

# QDCC

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

We need people passionate about the area, willing and able to get involved in whatever way they can.

If you would like to be part of that, then please email: [queensferrycdt@gmail.com](mailto:queensferrycdt@gmail.com)

North West Community Officers and @polscotrpu teaming up this evening in the area of Hawes Pier, #SouthQueensferry to clamp down on anti social behaviour caused by those drivers failing to respect the local residents.



## **Chairs report for the Virtual Business Meeting being held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

### **CEC Land (former Burgh Council Nursery) Burgess Rd**

I attended a on-site meeting arranged by the Environmental Convenor to view the condition of the grounds following a complaint from a neighbour. The area is need of some serious work by cutting back overgrown bushes and trees and reinstating fencing. Waste materials had been set on fire necessitating calling out the Fire & Rescue Services. The matter has been raised with CEC Officers who are investigating what the options are.

### **EACC Meetings**

I have attended two EACC meetings, a community planning meeting with council governance officers to discuss the EACC's wish to secure funding from the Edinburgh Partnership for a full time EACC Officer to represent EACC and support their work. And a EGM and business Meeting to approve a revised constitution and receive a presentation from Edinburgh Festivals. I learnt that should Queensferry want to participate in Edinburgh Festivals such as the Fringe Festival then the community need to do the ground work of researching accommodation and then approach Edinburgh Festivals to market the venues.

### **Forth Bridges World Heritage MC Meeting**

I attended the quarterly FBWHMC meeting, minutes of the previous meeting attached. Very little to report. I have written to FBF and FBWHMC seeking a meeting to discuss the lack of progress with infrastructure improvements identified in the 5yr plan as the plan is due to be updated for the next 5 years. TS and HES have agreed to holding a meeting to discuss this and I am requesting attendance by CEC Senior Officers.

### **High St Improvements**

At the bequest of QHT I facilitated a meeting with the High St CEC Project Manager and Ironside Farrer to discuss the plan details and layout. Along with Transport & Comms. Convenor I attended a Sustran table discussion identifying likely gains from the proposed road changes and works. This is a spreadsheet document requested by Sustrans that is in its early inception stage.

I have visited the works site and spoken with Gilmartins on-site manger as well as CEC PM. The work is progressing well contrary to what has been reported in the press in the last seven days. The east section of pavement on Loan is completed aside from fitting of the handrails and provides an indication of finish and colours of materials as well as the finished look of our High St.

Predominately by email I continue to engage with CEC, stakeholders, developers and residents on QDCC business matters as well as attending Teams meetings and the occasional telephone call.

*Keith Giblett, Chair QDCC*

**26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022**

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# Secretary's Report Terry Airlie

## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – FEBRUARY REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing communication has been quite busy since the last meeting in January

Once again there continues to ongoing interest in a number of recurring items namely the Hawes Car Park turning circle and associated matters, plans for the High Street refurbishment, the roadworks/reconfiguration at the foot of the loan and both the Springfield and Builyeon Road developments.

More interest of late with regards to access with respect to the Ambassador Homes development (ForthView) were also fielded, including a number of directly related phone calls – including one with a reporter from The Sunday Mail/Daily Record which resulted in a printed article in which I was quoted. Suffice to say I was at best incorrectly represented.

As a direct result I subsequently fielded a couple of calls from irate Varney residents.

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 once again fielded calls on “boy racers”, availability of council housing, a request for assistance related to pot holes on Scotstoun Avenue and a query relating to the opening of the CEC offices in the High Street.

I continue to engage with CEC and should any further relevant information be received I will share with everyone as necessary. Business continues as normal using a combination of email, social media and MS Teams. Whilst it remains encouraging that local residents are keen to engage with QDCC, most communications tend to be complaints, issues with CEC service delivery and queries about local service provision.

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

2. A number of website enquiries have been received 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 28<sup>h</sup> February have been received.

3. I continue to support the working group associated with the idea of a Queensferry Community Development Trust looking at the various consultations that have been commissioned about Queensferry over the years.
4. Further communication from CEC/ Scottish Government was received last Friday as follows:

The Scottish Government has today laid the following Scottish Statutory Instruments before Parliament:

- [Town and Country Planning \(Miscellaneous Temporary Modifications\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2022](#) (The Coronavirus Regulations 2022)
- [The Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019 \(Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provision\) Amendment Regulations 2022](#) (The Commencement Regulations)

Subject to Parliamentary scrutiny, the regulations are due to come into force on 30 March 2022. Details of the effect of the new provisions are described in the relevant policy note for each SSI, available through the above links (see 'More Resources').

These two sets of regulations would mean:

- the provisions on extended duration<sup>1</sup> will remain in place with the emergency period ending on 30 September 2022 and with the 'extended period' ending on 31 March 2023 (that is, where development is not started and duration would otherwise expire before 30 September, the duration period will be extended to 31 March 2023);
- the suspension of requirements for a public event as part of pre-application consultation (PAC) requirements will remain until 30 September 2022; and
- the changes to PAC requirements which are due to come into force on 1 April 2022, will not now come into force until 1 October 2022.

The [guidance](#) on conducting PAC whilst such Coronavirus modifications are in place remains relevant.

<sup>1</sup> the time limit within which works must be started in relation to planning permission, planning permission in principle, listed building consent and conservation area consent.

5. 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 – 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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# Treasurer's Report ▲ Diane Job

## Money in this month:

None

## Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - Jetpack Invoice (website backup) - £36.00

**Total CC Funds = £ 1302.39**

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## Community Facility Funding

### Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - £18347.35

95 Day Notice Account - January Interest £7.74 - £60766.16

**Nationwide Building Society** - £86079.60

**Barclays Bank** - £85000.00

**RBS** - £85856.87

**Charity Bank** - £60872.28

**Community Facility Funding Total = £ 396922.26**

*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**

Next edition due soon. Anyone willing or know of people willing to help with future distribution of this bi-monthly community magazine should contact [Alistair@wordsandpicturesuk.com](mailto:Alistair@wordsandpicturesuk.com).

## **CEC Engagement**

Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) continues to negotiate a stronger two way communication link between CEC and CC's. A proposal for employed support to work on behalf of EACC, representing Edinburgh CC's across many committees, is being drawn for presentation to the Edinburgh Partnership (EP) meeting in June. This latest delay is due to capacity limitations of EACC exec's juggling work commitments.

## **QHS Community Facilities**

Discussions are under way within EL to address the swimming pool schedules, in particular the public access times which are currently well below expectation. The additional two lanes fought for by the community to allow a consistent minimum public access are presently being absorbed by private clubs and classes, not as intended.

Additional gym equipment is expected early March. Some additional private classes have started this week in conjunction with Future Gym, however outwith the EL membership inclusions.

Edinburgh Leisure staff have taken on the task of bringing cleanliness and maintenance standards up to scratch around the pool area with significant impact.

## **Youth Engagement**

Open All Hours, a young persons' (s1 upwards) facility at QHS on Friday evenings has commenced with a flying start. Capacity for 45 young people and close to filling already, after two weeks.

Supervised free access to the pool, gym, multiple sports options, etc. Highly popular with great feedback from participants and parents alike. Congratulations to Anne Marie Boyd who, following her success as a Youth Worker, has well deservedly been appointed as Youth Work Organiser for OAH Queensferry.

The p7 Transition club at the community centre, School Lane is currently scheduled to commence 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

*Graeme McKinley,*  
QDCC Communications

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## Education ▲ David Flint

### **Ed/Rec Sub committee. February 2022**

On 9<sup>th</sup> February four community councillors joined the 'Team around the cluster' meeting. It was some considerable time since this group had met so the main purpose was to bring people up to date, in particular the developments taking place in the High School.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February Queensferry Primary School Parents Council met. The Head Teacher gave a report on the situation in the school. She told us that things were gradually returning to 'normal'. It is hoped to re-start assemblies which have not been held for over two years. Pupil roll is presently 515 with a very healthy P1 enrolment. The pupils are taking part in some exciting projects. There is increasing concern over the traffic situation round the school.

The Rosebery Hall committee is planning a face-to-face meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March – this will be the first meeting since the onset of Covid. The community centres are slowly re-starting their programmes.

A proposal has been made to look into the possibility of giving a community award to High School pupil(s). This sub-committee was asked to follow this up which has been done. The next stage will require further discussions with the school staff.

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*David Flint*

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## Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

### **QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for March 2022**

#### Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road

Last month I held a site meeting attended by Keith Giblett, Graeme McKinley and a City of Edinburgh manager with responsibility for council owned land to discuss the possible development of a council owned area of derelict waste ground opposite the "The Haven" the Queensferry Care in the Community premises on Burgess Road. The objective was to discuss options to transform the area of land into a productive asset for the community which in turn should also hopefully reduce the current incidences of anti-social behaviour being reported by neighbouring households.

The council manager will now draw up some plans and also some approximate costings to renovate the land from its current "wilderness" state. These discussions are at a very early stage and neighbouring residents will be fully consulted before any decisions are made on the possible development of the land.

#### Station Road Park

A meeting was held with our local Park Ranger Michael Jump to discuss how the Friends of Ferry Glen team can work with the Council to help keep the Station Road Park in good shape following the extensive recent clearance of overgrown vegetation. Michael will also discuss with Ritchie Fraser an

additional planting plan of shrubs and perennials to take place later this year to fill some of the gap areas which have been created following the renovation.

A successful joint litter pick in the park was also undertaken between the Friends of Ferry Glen team and some members of the Queensferry Heritage Trust.

#### Dangerous Wooden Steps near Dalmeny Oil Tank Depot

The dangerous state of these steps (part of the Queensferry to Newbridge cycle path route) has been raised with Michael Jump. Following investigative work it is clear the steps are located on ground owned by Network Rail and not the owner of the caravan park as Network Rail initially contested. The matter is being progressed between CEC and Network Rail.

#### Rotary Club of South Queensferry Environmental Team

This newly constituted team have initiated a number of projects:

- The reconstruction and replanting of 6 dilapidated planters and the construction of one new one on Dalmeny Village green, a funding application for the costs of these works via North West Locality is being pursued.
- The rebuilding of a large vegetable planter in the Hawthorn Bank Community gardens
- The renovation of the garden area and planters at Dalmeny Railway Station.

*Neil McKinlay ,*

**Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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## Health & Wellbeing [Anne Mitchell](#)

### **Health and Wellbeing report February 2022**

This has been a relatively quiet month giving time to complete the accounts for Ferry Elves.

We had organised a face-to-face anxiety management course to be run by Health in Mind. Unfortunately there were insufficient applicants so the course moved on line to allow participants from other areas to join.

Y people are trialling a drop in session in Rosebery Hall on a Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30. They are predominantly focussed on housing advice and support but can discuss financial aid as well. Again if this service is not used it will be withdrawn. It has not been widely advertised so will put fliers out.

Across Lothian the large mass vaccination sites have done their job and will be returning to their normal functions at the end of March. The vaccination teams however will remain, with permanent staff being recruited to work across the area providing a vaccine service.

*Anne Mitchell*

Health & Wellbeing convener

February 2022

## Applications

### During four week period eleven applications were received

22/00358/FUL - The development of a Forth Bridge Walk Reception Hub building; new sections of bridge access system; new viewing platforms; alterations to Dalmeny Battery; demolition of 2 No. outbuildings; associated car parking; landscaping; servicing and alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian accesses - The Forts 3 Hawes Brae

22/00359/CON - Complete demolition in a conservation area - The Forts 3 Hawes Brae

22/00360/LBC - Installation of access system on Forth Bridge and replacement of existing wire mesh on Dalmeny Battery

22/00357/FUL - Proposed two-storey side extension - 49 Lawson Crescent

22/00483/LBC - Replacement of existing single glazed, timber sashes on a like for like basis with new sashes, custom fitted with IGU's - Seaview 29 High Street

22/00514/FUL - New dwelling house - amendments to design of 17/00484/FUL - 12 Forth Park

22/00532/FUL - Construct a 2 storey rear extension - 4 Long Crook

22/00387/LBC - Internal alterations and refurbishment to existing bar /restaurant and hotel bedrooms. External redecoration of the building - Hawes Inn Newhalls Road

22/00388/FUL - Internal alterations to bar / restaurant / hotel and external redecoration - Hawes Inn Newhalls Road

22/00666/FUL - Internal wall removals and renovation with external changes to north elevation, and window glazing /fenestration change to east elevation - 32 High Street

22/00667/LBC - The main proposals alter an old extension to the listed building. There is some internal work to the listed building itself - changing a bathroom to an en-suite - 32 High Street

## Decisions

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

21/06121/FUL - Proposed two-storey wraparound extension - 16 Dimma Park - GRANTED

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 - GRANTED

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 - GRANTED

21/04768/FUL - Erection of 4-5 bedroom house. Erection of a detached 2 car garage - Land 20 metres East of the Old Dairy House Dalmeny Home Farm - REFUSED

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 - GRANTED

21/06287/FUL - Proposed single storey rear extension, decking patio - 18 Ashburnham Loan - GRANTED

21/06759/CLP - Convert garage to family room - 7 Dundas Home Farm - NOT DEVELOPMENT

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 - GRANTED  
21/06612/LBC - Convert garage to family room - 7 Dundas Home Farm - GRANTED  
21/04016/PPP - Construction of Retail Foodstore (Class 1), Drive-Thru Food and Drink (Class 1+3/Sui Generis) and Petrol Filling-Station/Retail Kiosk/Carwash (Class 1/ Sui Generis) together with access, landscaping, parking and associated works - Land 288 metres southwest of Builyeon Road - GRANTED  
21/04018/PPP - Construction of residential care home (class 8) with access, landscaping, amenity area, parking and associated works - Land 288 metres Southwest of 10 Builyeon Road - GRANTED  
21/04019/AMC - Approval of matters specified in condition 1 including the masterplan for 980 new homes, and discharge of conditions 6, 7, 9, 10 and the approval of associated infrastructure to facilitate Masterplan Planning Consent (16/01797/PPP) (as amended) - Land 288 metres southwest of 10 Builyeon Road - APPROVED

## **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 this application was approved at the Dev Management sub committee meeting on the 9th February  
21/04016/PPP the commercial/retail proposal this application was granted at the Dev Management sub committee meeting on the 9th February with condition that the car park be redesigned, the drive thru element of the proposal were not approved - a condition was attached to the consent stating that these were not permitted. However, the applicant may appeal this to Scottish Ministers.  
21/04018/PPP the care home proposal - Planning Permission in Principle has been decided by Delegated Decision and has been granted

### **Springfield Cala Development - Queensferry Heights**

The Archaeological Survey is in progress

### **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)**

A meeting is being progressed with QDCC reps and Ambassador

### **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.

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)

QDCC were sent a letter on the 11th February from The Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals division stating that a reporter had been appointed to consider the case and that the reporter would carry out an unaccompanied site inspection.

The case can be viewed at [www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk](http://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 - no further update

### **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

Planning has spoken with the agent with regards to some amendments to the scheme including the setting back of the shack. The agent has been asked to upload the revised plans and QDCC will be informed when this has been done.

### **Former Port Edgar Naval Barracks**

LAR Housing Trust contacted QDCC to introduce themselves and advise that they had purchased the former barracks. LAR is a housing charity set up six years ago to build and then let affordable housing in town, villages and cities across Scotland. Ann Leslie from LAR will be attending our February meeting to give us a talk on their plans for the site which will be for approx 48 homes. An application will be submitted to planning in the next few weeks.

## Forth Bridge Experience

The following planning applications have been submitted to CEC with revised plans for this site comments on these applications to be submitted by Friday 4th March.

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*Diane Job*

QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport ▲ Grant Sangster

### Transport Report for February 2022

- 1. High Street Resurfacing** – Work continues with the pavement extension and traffic lights at the bottom of The Loan. On 21 February we met with CEC and Ironside Farrer to hear about the position with the Sustrans application. The bid is not going forward in the early March funding round mainly because the traffic order is not sufficiently close to completion. However enthusiasm for the project remains high and supporting documents are still being progressed with a view to re-engaging with Sustrans around May/June 2022, by which time the traffic order (and associated revision) will become clearer. The Behaviour Change document is being revised, with QDCC providing input to help assess relative merits of scheme features and how they contribute to a thriving High Street together with encouraging modal shift. Around 30 interventions are listed and allocated APEASE ratings (affordability, practicality, effectiveness, acceptability, side effects and equity).
- 2. Spaces for People Projects** – For once there isn't anything to report on this subject. The existing schemes haven't been adjusted and we haven't heard of any change proposals within the past month.
- 3. Steps at Dalmeny Tank Farm** – As reported elsewhere, we alerted CEC to the deteriorating condition of a flight of steps near the Ineos facility. Previously CEC have been good enough to carry out emergency repairs here although formal responsibility remains unclear.
- 4. 20 Minute Neighbourhood** – CEC have allocated a programme manager for the 20 Minute Neighbourhood team, which aims to reduce reasons for people choosing unsustainable transport in conducting everyday business. This loosely aligns with interventions in the

Scottish Government [objective](#) to achieve 20% reduction in car-kilometres by 2030, where a Town Centre First approach is promoted. Within Queensferry this means accessing local centres for everyday needs rather than the High Street or seafront. Our hope is that data collected in the Placemaking sessions from a few years ago can be brought together as a set of actions for delivery alongside known residential developments. There are a number of different elements, as amenity demands will be changing not only as a result of World Heritage and housing schemes but also from the pandemic's influence on travel patterns, lifestyle and tourism.

- 5. Public Transport** – ScotRail's proposed Monday–Saturday timetable cuts effective from 15 May 2022 have been adjusted from those put forward last year. The latest draft Dalmeny line schedule, which is highly likely to go ahead, can be found [here](#). A significant difference to the previous version is that the two Edinburgh trains per hour run at a more even spacing than before. However the downside is that they both operate on the Dunfermline branch therefore passengers wanting to use the Kirkcaldy branch will often need to change at Inverkeithing because Perth trains typically won't call at Dalmeny. Although cost plays a part, there is no real expectation that the train service can be profitable or that reducing the number of services will significantly affect losses. However fewer trains can mean less congestion and sensitivity to staff absence which might help punctuality and reliability. There is more detail on the background, consultation and how decisions were taken [here](#).

Grant Sangster, 25 February 2022  
Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Cllr Lang & cllr Young

No report submitted

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Cllr Hutchison

No report submitted

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# Cllr Work

## Cllr Norman Work's report for February 2022 meeting

**BT Openreach poles;** I was contacted by two residents in Springfield View about the position of two poles put up by BT Openreach. I have been asked to contact BT about the location of the poles as more thought could have been given to the positioning of these two poles.

**Men's Shed;** Tony Jones contacted me about finding a permanent base for the Men's Shed. Tony asked about the prospect of a storage unit type facility which I'm looking into. I understand he has also been in discussion with QDCC and the Rosebery Hall Management Committee where they are located just now but are looking for a more permanent and suitable location.

**QDT;** I attended the latest meeting of the steering group on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Consideration about becoming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) was discussed and moving forward to appointing 3 trustees was considered.

**Old swimming pool;** A resident has asked me to enquire about the old derelict swimming block under the car park next to the Burgh Chambers in the hope of renovating and making use of the area. After making enquiries, Property Services are considering putting the block on the market and I've been told I will be informed when this will happen.

**Budget;** The budget was passed at Full Council on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Council tax is to rise by 3%. Rents are frozen for council tenants. The council has set aside £4.95m to provide grants for 33,000 low-income households and an additional £450k in crises grant funding. I have attached a [link to the administrations motion](#).

**Ukraine;** As Full Council was meeting, The Lord Provost & Leader of the council arranged for the flag of Ukraine to be flown from the City Chambers in support for Edinburgh's twin city Kyiv and the people of Ukraine. The Lord Provost has also written to the Mayor of Kyiv, on behalf of the people of Edinburgh, expressing deep sorrow at the events unfolding in Ukraine and offering our support.

**Change of Polling Station;** The council have been gradually replacing schools as polling stations. The latest change is Queensferry Library will be used as a polling station in place of Echline Primary School for the local elections in May. Although I've always supported finding an alternative to using schools as polling stations, I have asked that the parking is monitored as I've suggested there may be problems with parking at this location.

**Council elections;** I can officially announce that I will standing as SNP candidate for the Almond ward in May's council elections after being selected unopposed at a meeting of Edinburgh West SNP on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

## Other Documents



### Northwest Monthly Community Meeting

ALMOND WARD

*South Queensferry CC*

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#### Road Traffic

##### Newhalls Road/Hawes Brae/Ferrymuir car park/Scotstoun

- Issues include excessive revving of engines, dangerous driving, careless driving and anti-social use of horns

- Patrols have been conducted by community officers and specialist resources at problem times resulting in numerous warnings being issued and drivers being charged with offences

Officers are aware this is a continuing issue affecting local residents and will treat as a priority working with our partners in Edinburgh City Council.

#### **ASB/Youth Issues – 5 incidents reported**

##### Echline/Lawson Crescent/Scotstoun/Shore Road

- Issues primarily relate to youths drinking and engaging in anti-social behaviour whilst in groups, stealing wheelie bins and throwing stones/eggs at properties

- Community officers will continue to conduct regular high visibility patrols in the most problematic areas and engage in partnership working with local shops and businesses.

#### **ASB/Boy Racers Initiative**

Officers recently conducted over 60 hours of dedicated high visibility foot and mobile patrols across South Queensferry, focusing primarily on Port Edgar and Hawes Brae, but encompassing all known 'hot spots' around the area. The initiative yielded very positive results with a significant decrease in related calls. Similar operations/initiatives will be repeated going forward, however, considerable planning was required alongside a high demand on resources, therefore, more long term options are currently being explored.

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#### **Some additional detail from PC DJ MacLeod, Community Police officer....**

- Total hours on patrol: 60+ hours
- Incidents of ASB reported in South Queensferry during initiative: 1 (Theft of wheelie bin)
- Incidents re boy racers reported in South Queensferry during initiative: 0

- Drivers engaged: Approx 150 (Unable to provide exact number as often groups of drivers/passengers were engaged whilst congregated in groups outside vehicles)
- Youths engaged: Approx 50

#### **Community engagement:**

- Walkabout with South Queensferry CC Chair Keith Giblett
- Premises visit to all Scotmid stores South Queensferry/Kirkliston/Ratho Station with Scotmid Security Team
- Engagement with Port Edgar Security Team
- Premises visits to local convenience stores across South Queensferry/Kirkliston/Ratho Station to reinforce message re sales of alcohol to persons under 18/proxy purchase

Officers conducted over 60 hours of dedicated high visibility foot and mobile patrols across South Queensferry, focusing primarily on Port Edgar and Hawes Brae, but encompassing all known 'hot spots' around the area. The initiative yielded very positive results with a significant decrease in related calls. Similar operations/initiatives will be repeated going forward, however, considerable planning was required alongside a high demand on resources, therefore, more long term options are currently being explored.

#### **CONTACT US;**

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## **Rotary Club of South Queensferry**

### Meetings

With the impending further relaxation of Scottish Government COVID restrictions the club is hoping to return to its normal weekly face to face meeting schedule in the near future. Current "virtual" and hybrid meetings continue to be well supported.

### May Community Fair Event – Hawthorn Bank Community Gardens

The club are co-ordinating a May Community Fair Event on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> May bringing together a number of local community groups with the emphasis on youth related groups. These groups will be able to raise funds through the sale of products and goods, raise awareness about their activities and hopefully attract new members. We also hope to have provide music and other entertainment on the day and make it a fun day.

**Neil McKinlay, Junior Vice President, Rotary Club of South Queensferry**

# Agenda

**QDCC January Business Meeting**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 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. Guest Speaker – Anne Leslie (LAR Housing Trust)</b>
<b>5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (January 2022)</b>
<b>6. Any Matters Arising</b>
<b>7. Community Development Trust Update</b>
<b>8. Chair's Report</b>
<b>9. Almond Ward Councillor Reports</b>
<b>10. Treasurer's Report</b>
<b>11. Secretary's Report</b>
<b>12. QDCC Sub Committees Reports</b>
<b>13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Business updates</b>
<b>14. Any Other Business</b>
<b>15. Questions from the floor</b>
<b>16. Date and time of next meeting</b>

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 21st February 2022

## Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

### Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 24 January 2022 at 7.30pm

### MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

**DRAFT MINUTES, UPDATED**

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer), David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Michelle Gordon (QHS), David Learmond (QHT), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

**Guests:** Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, Fred Hessler CEC Labour candidate, Ryan Cramb (Edinburgh Leisure), and 6 local residents.

<b>1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	The Chair welcomed everyone to the online meeting via MS Teams and noted relevant protocols for conduct of business. In addition to members, meeting links are available to the public on request and 6 local residents were attending. Keith also welcomed Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP for Western Edinburgh, and Fred Hessler Labour party candidate at the forthcoming CEC elections.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Muir Kay (QBC), Cllr Louise Young, PC McLeod (Police Scotland), Jenni Meldrum (QBA).
<b>3. Police Report</b>	Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting. Keith highlighted the main points from the report. These were road safety issues and anti- social behaviour, including damage to property at Port Edgar. David L queried the 5-year average figures reported, to follow up separately via email. <b>ACTION: David L to contact Terry regarding Police statistics query.</b>
<b>4. Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP</b>	Alex thanked Keith for the invitation to attend the meeting and complimented QDCC on being one of the most active in Edinburgh. He had got to know 'the Ferry' well during the first lockdown and commented on the community spirit in place via initiatives such as the Ferry Go-For group.  Regarding the pandemic, he noted mailboxes of all elected members had increased dramatically, the Police had praised the public's observance of the rules, and it was hoped that the end was near. The impact of Long Covid was being felt with 100,000 Scots affected. Clinics had been provided in England

but not yet in Scotland, and he was pushing for these. Waiting times for mental health appointments were also too long, particularly for children and young people. Fred commented on a change in policy expanding the role to cover mental wellbeing and social care and whether this had made a difference to service provision, especially for young people. Anne acknowledged that funding concentrated on adults, with those under 18 suffering most.

Turning to the Scottish Parliament he noted the budget announcement was due, local authority cuts were expected to be severe and acknowledged that South Queensferry residents paid the same Council Tax as the city but received less services. He also mentioned anti-social behaviour issues at the Hawes and elsewhere, and the impact of the recent local road changes. On services David L asked about the High Street works, the Museum which was due for refurbishment and the infrastructure required to support the UNESCO World Heritage listing of the Forth Bridge. Alex said Queensferry is a destination of choice for many and has his support. On the High Street he felt a need to ask what residents want, noting likely to be mixed views. The QHT project on this was therefore welcomed.

He was also aware of the recent difficulties with pharmacy services and had met with Lloyds, the relevant union, and the Health Board (LHB). It had been short sighted not to grant a 3<sup>rd</sup> location, growth in need had risen 50% since the application was refused. Diane understood there was to be a consultation in the summer. Alex confirmed this and added other areas across West Edinburgh similarly affected, due to proliferation of new housing. A pre-planning application for a new pharmacy was to be submitted, and he had asked the Chief Pharmaceutical Officer how quickly approval could be granted. Keith asked if it was possible to bring the consultation forward from the summer as the community need is now. Alex advised there are some old 'rules' around pharmacies, which LHB is looking into, but in the meantime need to be followed.

Graeme asked about opening up the slip roads at the Echline roundabout to ease traffic flows for residents. The Builyeon Road development would only worsen matters. Alex agreed and advised he was seeking an early meeting with the new Transport Minister on this point. Keith added there are a number of other areas impacting Queensferry which are also under Transport Scotland's control, rather than CEC, including FRB car park, Ferrymuir Gait access, and Newhalls/Hawes area FBWHMC deliverables. He asked Alex if he would consider leading on local representation on these matters with the Minister. Alex agreed to do so, after the initial meeting outlined above.

Keith thanked Alex for attending and discussing the matters raised.

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<b>5. Minutes from Last</b>	Minutes proposed by David L and seconded by Anne.
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<b>Meeting (Nov 21)</b>	
<b>6. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY 2020</u></b>  <b>Museum:</b> Raised further at meeting with CEC officials, Sept 21. To be considered as part of wider action on small museums.  <b>ONGOING – Keith to contact CEC for formal update</b></p> <p><b><u>OCTOBER 2020</u></b>  <b>Development Management Sub-Committee (DMSC):</b> Ongoing dissatisfaction on the questionable basis for making decisions at CEC. Investigate formation of a community forum to act as an engagement vehicle.  <b>CLOSED - ongoing via EACC, and Edinburgh Partnership, see CEC Engagement action below</b></p> <p><b><u>JANUARY 2021</u></b>  <b>Dalmeny Park Roads &amp; Pavements:</b> To confirm roads/pavements formally adopted.  <b>DEFERRED TO JUNE 22</b></p> <p><b>Station Road Repairs:</b> Full new resurfacing now required, in CEC plan for 2022-23.  <b>ONGOING</b></p> <p><b><u>MAY 2021</u></b>  <b>Queensferry Business Register:</b> Discuss number and scale of business activity within Queensferry, and potential benefits of seeking formal engagement. In progress.  <b>ONGOING – low priority</b></p> <p><b>Harbour Repairs:</b> Monitor via Project Team and Newsletter updates, and QBC reports.  <b>ONGOING</b></p> <p><b>CEC Engagement:</b> Concerns regarding CEC lack of community engagement with CCs. EACC proposal to have officers appointed to work directly with CCs. Paper to Edinburgh Partnership in February for review and approval. Poor communication, lack of response, timing, and short notice messages also frustrating and disruptive. Discussed with CEC Director, Sept. CEC email system updated and QDCC Councillors email addresses added to the (safe) 'Whitelist'.  <b>ONGOING – monitor improvements Qtr 1 2022</b></p> <p><b><u>SEPTEMBER 2021</u></b>  <b>Fire Hydrant Locations:</b> Local Fire Officer update expected at next Almond Neighbourhood Network meeting.  <u>Post Meeting Note</u></p>

Query raised by Keith at ANN on 26/1/22. Extract from minutes -  
Asked "How much local knowledge do incoming crews get when called to area?"  
Response "Each vehicle is fitted with a device which shows GPS location of hydrants."  
**CLOSED**

**OCTOBER 2021**  
**Police Report:** Confirmed monthly report can be published, statistics to be excluded.  
**CLOSED**

**NOVEMBER 2021**  
**QDCC Promotion:** All to consider how to improve clarity and presentation of QDCC role and responsibilities. In progress, covered in Secretary report.  
**ONGOING**

**Longcraig:** Cllrs Work & Hutchison to confirm position on CEC maintenance of Longcraig Road. Overtaken by events, road now resurfaced.  
**CLOSED**

**5G Masts:** Cllr Hutchison to check number and locations (if known) of further 5G masts within Queensferry. WIP, Rosebery Avenue application rejected, being appealed.  
**ONGOING: Diane to send further correspondence on potential locations etc to Graham**

**QHS/Ed Leisure Sports Facilities:** Pass on feedback on changing rooms cleanliness to Louise to investigate. Done.  
**CLOSED**

**Grounds Maintenance:** Provide list of areas where trees, shrubs etc need cutting back, to Ward Cllrs. Overtaken by events, pruning/cutting back now taken place.  
**CLOSED**

**City Plan 2030:** Draft note on consultation times for inclusion in EACC meeting paper. Done  
**CLOSED**

**Gift Card Scheme:** Karen to ascertain use of the 'Scotland Loves Local Gift Card Scheme' by businesses in Queensferry.

**Post Meeting Note**  
Update from Karen "Scotmid on The Loan and Scotstoun Avenue took part, along with Dalmeny Cars and Scotmid in Kirkliston. Full list of Edinburgh participants at: [Edinburgh Gift Card | Scotland Loves Local Gift Cards \(scotlandgiftslocal.com\)](https://www.scotlandgiftslocal.com)"

	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>7. Forth Bridges WHMC</b>	Karen reported on action since the last meeting. New tourism signage procurement now live, tender closing end Jan. Website is live, continuing to work hard on Facebook and other social media feeds. Invited to QHT meeting, Scotland's 'Year of Stories' discussed. 'Great Days Out' promotion ending 18 Feb, Forth Boat Tours and Deep Sea World involved, 50% discount on tickets. Cruise Scotland meeting following week, ships expected from mid-May, numbers TBC. Keith questioned whether the signage procurement was not for the full project. Karen agreed, as full funding not available due to work for the FRB.
<b>8. Edinburgh Leisure</b>	Ryan updated QDCC on current activity at QHS. Fitness provision across all 3 areas was up 182% on 2019, ie pre Covid. There were 117 new members, 60 adults and remainder juniors/children. Keith welcomed the increase in numbers. Not planning a Jan campaign this year as some facilities currently closed, focus on Feb will notify QDCC re publicity. New gym cardio equipment in place, and more to be provided later for body, pump and Zumba as budget allows. 'Open All Hours' scheme opening on Friday evenings, meeting shortly to discuss arrangements. Feedback on cleanliness, and rusting, had been raised with QHS, and remedial action taken. Fred asked if GPs were using referrals to help address mental and physical health matters. Ryan advised this had previously been done, stopped as didn't have suitable resource, but now got someone with appropriate skills regarding mental health, stroke etc.
<b>9. QHS Update</b>	Michelle tendered apologies from the 2 School Heads, both in midst of formal assessments. Parent Council to be updated on outline curriculum changes for next year. Business partnerships in place with the Little Parlour, Dakota Hotel, and Conifox. Also secured Edinburgh College to cover construction, cookery and event management. Recruitment for 7 posts, plus a Deputy Head and Principal Teacher of Numeracy, and School Counsellor. QHS working with Police on ASB, receive details of all reports involving pupils, focus on developing social skills. Community Police contact been away on other activity recently but now back. Senior Leadership Team presence in the community has increased at lunch and break times. Keith noted positive feedback on this, been appreciated by the local community. Michelle said thought was being given to awards and whether QDCC might wish to be involved in a Community Award. Keith agreed good to do, and would discuss further with QDCC. David L also happy to pick this up regarding a Heritage related award. He asked about performance of the new building, in particular users' experience of heating and ventilation. Michelle advised ventilation had been good, able to open windows. There was some snagging, and air flow was being looked at, including social areas and pods. CO2 monitors also in place. Anne expressed sincere thanks to QHS for the amount of food provided to the Ferry Elves, enabling 30 families to be supported over the festive period. Keith seconded this, noting the collective

	team effort from Queensferry residents, Almond Neighbourhood Network, and the Rotary.
<b>10. CDT Update</b>	Covered in Chair's report.
<b>11. Newhalls Road</b>	<p>Keith introduced 4 residents from Newhalls Road who wished to raise the increase in car related noise and other nuisance activity at the Hawes area, and the impact on them and their neighbours. Had started during lockdown and action taken but become substantially worse in last few months. There had been damage to property and a vehicle. It was felt recent road changes had contributed to the problems, with work at the west end of the car park resulting in moving vehicles/people closer to residents at the Hawes. All of this was impacting significantly on those affected. A meeting was being arranged with the Police to discuss and find out what further action could be taken.</p> <p>Keith thanked them for the update and was sorry to hear matters had worsened. QDCC had worked with local Councillors last year on this, and thought under control. It was also acknowledged that the recent retirement of the local PC had been a loss to Queensferry. Various suggestions were proposed and discussed. Keith would write to the Police Inspector on matters raised, requesting resource be prioritised to get the matter under control as soon as possible, noting the situation is intolerable and that urgent action is needed. He also asked for feedback from the forthcoming meeting between the residents and Police. Local Councillors would also look into options for CCTV and closures.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith to write to Police Inspector regarding residents' concerns at Newhalls Road.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Ward Cllrs to investigate CCTV and road/car park closure options at Hawes area.</b></p>
<b>12. Councillors' Reports</b>	<p><b>Cllr Hutchison:</b> Verbal update</p> <p>There had been some Police involvement with ASB on unused CEC land at Burgess Road/Lawson Crescent area. Action been chased with Parks and Green Space dept. Anne recalled a proposal for this area had been looked into previously, but unsuccessful. Other possibilities could be considered, Keith proposed setting up a separate meeting to discuss.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith, Graeme, Neil, Norman and Graham to meet to discuss options for unused land at Burgess Road/Lawson Crescent.</b></p> <p><b>Cllrs Young/Lang.</b> Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p><b>Cllr Work.</b> Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Any queries/comments be forwarded separately to Cllrs Lang/Young and Work.</p>
<b>13. Chair's Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Any queries/comments be forwarded separately to Keith.</p>

<b>14. Treasurer's Report</b>	Report circulated before the meeting. Any queries/comments be forwarded separately to Diane.
<b>15. Secretary's Report</b>	Report circulated before the meeting. Any queries/comments be forwarded separately to Terry.
<b>16. Sub-Committees &amp; Local Interest Groups</b>	<p>Due to meeting time restrictions Keith proposed that, with the following exceptions, this month's reports be taken 'as read' with any queries/comments forwarded separately to Convenors.</p> <p><b>Planning &amp; Housing.</b> Diane added an update from Network Rail on the FB Experience. Final checks had taken longer, and the planning application would be submitted soon.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing.</b> Anne reiterated her thanks to all involved with Ferry Elves, the community support had been overwhelming. She noted the need had been for coats and shoes, rather than presents, this year.</p> <p><b>QHT.</b> David L commented on programme of talks planned this year, starting with Karen re Forth Bridges. QHT members also being updated on High Street refurbishment, timing now right to pursue this further. Panel discussion proposed with invites to Dave Sinclair, local Cllrs, QDCC. Wed 9 March proposed date.</p> <p><b>ACTION: QDCC to note and contact QHT re Wed 9 March, proposed date for Panel Discussion on High Street refurbishment.</b></p>
<b>17. CEC/EACC/QDCC Business</b>	None raised.
<b>18. AOB</b>	A Cluster Transition Teacher for P7 -> S1 pupils to be recruited. Thanks passed to Neil for work, along with Greenferry, on tidying up area at Scotstoun shops.
<b>19. Questions from the floor</b>	No questions raised.
<b>20. Date and time of next meeting</b>	Monday 28 February 2022 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.