxiety Management Course

In South Queensferry

**Do you experience anxiety?
Would you like to learn tools that can help?**

This in-person course is open to people living in South Queensferry.

Five weekly sessions of two hours
Starts on 8 February 2022 at 12.45 pm

Contact Anna for more information and to book a place.
Email: anna.chmiel@health-in-mind.org.uk
Call: 0131 225 8508 (ask for Anna)

www.health-in-mind.org.uk   

Thrive Connect Partnership
Working together to provide you with the right support at the right time.



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Health in Mind

Mental health sessions for unpaid carers

Join our drop-ins to enhance your wellbeing!

Meeting with yourself ONLINE
When: Monday 17 January
Time: 2-4pm

Making positive changes ONLINE
When: Monday 24 January
Time: 2-4pm

Emotional regulation ONLINE
When: Friday 11 February
Time: 10-12pm

Crisis Skills ONLINE
When: Friday 25 February
Time: 10-12pm

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

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December 2021 - January 2022

Applications

During eight week period twenty applications were received

- 21/05872/FUL - Proposed balcony to rear of dwelling house - 18 Linn Mill
- 21/06079/FUL - The works set out are for the minor demolition, alteration and extension of an existing three-storey A- Listed building to form improved connection and access between the top two flatted dwellings - 21 East Terrace (Black Castle)
- 21/06080/LBC - The works set out are for the minor demolition, alteration and extension of an existing three-storey A- Listed building to form improved connection and access between the top two flatted dwellings - 21 East Terrace(Black Castle)
- 21/04244/FUL - Attic conversion with velux window to the rear and side elevations - 13 Station Road
- 21/06121/FUL - Proposed two-storey wrap-around extension - 16 Dimma Park
- 21/06152/LBC - Replacement of existing timber sash and case windows on a like-for-like basis with new sash and case, custom fitted with 14mm IGU's. All historical detail to be matched / reinstated. Dormer front plates also to be replaced due to deterioration of lower portions - Seaview 29 High Street
- 21/06247/LBC - Alterations and extension to existing bar/restaurant - The Two Bridges 2 Newhalls Road (Three Bridges)
- 21/06248/FUL - Alterations and extension to existing bar/restaurant - The Two Bridges 2 Newhalls Road (Three Bridges)
- 21/06251/LBC - Proposed shop alterations (change of use) - 23-25 High Street - Ferry Brewery Shop
- 21/06252/FUL - Proposed shop alterations (change of use) - 23-25 High Street - Ferry Brewery shop
- 21/06287/FUL - Proposed single storey rear extension, decking patio - 18 Ashburnham Loan
- 21/06249/ADV - Illuminated Fascia signs x 3 - 23 High Street (Ferry Brewery shop)
- 21/06594/FUL - Create a new kitchen and dining area to the rear of the house by extending into the garden approximately 20sqm. New walls to three sides with windows, doors and roof lights - 12 Inchkeith Avenue
- 21/06612/LBC - Convert garage to family room, enlarge WC to form shower-room - 7 Dundas Home Farm
- 21/06694/FUL - Change of Use from Class 4 to Class 9 following the end of the use of the residential property for charitable purposes. Property occupied as a residential property up until 2019, it was then utilised as an office for administrative works in relation to a charity. This work has now ceased, and we require change of use back to Class 9 (Residential) - North Lodge Dundas Estate
- 22/00100/FUL - Application to re-new existing planning permission per 18/01560/FUL. Demolition of existing bungalow to form two new houses - 22 Kirkliston Road

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

- 21/06076/CLP - Replace rotting single glazed 2/2 style sash and case wooden windows with double glazed 2/2 style sash and case wooden windows - Flat 1 16 Villa Road
- 21/06481/CLP - Proposed Rear extension to existing detached dwelling - 96 Station Road
- 21/06759/CLP - Convert garage to family room - 7 Dundas Home Farm

Proposal of Application Notice

21/06675/PAN - Proposed erection of bonded warehouses, cask filling and disgorging facility with associated tank farm, tanker filling bay, welfare facilities and associated work - Confirm times and dates of live event Leaflets/posters advertising the public event to be distributed to neighbouring properties/public areas Information on website should be live for minimum of 21 days - Royal Elizabeth Yard Industrial Estate Kirkliston

Decisions

The planning authority made fourteen decisions during the eight week period

21/04096/FUL - Single storey side extension - 97 Echline Drive - GRANTED
21/05449/CLP - Garage conversion - 16 Briggers Brae - GRANTED
21/04096/FUL - Single storey side extension - 97 Echline Drive - GRANTED
21/04437/FUL - Create a run-in 3m wide in front garden for a single car - 17 Shore Road - GRANTED
21/05827/FUL - Formation of passing place on public road - Craigiehall Quarry West Craigie Farm Road - GRANTED
21/05787/ADV - The proposed advertisement is a vinyl banner 2000mmw x 1000mmh signposting the direction to the RNLI Queensferry shop - 22 Newhalls Road - GRANTED
21/05289/LBC - Replacement of modern window to reinstate original astragal pattern. Replacement shower room window to closely match astragal pattern of main windows. Retrospective permission for external drainage on front of building - Stirling's Dairy 2 Brewery Close - GRANTED
21/03737/FUL - Erection of temporary marquee facilities on flat ground to provide training space - Craigiehall Riverside Road - WITHDRAWN
21/05749/FUL - Proposed rear single storey extension and front canopy - 17 Primrose Gardens - GRANTED
21/05371/FUL - Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension - 48 Station Road - GRANTED
21/04909/FUL - Single storey rear and side extension, rear dormer and roof lights to front (as amended) - 38 Springfield Lea - GRANTED
21/04244/FUL - Attic conversion with velux window to the rear and side elevations - 13 Station Road - GRANTED
21/06675/PAN - Proposed erection of bonded warehouses, cask filling and disgorging facility with associated tank farm, tanker filling bay, welfare facilities and associated work - Royal Elizabeth Yard Kirkliston - PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION APPROVED
21/05872/FUL - Proposed balcony to rear of dwelling house - 18 Linn Mill - 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

21/04019/AMC - the Builyeon Road Masterplan application, 21/04016/PPP the commercial/retail proposal and 21/04018/PPP the care home proposal - Cala has advised that a decision on these applications may be made in February

Springfield Cala Development - Queensferry Heights

Planning Permission was issued on 12th November 2021 for the the site, Condition 8 requires an Archaeological Survey to be undertaken prior to commencement of development. The scope of the survey has been agreed with CEC, and this will entail a 'full site' top soil strip. The soil strip will be undertaken using heavy machinery, and owing to safety requirements, the site will be fenced and public access will be restricted. These operations are expected to commence in early February. Cala have issued letters to neighbouring residents and a plan showing the recipients is also attached. Posters have been placed at the site entrance points, alerting those who use field for informal recreation.

Please note that the archaeological survey does not constitute formal commencement of development, that will follow once pre-commencement conditions have been purified

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Towards March the existing compound will be moved further up the site towards the top. Between where it is now and where it will be going, there is an existing cycle path that TW are required to keep open. At points however when TW need to cross this path with machinery, therefore a banksman will be used here to make sure that anything we require to do, is done safely. This will need to remain in place for a significant period of time - allowing the cycle path itself however to remain open.

Also towards March there will be a further period of 'piling' for approximately four weeks therefore there will be an increased noise level for that period of time. House sales continue to do well.

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.

Forthview Development (Corus site)

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

City Plan 2030

QDCC made representations to the City Plan 2030. The proposed site highlighted in the plan for Queensferry 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. 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.

Telecommunication Masts

21/05870/PA | Proposed 16.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wrap round Cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. | Telecoms Apparatus 26 Metres Northwest Of 90 Rosebery Avenue South Queensferry. Comments on this application were sent to CEC planning from QDCC and residents. QDCC received a letter on 21st December from planning to say that this application had been refused for the following reasons:

The siting and appearance of the proposal would have an adverse visual impact on the character and appearance of the surrounding area. It is recommended that Prior Approval is refused under Class 67 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Scotland) Order 1992 (as amended).

On the 14th of January QDCC received an e-mail to say that an appeal had been received for this planning application and if we had any further submissions to make this had to be submitted within 14 days - the appeal will be heard by the Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals Division(DPEA)

The Appeal seeks the Reporter to consider the proposal for the siting and design of a proposed telecommunications installation: proposed installation of a 16m monopole telecommunications mast with wraparound cabinet at base, 3 additional cabinets and ancillary works. This appeal seeks the Reporter to gauge if the proposal could be to the detriment of amenity, pedestrian safety and setting of a heritage asset, when weighed against the benefits the development would deliver in terms of sustainability and provision of enhanced digital communication for residents and businesses in the cell search area.

The case can be viewed at www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk case reference PAC-230-2002 (Prior Approval Consent Appeal)

Royal Elizabeth Yard

21/06675/PAN - Proposed erection of bonded warehouses, cask filling and disgorging facility with associated tank farm, tanker filling bay, welfare facilities and associated work - Royal Elizabeth Yard Kirkliston

This project is at a very early stage - there will be a public digital consultation event at a later date - the date to be confirmed this will be advertised in the EEN and QDCC has agreed to publicise this event on our website and social media channels once the information has been forwarded to us. QDCC will also have an MS Teams meeting with the agent representatives from North Planning and Development Ltd prior to the public consultation.

Two Bridges Restaurant (Three Bridges)

21/06247/LBC - Alterations and extension to existing bar/restaurant - The Two Bridges 2 Newhalls Road (Three Bridges) and 21/06248/FUL - Alterations and extension to existing bar/restaurant - The Two Bridges 2 Newhalls Road

QDCC have raised concerns on this application regarding the Snack Shack which will have a serving hatch at pavement level - QDCC have spoken with the agent who has suggested that their client has confirmed he is willing to set the building back from the footpath to allow additional space directly in front of the shack so the pavement width can be maintained - awaiting guidance from CEC Planning.

QDCC Planning Sub-Committee had an Ms Teams meeting on the 18th of January with Cllr Neil Gardiner convener of the Dev Management Sub-Committee and convener of CEC Planning Committee and David Givan CEC Chief Planning Officer to discuss QDCC's concerns on planning matters regarding Queensferry.

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport Report for January 2022

- 1. High Street Resurfacing** – The Hawes turning circle has been completed and work restarted at The Loan following a shutdown period in December to benefit nearby businesses. A closure of around 2 weeks is expected later in the year (probably towards April). While the initial funding application to Sustrans for £1.8m was unsuccessful, there was enthusiasm and encouragement to progress with a Construction Panel application for a similar amount. This supplements a place-based investment of £1.3m over a 3 year period. The Rosshill Terrace speed table construction has been complicated by aspects that involve Network Rail but is still expected to proceed later in 2022.
- 2. Signs and Potholes** – Norman followed up comments from previous years about inconsistent distance markings shown on some blue signs in Queensferry however no progress is expected in the near future because the general improvement scheme is on hold. We had some correspondence with CEC about the condition of Station Road and when any repairs could be undertaken. Although there's quite a long history, Station Road is intended to be resurfaced in the year 2022-23.
- 3. Spaces for People Projects** – Following completion of the Hawes turning circle some more changes were made to the signs around High Street and Edinburgh Road however the overall approach with the one way system remains the same for just now.
- 4. Dialogue with BEAR** – A meeting with BEAR took place towards the end of 2021 with Queensferry Crossing ice accretion and diversions being a source of annoyance within the community. BEAR have a dedicated team investigating this and reviewing the effects against international standards. Comparative studies of prevention are underway across the three different sections, starting with treatment of the PTFE sheath for north tower cables. Active clearance (eg heating elements) was rejected on cost grounds. An overnight trial for diversion switchover using mechanised barrier movement took place on 11 December, which involved re-routing residual bridge traffic via Builyleon Road. There's no change in establishing a stile across a fence behind Linn Mill (but the fence is now broken down anyway) and anti-social behaviour in the Forth Road Bridge car park is still being monitored.
- 5. Possible Meeting with CEC Transport Convener** – As referenced in the Secretary Report earlier this month we participated in a virtual meeting with CEC's Planning Convener and Chief Planning Officer. This prompted a question if a similar meeting on transport matters would be productive. However the CEC election period is fast approaching and it may be better to wait until the new committee is in place before taking this up.
- 6. Public Transport** – The Young Person's Free Bus Travel Scheme takes effect from 31 January, where people aged 5 to 21 can obtain free bus travel by showing their suitably enabled NEC or Young Scot entitlement card. Application [information](#) is available through Transport Scotland. Staff shortage arising from Covid-19 absence led to curtailed train and bus timetables during December and January however all Queensferry services should now revert to their usual times. ScotRail is consulting on ticket office closures and opening hour [changes](#) at present. The [proposal](#) for Dalmeny Station is to extend opening until 1pm on a Saturday afternoon. However there might be a stronger case for longer opening Mon-Fri instead.

Grant Sangster, 21 January 2022
Transport Sub-Committee Convener

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January 2022 report

High Street upgrade works

Like others, we have been keeping in close contact with the High Street upgrade project team. The revised timetable for the works has now been circulated. This shows that the core works, including the resurfacing of the High Street with new setts, will start in February 2023 and be complete by the end of the summer of 2024. The traffic order to make the one-way system on the High Street permanent should be published soon for consultation and public comment.

Springfield housing site

We have liaised with CALA Homes with respect to the archaeological works on the Springfield site. Proactive communications were undertaken with properties closest to the site given the use of heavy machinery. On-site construction is expected in early April.

Tesco littering

We have contacted the manager of Tesco following several complaints with respect the state of littering near to the store and petrol station with a request for more proactive steps by the company to prevent littering and clean up the immediate area.

Station Road

We have, for some considerable time, been pushing for resurfacing works on Station Road. These had been due in 2019/20 but had to be postponed because of utility works. At our request, the road was put back into the surfacing plan for 2021/22. However, due to the state of degradation, the road requires full resurfacing as opposed to the surface treatment which had been planned. Frustratingly, this has meant the works have been put back again into the next financial year.

Newhalls Road

We continue to correspond with residents on Newhalls Road regarding the continuing issues of anti-social behaviour near their homes. We are now looking at whether the mobile CCTV unit, which had been made available in the summer of 2020, could be used again to help identify offenders.

Street lighting

We have pursued a number of long standing broken street-lights. We were pleased that the broken lights at Harbour Lane was finally resolved as well as several on Bo'ness Road. There is still an issue at Rose Lane which continue to pursue.

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CLlr Hutchison

No report submitted

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CLlr Work

Happy New Year.

I was invited to take part in the Burnshot Bridge Tree Planting Event facilitated by Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust and Balfour Beatty on 2nd December. On 5th December I popped along to support the Friends of Queensferry Cemetery by helping to plant some bulbs. On 8th December I attended the Queensferry CDT meeting and on 13th December attended the Queensferry High Street steering group meeting where results of the traffic survey were discussed with an update on the raised platform on Rosshill Terrace was given.

A resident has been in touch to inform me the lights at the Binks Car Park are out. I've reported this to the street lighting team.

I have been contacted by two residents who back onto the spare bit of council land accessed from Burgess Road as there have been increase in rubbish accumulation. The council have been contacted to remove the items.

I was contacted by residents overlooking the Hawes Car Park area who reported anti-social behaviour by car drivers over the festive period. Although the problem has never really gone away the volume of complaints from residents has increased recently. I have contacted the council to ask if consideration would be given to closing the car park overnight.

The Election Team in the council have been working to try wherever possible to eliminate the use of primary schools as polling places. The latest proposal would be to use Queensferry Library instead of Echline Primary School. There will be a report coming to Full Council on 10th February with and if agreed, the proposed changes of polling stations would be used for the local elections in May. Although I am in favour of finding alternative venues to primary schools for polling stations parking may be an issue at the library.

Regards,

CLlr Norman Work

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Other Documents



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting

ALMOND WARD

South Queensferry CC

Road Safety

High Visibility patrols continue to be conducted throughout the area in an effort to deter drivers committing any driving offences. Specific traffic checks at various locations around South Queensferry, including The Loan, Station Road, Builyeon Road and Shore Road (this is not an exhaustive list), will be conducted in the coming months.

Boy Racers

November

6 total calls received by Police Scotland across South Queensferry (4 x Newhalls Road/Hawes Brae)

December

8 total calls received by Police Scotland across South Queensferry (4 x Newhalls Road/Hawes Brae)

Total call volume remains relatively low in relation to 'boy racers' however, Police Scotland are committed to tackling this persistent issue.

ASB/Youth Issues:

November

- Numerous calls received re fires/fireworks, a direct result of the time of year

Incident of note:

In November, numerous boats/ trailers and vehicles within Port Edgar Marina were deliberately damaged. The total value of the damage caused was in excess of £10,000. Following a substantial Police investigation, all suspects have been identified, traced and charged with a full report submitted.

December

2 calls received by Police Scotland relating to youths causing a nuisance

Operations/Initiatives

An initiative has been organized for the duration of the school holidays in February to tackle ASB/Boy racers across South Queensferry, with particular attention being placed on Port Edgar Marina and Newhalls Road. Considerable additional resources have been requested, including specialist Roads Policing Officers whilst several partner agencies and local businesses have been consulted and have offered their assistance.

CONTACT US;

Email (for all ward areas): EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Email address is not monitored 24/7 or for reporting crime or ongoing incidents. These should be reported by calling 10emergency) or 999 (emergency).

Twitter: @EdinPoINW **Facebook:** <https://en-gb.facebook.com/EdinburghPoliceDivision>

Agenda

QDCC January Business Meeting
Monday 24th January 2022 at 7.30pm
(Virtual Meeting)

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Protocols
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Guest Speaker – Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (November 2021)
6. Any Matters Arising
Karen Stewart update on FBWHMC Tourism
Ryan Cramb, Edinburgh Leisure update on QHS activities
Pre-empting that Michelle Gordon Deputy Head Teacher will like time to update on QHS
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/EACC/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 – 17th January 2022

Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 22 November 2021 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer), David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Michelle Gordon (QHS), David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary), Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, 1 local resident.

Guests: Capt. Andrew Shearer and Rev Iain MacRobert from the Sea Scouts, and QHS new School Heads.

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the online meeting via MS Teams. In addition to members, meeting links are available to the public on request and 1 local resident was attending. Keith also welcomed Capt. Andrew Shearer and Rev. Iain MacRobert from the Sea Scouts, and the QHS new School Heads.</p> <p>Keith noted this was the last meeting in 2021 and thanked everyone for their continuing support and contributions to QDCC and the wider community. November had continued to be busy as recorded in the Sub Group and Cllr reports.</p>
2. Apologies	Cllr Kevin Lang, Sgt Sandra Watt (Police Scotland), Jenni Meldrum (QBA).
3. Police Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry highlighted the main points from the report. No monthly statistics provided this month which was disappointing but aware Sgt Watt wished to include these in future and for each meeting. Response on publication of the report is pending.</p> <p>No questions raised. Members advised to contact Terry direct if any arise subsequently.</p>
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (Oct 21)	Minutes proposed by David L and seconded by Terry.
5. Matters Arising	<p><u>FEBRUARY 2020</u></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. Raised at meeting with CEC officials, 6 Sept, to be considered as part of wider action on small museums. Request to CEC for update on all their actions</p>

from recent meeting, Oct. Advised in hand, Gareth Barwell to complete on return from leave. **Nov update** – to be raised with CEC early 2022.

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. Also discussed at EACC meeting on 21 October. **Nov update** - ongoing via EACC, and Edinburgh Partnership.

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 Repairs: 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. No response from CEC, Terry to chase. Grant observed some repainting of speed cushions meantime, Oct. **Nov update** – CEC roads ops team contacted further, response awaited. David L queried residents understanding that once work on the 3 schools is complete, Station Road is to be resurfaced. Grant understood this was correct but would enquire. Noted scheduling would be important given the High Street works.

ACTION – Grant to check status and scheduling of resurfacing work on Station Road.

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, redundant metal post to be removed which should allow Trishaw access. Gillian Smith, QCCC, informed. **Nov update** – post now removed.

ACTION CLOSED

MAY 2021

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.

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. Sept, ongoing. Oct, remedial work carried out, landscaping required to complete project. **Nov update** - area fenced and trees planted.

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. **Nov update** – EL confirmed refurbished equipment recycled from Drumbrae, and standard practice.

ACTION CLOSED

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. **Nov update** – response received from CEC, 22 Nov, outlining intentions and work proposed, as follows –

CEC e-mail to QDCC on Harbour Repairs, 22 Nov

“We were aware of this crack from previous inspection reports, although photos were taken from below at low tide and so at a different perspective. From looking at the photographs which were supplied (I believe from Muir), there’s no immediate indication that it is new or that there has been significant deterioration – there is mortar across the crack which we believe would have spalled off if there was further movement. We have barriered off the end of the pier as a precautionary measure until we can get boat access to inspect further, and we will continue to engage with Boat Club members as local knowledge is invaluable in cases like this.

In relation to your concerns over a lack of communication, I would note that we have issued two briefing notes to all stakeholders since the project came to my team. The last of these was in July, but since then my colleague Sean has also met with members of the Boat Club on site to discuss the project. We are in the process of preparing a further note to advise of the investigation works since, as well as progress on the design and procurement, which we are progressing as resources allow. There is a bit of background work to do at the moment as we progress discussions with HES and CEC Planning over the listed status of the harbour, investigate suitable materials for repairs, confirm the state of the pier underneath the surface, write the contract documents and engage with suitable contractors. This a

complex project which we need to plan properly to get the best results for our limited budget, rather than jumping into site works without due regard for the constraints. We will continue to keep everyone updated when appropriate (as with Burnshot Bridge for which you were most complimentary)”

ACTION CONTINUES

Longcraig Pier: Cllr Hutchison to check position on resurfacing road to Longcraig Pier. Waiting for response from CEC, Aug. Chased Oct. **Nov update** – road resurfaced.

ACTION CLOSED

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 (safe) ‘Whitelist’, Sept. Noted in Chair’s Report, keep open meantime, Oct.

ACTION CONTINUES – MONITOR IMPROVEMENTS QTR 1 2022

SEPTEMBER 2021

Incidents on the Water: Sgt Watt to check and advise on Police action regarding incidents on the water, eg in/around the Harbour area. Marine Unit contacted, formal response awaited, Oct. Circumstances will dictate response, normally wait for individuals to come ashore and then take action. Feedback passed onto Muir to inform QBC members. **Nov update** – agreed to close.

ACTION CLOSED

Fire Hydrant Locations: Terry to liaise with Andy on fire hydrant records following recent incident, and formally follow up-with the Fire Service if required. Keith checking with contact at Crewe Toll, Oct. **Nov update** – ongoing.

ACTION CONTINUES

OCTOBER 2021

Police Report: Terry to contact Inspector Elliot regarding publication of Police Report. **Nov update** – response awaited. **ACTION CONTINUES**

QHS Community Involvement: Anne to contact Michelle to set up meeting to discuss QHS help with Ferry Elves. **Nov update** – done. **ACTION CLOSED**

Transport: Grant to set up virtual meeting with BEAR Scotland on preparations for winter conditions. **Nov update** – meeting arranged for 29 Nov. **ACTION CLOSED**

	<p>High Street SfP Measures: Anne to forward details of falls on the High Street to Grant for onward feedback to CEC. Nov update – done. ACTION CLOSED</p> <p>Loony Dook: Cllr Work to enquire about Loony Dook 2022. Nov update – decision expected next few days.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> – Formal event scheduled but then cancelled due to updated Covid restrictions.</p> <p>ACTION CLOSED</p>
<p>6. Sea Cadets</p> <p>Priory Church</p>	<p>Keith invited Capt. Andrew Shearer and Rev Iain MacRobert to update the meeting on Queensferry Sea Cadets and Royal Marine Cadets.</p> <p>Andrew advised that, like others, it had been a difficult couple of years due to Covid restrictions, including lockdown. Cadet numbers had reduced, currently 30 Sea Cadets, 12 Royal Marines, and 13 Juniors. A new lease been secured with CEC for the building at Port Edgar plus adjacent plot of land, to be refurbished. Working on building upgrade with help from QDCC members. Activities had resumed in the Spring both on and off the water, and more recently able to engage in community events including Ferry Fair, Hopetoun Race for Life, and Remembrance Day. Now moving forward and hope to do residential courses, summer camps etc.</p> <p>Iain noted this was his first year as Chaplain and he had found it very rewarding working with the Sea Scouts. Specifically regarding the Priory Church he highlighted their recent involvement in setting up the Nativity Scene, which they would also look after. Neil endorsed the benefits of joining organisations like the Sea Scouts and proposed picking this up with Michelle and QHS. Michelle agreed.</p> <p>Iain was separately asked to summarise events at the Priory Church. These included maintaining worship via Zoom, continuing with the Foodbank and links to other charities to secure help for those in need, and the monthly ‘messy’ church involving children and parents. Work on the extension had progressed with the green oak frame in place, have the money but now need craftsmen to finish this.</p>
<p>7. QHS Update</p>	<p>Michelle introduced the 2 new School Heads, Sophie and Ryan, and they spoke about changes at QHS both within the building, and externally across the community, including charity and fundraising.</p> <p>QHS updates since the previous meeting included election of 6th yr. to the Scottish Youth Parliament, and curriculum review initiated by new Headteacher with pupil, parent and staff consultation. A new Development Youth Worker (DYW) Co-ordinator post was being created, remit on broadening qualifications including work experience. Details to be passed onto Neil, David and Graeme. Cluster meeting on 8 Dec, Andrew and Iain to be invited, picking up earlier discussion on Sea Scouts. Intention that new Deputy Headteacher will then engage with DYW and QDCC etc. Keith</p>

	<p>advised QDCC Sub Committees can help facilitate connections between QHS and local/national businesses and other groups, events etc.</p> <p>Ryan and Sophie also spoke about their individual plans for higher education and future career choices. Keith thanked them their presentations and wished them both well in the future.</p>
8. QDCC Promotion	<p>Terry noted an apparent lack of clarity on QDCC's role, on what the CC can and can't do, both locally amongst residents but also within CEC. He quoted an example of CEC notifying a resident to contact QDCC regarding Council Tax payment. He asked members to consider how this could be improved, to stop such confusion. Solution needs to be simple, a table or chart for example showing the different areas of responsibility from MP/MSP down, and publish on local social media pages.</p> <p>ACTION: All to consider how to improve clarity and presentation of QDCC role and responsibilities, and message Terry with suggestions for consideration at January meeting.</p>
9. CDT Update	<p>Update included in Chair's report. Keith asked if there were any additional remarks on progress to date. David L commented in relation to the previous item, that it was a good opportunity to clarify QDCC role, regarding CDT development.</p>
10. Councillors' Reports	<p>CLlr Work. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Grant asked if the number of cruise liner visits for 2022 was known, and if the Hawes area was prepared for them. Norman said no further information available at present. Terry had a report via Linlithgow Ramblers that Hawes car park may be closed on 29 December for a liner visit. Anne offered to check this further.</p> <p>Graeme queried ownership at Longcraig, Norman confirmed road not owned by CEC but thought resurfaced by them to prevent any consequential damage to drainage. Cllr Hutchison believed CEC maintained as they own the pier, he would seek confirmation. Keith added may be safety requirement, for potential incident at Hound Point. Norman and Graham to check and report back.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllrs Work & Hutchison to confirm position on CEC maintenance of Longcraig Road.</p> <p>Cllr Hutchison: Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Graham advised all Ward Cllrs been contacted regarding bay markings at Scotmid car park.</p> <p>On 5G masts, Graeme asked how many more were likely. Graham to check.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Hutchison to check number and locations (if known) of further 5G masts within Queensferry.</p> <p>Cllrs Young/Lang. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Louise apologised for the late circulation of the report and highlighted the main points covered.</p>

	<p>David L asked if more was known on traffic flows around Queensferry, following CEC monitoring. Keith advised traffic counters put in 2/3 weeks ago, Louise to provide update at next meeting.</p> <p>David L also queried the current position on Sustrans funding for the High Street works. Keith had raised this, no response yet, and would chase up.</p> <p>Grant noted not yet seen detailed designs for Scotstoun Avenue, Louise advised update on this due by 3 Dec.</p> <p>Terry had received reports on the cleanliness of changing rooms at QHS/Ed Leisure facilities, this was after school hours when opened up to the public. To pass on the feedback to Louise.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to pass on feedback on QHS/Ed Leisure changing rooms cleanliness to Louise to investigate.</p> <p><u>Grounds Maintenance, trees, shrubs etc</u></p> <p>Keith reported further concerns from a resident on pruning overhanging tree branches, and shrubs. Scotstoun Avenue noted as example. Ward Cllrs aware that Housing Association(s) responsible for some areas but that CEC also has a duty of care and can instruct owners to take action if there is a health and safety risk. Cllrs happy to support list of specific cases, if provided. Norman commented that CEC is still to do some areas, eg Wellhead Close where branches have been reported may blocking street lights. Gillian also mentioned overgrown hedge needing attention, near Tesco pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to provide list of areas where trees, shrubs etc need cutting back, to Ward Cllrs. Louise to lead on action with CEC.</p>
11. Chair's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised
12. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane highlighted expenditure in month to ECW for Lothian Conservation Volunteers and reminded QDCC of the agreed procedure in place for items like this.</p>
13. Secretary's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.
14. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Planning & Housing. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane had contacted all developers for updates as this was the last meeting in 2021. Ambassador not yet replied.</p> <p>On phone masts confirmed no consultation nor neighbour notification is required, so checking these via planning weekly lists.</p> <p><u>City Plan 2030</u></p> <p>City Plan 2030 was very important, CEC seeking any representations by 20 December. This didn't provide a lot of time and wasn't easy to do as submission is via the Hub. QDCC concerned at the shorter 6-week deadline for comments including from residents and especially at this time of year.</p>

Laura advised that SG guidance for consultation is 12-weeks. Keith would raise these concerns with Neil Gardner, Planning Convenor, at EACC meeting on Thursday. Laura to provide an appropriate note on the timing issue for his paper to EACC.

ACTION: Re City Plan 2030, Laura to provide draft note on consultation times for Keith to include in his EACC meeting paper.

Forth Bridge Experience – Post Meeting Note

Update e-mail from Network Rail, 19 Nov.

“As was outlined on the WHMG call yesterday, the main update from the FBE is that the commercial team is working closely with the designers and architects to tweak the final designs to see if any cost savings can be achieved before a full planning application is submitted. We hope to submit that application before Christmas but I’ll keep you posted on that.”

Transport. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised. Grant confirmed meeting set up with BEAR Scotland to discuss winter road and bridges preparations.

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

Health & Wellbeing. Report circulated before the meeting.

Anne noted Ferry Elves going well, raised £900 via Just Giving, in 2 weeks, plus £1,100 grant from the Almond Neighbourhood Network. Around 20-25 referrals so far. Thanks to the Community Centre for offering premises. Keith asked Anne to reach out to QDCC if any further assistance required.

Communication. Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.

Education & Recreation. Report circulated before the meeting.

David F commented on presentation from new QHS Headteacher at the Parents Council meeting on 26 Oct had been very good. Proposed circulating minutes from the meeting to QDCC, once approved

QHT

David L noted 2022 is ‘Year of Stories’, QHT exploring funding for a drama production in the summer. Hoping for a good community event post Covid, and seeking involvement from residents. Keith said to reach out to QDCC if needed.

Forth Bridges WHMC

Karen updated members on recent Forth Bridges related events. Information is now available on dedicated Facebook and Instagram pages. Forth Bridges website has also got some funding. Signage procurement progressing with Fife Council. Visit Scotland is making a film about the Bridges, ties in with 2022 ‘Year of Stories’. UNESCO Digital Trail now launched. Covid WFH rules relaxed and now able to visit High Street

	<p>businesses and restaurants. Discounted tickets available for boat tours and Deep Sea World, via the Covid19 'Great Days Out' fund. Planning for Forth Bridge Experience is progressing.</p> <p>Keith commented on the Digital Sign and Telescope at the FRB. He had extended thanks to Ian Haig for keeping QDCC updated on FRB matters and wished him well on his forthcoming retirement.</p> <p>Graeme asked if any businesses were engaged with the Scotland Loves Local Gift Card Scheme. Karen undertook to consider this further.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to ascertain use of the 'Scotland Loves Local Gift Card Scheme' by businesses in Queensferry.</p> <p>SQ Rotary Club</p> <p>Neil reported plans for a busy Christmas, with 4 fixed venue Sleigh events at Scotmid, Tesco, Hopetoun Gardens, and Hopetoun House Christmas Fair. Dates to be provided to Graeme when agreed. As previously indicated there would be no tours of Queensferry this year. Other activity had included renovating the Ferry Fair charity bookshop at the Rosebery Hall, and clearance work on the side garden area.</p> <p>QCCC</p> <p>Gillian advised QCCC also planning for Christmas, with a live event at The Haven. She commented that Ferryburn House had been sold, any implications for QCCC and other occupiers were not yet known.</p>
15. CEC/QDCC Business	Terry observed still receiving e-mails on Fridays at 5.00pm.
16. Questions from the floor	No questions raised.
17. AOB	Keith thanked everyone for attending and sent his best wishes for Christmas and New Year.
18. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 24 January 2022 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.