

QDCC

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Do You Want to Make a Difference in South Queensferry

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

We need 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

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Thank you



Chair's Report ▾ Keith Giblett

Chairs report for the Virtual Business meeting being held Monday 28th March at 7.30pm

QDCC Other Business

In my capacity as chair, 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.

Ambassador Homes

I attended a Planning Sub group (PSG) meeting with Ambassador Homes primarily to obtain an update on their latest position with the ongoing access issues to Ferrymuirgate Road. I have supported the Planning Convener and Secretary in matters of correspondence about same with Varney residents. For detail the topic will be reported on by the Planning Convenor.

Queensferry Heritage Trust – High Street Meeting

I facilitated and attended a QHT meeting with City of Edinburgh Council Officer and consultants Ironside Farer delivering the High Street Improvement project. The Chair of the Trust presented the members views by power point presentation which in my opinion were generally in line with what is being proposed. The talking points were cycle lanes in both directions and car parking which have been the subject of debate since inception of the project.

Visit to Port Edgar Naval Barracks & Hospital

Along with PSG members I visited Port Edgar Naval Barracks and Hospital site at the invitation of Lar Housing Trust hosted by Anne Leslie CEO which I found very interesting. The main fabric of the buildings is in reasonable condition considering their age. They are of robust construction. The conversion to housing is an exciting project which should be supported and will deliver much needed mid rent properties and community facilities as well as restoring a derelict historical site to good purpose. QDCC looks forward to working with Lar Trust.

Cleansing collection changes

I facilitated and attended a meeting along with the Environmental Convenor with CEC Senior Waste Manger to learn about new ways of working in collection methods; a reduction in litter bins by plans to replace and install larger bins, seagull proofing of bins on the Hawes Promenade and planned investment in equipment from the approved council budget.

Burgess Road Council Land

A meeting was held with the North West Senior Housing Manager as we had been advised that the land was held in the housing account. It transpires the land is held in a land development account and not housing. The Housing Manger agreed to lead with our enquiry about the potential land use and identify the CEC Officers responsible.

High Street Improvements

I continue to visit the worksite and talk to Gilmartins on site project manager regularly. AS well as engage with CEC PM and the Consultants Ironside Farrer and field telephone calls with questions and queries from the public about the ongoing work.

Ukraine Support Group

I have been supporting the Heath & Wellbeing Convenor and Environmental Convenor setting up a support group in the locality for any Ukrainians settling in Queensferry. Our initial enquire through Facebook was about interest in establishing a working group, which there is. Within a short spell we received responses from several interested parties with backgrounds in languages, citizen's advice and offers of accommodation.

Meeting with North Queensferry Community Council (NQCC)

At the request from NQCC we held a meeting to discuss common business being; Forth Bridge World Heritage, Forth Bridge repair works, the Three Bridges such as engagement with BEAR, Policing and anti-social behaviours, Communications and using social media and how effective engagement is with Government bodies and councils. Some actions were agreed as was to hold two/three meetings a year.

Keith Giblett, Chair QDCC

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Secretary's Report ↗ Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – MARCH REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing communication has been steady since the last meeting in February.
Once more 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 the South Scotstoun, Springfield and Builyeon Road developments.

Interest in FerryMuir Gait Road access with respect to the Ambassador Homes development (ForthView) resulted in some dialogue with the Varney Residents Association. An update on the latest decision is to be found in the Planning Report

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 normally delivered by CEC.

Wherever possible I try to pass on these queries to the relevant local authority departments, but that is not always easy given the constant changes within CEC.

Since the last meeting I have fielded calls on “boy racers”, the availability of council housing, access to school provision for new residents, someone seeking assistance with provision of a birth certificate, a query from a passenger on a forthcoming Cruise Liner visit, a resident unhappy with the cleanliness of Provost Milne Grove, another resident of PMG complaining about construction workers parking and someone looking to determine whether or not to move to Queensferry dependent on local educational and services provision.

I continue to regularly engage with CEC Officers and should any further relevant information be received I will share with everyone as necessary.

QDCC business continues as normal using a combination of email, social media and MS Teams meetings.

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 generating the meeting minutes, and to Graeme for organizing online meetings and communications.

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.
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. A draft report is now available and will be circulated to stakeholders.
4. Along with other QDCC planning sub group members I attended a meeting with Robert Evans of Rydens and Graeme Johnstone from Ambassador homes on 3rd March to discuss the latest amendment to the planning application. Details available in the Planning Report
5. I attended a meeting facilitated by Queensferry Heritage Trust on 9th March with Dave Sinclair from CEC to get some updates on the plans for the High Street refurbishment.
6. On 10th March I attended a call with Ian Tame and Jane Iannareli from CEC along with members of the Development Trust sub group to discuss the various consultations under consideration and the outcomes of the 2015/2016 Placemaking exercise.
Active Travel and 20 minute neighbourhoods were also covered. We discovered that CEC are now promoting Community Place Plans. Further discussions are planned.
7. On 10th March along with other QDCC members I attended a site visit to Port Edgar with representatives from LAR Housing as discussed at the February QDCC meeting. Details of this are to be found in the Planning Report
8. On 16th March I joined a call with members of the Development Trust sub group to consolidate the findings of the exercise to review previous consultations impacting Queensferry.

9. On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and local residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC business.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 27th March 2022

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Treasurer's Report ↗ Diane Job

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

TsHost Invoice (annual website hosting for 2022/23) - £86.26

Eddie Sharp ECW - Strimmer tools, consumables and PPE - £126.21

EACC - Donation - £40.00

Zurich - Public Liability Insurance - £112.00

Total CC Funds - £937.92

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - £18347.35

95 Day Notice Account - February Interest £11.49 - £60777.65

Nationwide Building Society - £86079.60

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £85856.87

Charity Bank - £60872.28

Community Facility Funding Total = £396933.75

note our accounts year end is 31st March I will send an updated March report once I have the interest details for our accounts to that date

Communications ↗ Graeme McKinley

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. We are also now on **Instagram**, this is predominantly aimed at our younger community, particularly in relation to young people engagement projects.

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.

CEC Engagement

Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (EACC) continues to negotiate a stronger two way communication link between CEC and CC's.

QHS Community Facilities

A proposal for significantly increased public swimming access has been put forward by Ryan and a decision from senior management in EL and CEC is expected shortly. There is a balance to strike between public access and the highly popular EL swimming classes, including Additional Support Needs, etc. However, the additional two lanes should not be compromised for private classes.

Young people engagement

Open All Hours has finished for this term and will restart in 4 weeks. It has been a tremendous success to date. Capacity for 45 young people, which regularly fully books early on. Supervised free access to the pool, gym, multiple sports options, etc. Highly popular with great feedback from participants and parents alike. Our community police officers have even joined in the games too! Funding for the next year has only been provided for 23 weeks, given the success and popularity we will look at reviewing this with CEC and look at sources of funding for additional equipment and standalone sessions.

The p7 Transition club at the community centre, School Lane is now scheduled to commence in April.

Education ▾ David Flint

Ed/Rec. Report. March 2022-03-26

I was pleased to attend the first 'face to face' meeting of The Rosebery Hall committee for two years. This was on Monday 7th March. We received an update on the new staffing and the present programmes in the two centres. Concern was expressed about the toilet facilities in the top centres, Keith Giblett and Anne Mitchell offered their support in addressing this problem.

There was discussion regarding the possible change from a trust organisation to a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) . This would limit the liabilities of the voluntary management committee, should the asset be wound up.

Ferry Fair date was confirmed for Saturday 13th August.

The High school Parents Council met on 22nd March.

A meeting with Michelle Gordon is still to be arranged with QDCC.

The 'Open all Hours' programme on Friday evenings is proving to be a great success.

The Head Teacher gave a full report on the present situation in the school.

Regarding the future provision of schools in the area, a meeting is being arranged between Parents Council reps and Robbie Crockatt, Learning Estate Planning Manager, to receive an up-date. (This will be on Monday 28th March)

A question was asked about the state of the ground to the north of the school, after a new system was installed. I offered to follow this up and have done so by reporting it to our environmental convener, who has agreed to investigate the situation.

David Flint

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Environment ▾ Neil McKinlay

QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for March 2022

Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road

A further meeting was held on site with Keith Giblett, myself and David Sandison from the CEC Housing Department to discuss the options for developing the site and making it secure. It is unclear if the land falls within Housing Department ownership and David will check this out before we consider the best approach to apply to CEC for funding for the development of the site which will require to involve consulting with the neighbouring householders for their views. Making the site more secure by means of erecting a suitable gate across the entrance should be a shorter term deliverable.

Ian Woolard the CEC Allotment Department Manager is going to provide more detailed costings and a plan for the possible development of the site into allotments but due to work pressures he has not had the capacity to complete this task to date.

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.

As I have not received any further information regarding this issue I will progress matters with a named contact I have in CEC.

Land Opposite the High School

David Flint contacted me to inform me that the Queensferry High School PTA have raised the issue of the area of grass border on CEC land on the North side of the High School which has completely dug up to accommodate the significant sewage works completed last year and remains in a very poor state of repair . I will take this matter up with the main contractors, McKenzie Construction , to see what their restoration plan is for the ground and for the smaller parcel of land to the West side of the school which was similarly affected.

Plastic Free Queensferry

As the QDCC representative I attended a meeting of the above group this month in the Queensferry Parish Church Hall chaired by Janet Thomas. The objective of the group is to reduce the amount of Single Use Plastic (SUP) being used in the community by encouraging and educating businesses, schools and voluntary and charitable groups on how they can achieve this. The group has in effect been “mothballed ”for the past 2 years due to the COVID situation.

Janet is seeking to re -energise the group and is seeking volunteers to work with the above entities to get their commitment to make appropriate changes to reduce their use of SUP’s. I have committed to work with the High School to see what has being done and discuss other opportunities exist to further reduce the use of SUP’s. David McGuiness joint leader of the CleanFerry team has committed to work with the local primary schools.

Janet is also seeking the formal commitment from QDCC to support this initiative and I have drafted a specific motion (see attached) which I hope our councillors can support.

Linked to this we also had a very interesting presentation from Sarah Vance who is endeavouring to set up a new business in the community “The Ferry Weigh” via Crowdfunding. A start up fund of £21,150 is required by the end of March 2022 failing which the money gathered must be returned to the donors . The essence of the business will be a zero waste food shop where products sold will be packaging free and customers will bring their own containers to reduce the use of unnecessary packaging being produced plastic or otherwise .

Friends of South Queensferry Cemetery and the Vennel Kirk’s Church Burial Grounds

I attended a Zoom meeting of the above voluntary group this month as the QDCC representative. The “Friends “group continue their great work working with the CEC Parks and Cemetery

department team to enhance the look and appearance of the main cemetery in town through an enhancement planting programme and general tidying up and they have now started to undertake improvement works to the old Vennel Kirk's Church burial grounds which is in need of considerable maintenance work. A joint application with the Friends of Ferry Glen group to The Woodland Trust for the provision of additional sapling trees is being progressed.

Rotary Club of South Queensferry Environmental Team

North West Localities have approved a community grant for the reconstruction and replanting of 6 dilapidated planters (now removed by CEC) on Dalmeny Village green. It is envisaged the rebuilding work will be completed by the end of April and the planting will be finished by the end of May. Local groups including Dalmeny Primary School will maintain the planters thereafter.

The rebuilding of a large vegetable planter in the Hawthorn Bank Community gardens has been completed

The team completed a significant task laying additional tons of concrete under detailed Structural Engineering directions to provide added strength to the supporting structure that carries the large community mosaic at the South end of Hawthorn Bank Gardens.

A Spring tidy up of the Dalmeny Station gardens was completed by the team, further restoration work on areas of the gravel surface is required and we are waiting the approval of a budget from Network Rail before progressing this work.

Friends of Ferry Glen

Routine maintenance tasks continue.

Work will take place next month to fill the raised vegetable planters with top soil in the poly tunnel at St Margaret Primary School. Following this task we will run classes with the older pupils to show them how to sow/grow vegetables.

Community Sculptures in need of repair

Keith Giblett has reached out to the Civil Engineering firm BEAR to enquire if they might assist with the repairs needed to the damaged seals sculpture at the Hawes Pier and the "Guardian of the Bridges" sculpture on McIvor's Brae .

Neil McKinlay , Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee

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Health & Wellbeing ↗ Anne Mitchell

Health and Wellbeing report March 2022

Covid vaccine – spring boosters are being offered to the over 75s currently. Many of the large mass sites including EICC and Royal Highland show ground have closed but are providing the service from different venues such as the Gyle Waverly court.

Every Wednesday 10-12 we have a drop-in session at Roseberry hall with Your home who can give any advice around housing issues and benefits

14/3 Small group of community councillors, Keith Gibblett, Anne Mitchell, Neil McKinley met to discuss informally about whether there was anything as a community council that we could do to support people fleeing Ukraine. We fairly rapidly agreed that it is probably better to look at providing infrastructure for any refugees who move to this area than to focus on how many families we can directly bring to the area. Some of us may decide to be hosts but this is an individual decision rather than something QDCC can offer as a help.

We need to identify who actually wants help- (people may not)— initial questions put on QDCC, TOWTF and pram pushers facebook pages brought forward some families wishing to offer their home but unsure as to how to progress and others who wish to join this small subgroup offering their skills in social work , citizens advice and most importantly as linguists.

We discussed whether we should produce a guidance leaflet of where to get help: benefits, GP practice, health visitor, mental health, schools, translation, opening a bank account etc. It is expected that something like this should be available from the Scottish refugee council or City of Edinburgh but as yet is not available. Finding out who locally holds a TEFL certificate or speaks Ukrainian/ Russian and would be willing to translate or facilitate learning English would be of help

Once families are identified if specific clothes, toys, shoes, baby equipment, household goods or coats are needed this can link into ferryselves and be obtained anonymously as needed. It was acknowledged that encouraging people to select clothes would be a better approach than to hand over a bag of obviously gifted clothes. May need money to purchase underwear or shoes.

Provide a regular meeting space- community huts may be an option to encourage families to meet up and talk to people who have had a similar experience and language

Sanctuary Foundation: as yet the focus is on phase 1 where named people come to stay with people they know but phase 2 will quickly follow making use of families willing to be hosts. At present there is no streamlined system for matching hosts and refugees which is frustrating and offers little protection to either group. Sanctuary foundation is creating a list of people wanting to help either as a host or community group.

They held a you tube information session but little to progress at present although pointers for hosts included checking your house insurance will cover long term guests, you will probably need PVG, follow current fire legislation including new fire alarm/ smoke detector guidance. Not all refugees will be vaccinated against COVID (neither will all hosts). If you host a child under 5 the charity, baby basics will help to provide relevant equipment. On the sanctuary foundation website there are now suggested lists and advice of things needed for varied ages of children. Even pointing out that guns are not good toys for these children nor camouflage type trousers or tops as this may trigger traumatic responses.

Questions were raised as to how the government payment of £350 would impact on tax or benefits – as yet this has not been clarified. They also pointed out that many local schools may already be at capacity. Anne to contact our schools. Questions also raised about the cost of travel -- there are free flights and Scotrail is providing refugees free train travel to their destination but there is concern that not all refugees will be able to access this ad the host may be asked to help.

Scottish Refugee Council; again little detailed information as yet but hoping to access their welcome pack once it is available.

City of Edinburgh resilience team is working with EVOC to coordinate volunteers as well as trying to ensure safeguarding is part of any relocation. EVOC has a link to Supporting the people of Ukraine but as yet not a lot of practical information for people arriving.

Ukrainian club in Edinburgh is involved in assessing what is needed for displaced families as well as sending aid directly.

21/3 Keith Anne and Neil were joined by Irina and Rachel, local residents.

Discussed all the above and felt it was a starting point, acknowledging that it may not in fact be what is required and only once people arrive in our town will we know how best to progress, but in the meantime wish to have as many answers to questions as possible in what is a constantly changing situation.

It was agreed that a face book group should be set up to allow dissemination of information (Rachel and Irina will progress)

Keith will contact Alex Cole Hamilton to see if there is any better way to be involved, bearing in mind that there are people already needing support within our community.

Having recently worked within the citizens advice bureau and a Russian speaker, Rachel brings many skills to the group including community development experience.

Irina is an experienced social worker, having several contacts in Ukraine and Poland. She is a native Russian speaker and will help to collate a skills register of volunteers for Queensferry and district.

On the EVOC website if you go to Supporting the people of Ukraine there are hyperlinks to Barnardos who are offering a wide range of support, including psychological help, to anyone fleeing Ukraine 0800 148 8586 Mon - Fri 10-8 Saturday 10-3. They can also help access digital devices.

Another link is to the British Red Cross who will support with information around visas and getting to the UK as well as supporting people here. They also provide a tracing service

0808196 3651

Families will be able to apply for universal credit immediately – this can be done online (0800328 5644) but the person needs a bank account before applying. Also child benefit.

Citizens advice <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/scotland/immigration/bringing-family-to-the-UK/offering-to-let-someone-from-ukraine-stay-with-you/>

To open a bank account they will need ID, proof of immigration status and an address

Need to make an appointment to be seen at a job centre where a national insurance number can be applied for, add name to housing list and I have made initial contact with local schools and health centre.

The group is next due to meet Monday 28th

Anne Mitchell, QDCC Health & Wellbeing.

Planning & Housing ▾ Diane Job

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Applications

During four week period seventeen applications were received

- 22/00749/FUL- Change of use from office to residential - 16 The Vennel
22/00780/FUL - Proposed garage conversion alterations to existing detached dwelling - 2 Ashburnham Loan
22/00818/FUL - Single storey rear extension - 6 Inchkeith Avenue
22/00857/LBC - Proposed alteration to existing property including; replacement roof lights, formation of new roof lights, replacement door and installation of gas stove with roof mounted flue - 9 Wester Dalmeny Steading
22/00858/FUL - Proposed alteration to existing property including; replacement roof lights, formation of new roof lights, replacement door and installation of gas stove with roof mounted flue - 9 Wester Dalmeny Steading
22/00893/LBC - Fascia sign, projecting sign installation of 1x new panel to projecting bracket, 5x sets of individual letters, 1x set of sign written text and one single sided post sign - Hawes Inn 7 Newhalls Road
22/00894/ADV - Advertisement of the following types : fascia sign, projecting sign installation of 1x new panel to projecting bracket, 5x sets of individual letters, 1x set of sign written text and one single sided post sign - Hawes Inn 7 Newhalls Road
22/00909/FUL - Erection of a front porch and alterations to form french doors - 84 Sommerville Gardens
22/00859/FUL - Change of Use from commercial to residential inc. new window, roof lights and balcony - 35 High Street
22/00849/LBC - Internal alterations, new window, roof lights and balcony - 35 High Street
22/01074/LBC - Repairs to north and east pier - Queensferry Harbour
22/01153/FUL - Erection of 3 No. dwellings with associated parking and hard and soft landscaping - Former Agilent Technologies Dalmeny Park
22/01170/FUL - Replace windows, replace glazing and roof to conservatory, and form new garden room - 13 Ashburnham Gardens
22/01252/FUL - Change of Use Application from detached domestic garage to mixed-use: domestic use - family room. commercial use - beauty salon - 70 Sommerville Gardens

Trees in a Conservation Area

- 22/00887/TCO - Prunus, species/variety unknown, double white flowering cherry - sectional fell and removal from site- The Priory 8 Hopetoun Road
22/00939/TCO -1 Sycamore - remove 2 lowest branches. T2 Oak - crown raise and lift canopy by 4m. T3 Western Red Cedar - fell completely as had distorted trunk. T4 Tree - fell dead tree at junction of wall and railings. T5 2 x Western Red Cedars - crown raise and lift the canopy to approximately 4m. T6 Cypress - fell heavily leaning Cypress tree. T7 Yew - sever Ivy on Yew. T8 Laurel Shrub Tree - fell. All previous trees - trim back any overhang from over the road - Hawes Inn 7 Newhalls
22/01148/TCO -Two Mature Cypress Trees: Remove two Cypress trees in close proximity to church wall, garage and church car park - Gospatriac House Dalmeny

Decisions

The planning authority made seven decisions during the four week period

22/00754/TCO -T1 Sycamore - thin reduction removing 2m-3m predominately on higher growth to allow more light to garden, T2 Sycamore - thin reduction removing 2m-3m on higher growth reducing top right hand corner slightly more heavily - 9 Ashburnham Gardens - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

22/00887/TCO - Prunus, species/variety unknown, double white flowering cherry - sectional fell and removal from site- The Priory 8 Hopetoun Road -NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

22/00168/LBC -To remove and replace 8 No. existing barrier gates on the main cable with new, larger security gates and to install 4 No. new gates on top of the anchorage housings at the north and south anchorage compounds. Remove and replace the existing anchorage compound perimeter fencing with new 3m high security anti-clim ,mesh fencing -Forth Road Bridge A90 - Cramond Bridge To Dalmeny South Queensferry - GRANTED

22/01148/TCO -Two Mature Cypress Trees: Remove two Cypress trees in close proximity to church wall, garage and church car park - Gospatriac House Dalmeny - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

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

2/00167/ADV - Advertisement of the following types: Car park directional, v sign, car park notice, pictorial, projecting sign, main fascia and welcome transom - Cramond Brig Hotel - GRANTED

22/00120/PNA - Prior notification for farm related building works (non-residential) - Easter Dalmeny Steading - Permission is not required

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

No further update from Cala

Springfield Cala Development - Queensferry Heights

The Archaeological Survey is in progress - no further update

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No additional updates on the building/site progress this month. There were comments on social media regarding contractor vehicles being parked out with the site on approach roads, causing safety issues for residents. I contacted Taylor Wimpey on the issues and the site manager is monitoring on a daily basis and taking action where needed. A regular road sweeping schedule does remain in place.

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)

QDCC reps had an Ms Teams meeting with Graeme Johnstone from Ambassador and Robert Evans from Ryden on 3rd March for an update on the development and the Ferrymuir Gait Road access. The first new residents will be moving in around the end of March. Ambassador have been unsuccessful in arranging a meeting with Transport Scotland to discuss the Ferrymuir Gait Road access to try and get a solution. Ambassador still intends to upgrade the children's play park and will be in discussions with CEC. On the 22nd March Robert Evans gave QDCC the news that there had been significant progress for the recent application to vary the Hugh Russel access to pedestrians and cyclists only and that Transport Scotland has removed their objection and CEC can issue the decision. QDCC have still to be advised the exact details of what this means for the Ferrymuir Gait Road access.

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. The appeal has been dismissed by the reporter and planning permission refused. Documents can be viewed using this link

<https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?ID=122016>

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 - No revised plans have been added to the portal so far

Former Port Edgar Naval Barracks

QDCC reps had a very informative and much appreciated site visit on the 10th March with Ann Leslie Chief Executive and reps from LAR Housing Trust who will be taking this project forward. This is a very interesting site and an exciting project for LAR and Queensferry. The project aims to deliver approx 45 homes for mid market rent with car and cycle parking and a mix of tenures, with cafe/community space and a gallery to pay tribute to the site's past. Much of the history in the appearance of the buildings will be kept. Work to maintain and tidy the area and clear asbestos has already started. The site had been subject to vandalism in the form of graffiti art work, spray painting and broken windows. A planning application will be submitted shortly and QDCC looks

forward to working with LAR throughout this project. QDCC received thanks from the Queensferry History Group for giving them the opportunity for a site visit, they had a great time looking around this historical site and look forward to seeing this progress.

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport ↗ Grant Sangster

Transport Report for March 2022

1. **High Street Resurfacing** – As outlined in the Chair's report the work is continuing roughly in line with expectations. No further word on Sustrans engagement previously anticipated around May/June 2022. By this time the traffic order (and associated revision) should be put forward for comment, which may dictate the pace of progress. As mentioned at last month's QDCC meeting a session between Ironside Farrer, CEC and QHT was held in early March although I wasn't able to attend. Indications are that objectives are quite well aligned as the revised plan for the scheme issued following the meeting seems quite similar to the original.
2. **Burnshot Bus Lane Camera** – Information from CEC received earlier this month stated that the camera would go live on 21 March 2022. Warning notices will be issued for two weeks from Monday 28 March 2022 to motorists who incorrectly drive within the bus lane during operational hours. Bus Lane Charge Notices are expected to be issued from Tuesday 19 April 2022. There are no changes to the layout or 24hr/day operational times of the bus lane as a result of this project. Additional yellow warning signs will be placed on approach to the camera to inform motorists and further promotional activities are planned, such as on the Council's website and social media channels. Nothing to report on changes to the Travelling Safely project this month (formerly Spaces for People). The strong objections from last year seem less common.
3. **Steps at Dalmeny Tank Farm** – No further word on the prospect for replacing the missing steps at this location or details of responsibility. Previously CEC have been good enough to carry out emergency repairs here although formal responsibility remains unclear. Network Rail have consistently said it doesn't form part of their estate.
4. **Forthview Development** – As mentioned in the Chair and Planning reports we met with Ryden and Ambassador earlier this month regarding progress at the former Corus site. From a traffic perspective the access routes appear serviceable given the number of houses but lack of clarity over the position with Ferrymuir Gait and evidence of conflict may be a little worrying for new residents. In parallel QDCC will need to maintain links with BEAR for maintenance activities at the Forth Road Bridge and Queensferry Crossing. With the demise of regular updates through public meetings a virtual session with BEAR should be arranged

soon. We may invite North Queensferry Community Council reps to this, one of the topics mentioned at our meeting with NQCC earlier this month (along with sharing information on Network Rail's work at each end of the Forth Bridge).

5. **Public Transport** – No major changes to train and bus arrangements in Queensferry this month. With liner visits restarting in May we're trying to establish if Lothian Buses have everything in place to re-start service X99 to shuttle passengers directly between Hawes Pier and Edinburgh. We're also seeking an update meeting with Lothian given the present staff shortage challenges and with a view to establishing how they can support travel patterns following the pandemic. While the familiar network manager recently left the company we have names of replacements.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Cllr Lang & cllr Young

March 2022 report

Final Council Meeting

The final meeting of the session for Edinburgh Council took place on 17 March. This included an important report on the performance of the Council administration in delivering on key promises made at the beginning of the Council term.

Regrettably, the report confirmed a failure to deliver in a range of critical areas:

- Despite a promise to build at least 10,000 affordable homes, only 5,508 have been completed.
- There has been no meaningful difference to the condition of Edinburgh's road network, with complaints about potholes and broken surfaces still at unacceptably high levels.
- Street cleanliness has not increased as promised.
- The planned increase in recycle rates has not materialised and the promise to abolish the charge for bulky uplifts has not been delivered.
- There has been a failure to eliminate the use of B&B accommodation for families who are homeless.
- The promised tram extension has not been delivered on time, with the project now representing a significant financial risk on Council finances because of the flawed financial case.
- The promise to build 12 new schools by 2021 has not been delivered.

As local councillors, we believe this performance is unacceptable and that people in Queensferry and throughout Edinburgh deserve better than what has been provided over the last five years.

School provision in Queensferry and Dalmeny

Both of us will be attending the first meeting of the new West Edinburgh Learning Estate Stakeholder Group which will take place on Monday 28 March. This follows the Council Education Committee's decision to press ahead with a strategy for expanded schools provision in the west of Edinburgh.

This process will address the new primary catchments in Queensferry, including the new Builyeon Road primary school, and consider if and how additional capacity can be provided at Queensferry High School.

Echline Primary repair work

The Echline Parent Association has contacted us, raising serious concerns about a raft of outstanding repairs work at the school. This includes works to the main entrance and playground, issues relating to temporary fencing, and uneven slab surfaces. All of this is being pursued with the education department.

Builyeon Road diversion

Following the planning committee approval of the master plan for the Echline fields, a number of constituents have contacted us about the timing of the planned diversion of Builyeon Road.

This has arisen because of wording used in the Section 75 legal agreement between the Council and the developer which suggested the road would not be diverted until the 500th home had been built.

Officers have since clarified that S75 agreement sets a 'back stop' of development permitted before the re-routing of Builyeon Road has to be completed, not a requirement that 500 homes be built before works are commenced to re-route the road.

It is expected that the road will be re-routed long before the 500th unit is constructed.

Forthview Development

Residents continue to contact us, concerned about the lack of progress in securing agreement on using Ferry Muir Gate for access to the new development. We understand that Ambassador Homes has a legal opinion which says Transport Scotland has no legal basis for refusing access and we remain of the view that the developer should simply proceed with constructing the connecting road.

Recent press coverage including a quote from Transport Scotland which suggested a possible breakthrough in the negotiations. We have been liaising with Alex Cole-Hamilton who is continuing to press Transport Scotland directly.

Port Edgar Barracks

We held an online meeting with LAR Housing who are bringing forward plans to convert the old barracks into new mid-market rental housing along with a café and community building.

Whilst we are supportive of making use of this derelict site (which has attracted anti-social behaviour in the past), we do have concerns about road access given the parking / traffic pressures which already exist on Inchgarvie Park / Farquhar Terrace.

High Street works

We received concerns from residents on Rose Lane about the ongoing storage of materials and machinery at the Binks car park. We have liaised with officers about the timetable which means the site should be vacated by end of May / early June.

Similarly, some traders have contacted us concerned about the ongoing impact of the works on trade. We are looking at whether improved signage can be provided, reminding visitors that businesses are open as usual.

A written project update is expected from officers on the wider high street project in the coming week.

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Cllr Hutchison

No report submitted

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Cllr Work

Cllr Norman Work's Report for March 2022 meeting

Congratulations to Queensferry & District Community Councillor Anne Mitchell for being chosen as the Gracious Lady for this year's Ferry Fair.

Noise disturbance by Lothian Country bus;

I contacted Lothian Country after a resident living in Ferrymuir complained about the N43 bus stopping at the bus stop next to the flats late at night with the engine running to check over the bus before returning to the depot. I received a response back from Lothian saying the resident has also written to them directly. They are endeavouring to investigate and have made contact directly with the resident requesting specifics examples of times and dates which will allow them to better identify the vehicle and understand what is happening and that they will get back to me once they have investigated the complaint.

Noise and dust complaints;

I have been contacted by two residents complaining about the noise and levels of dust with the cutting of stones for the paving work at Bellstane. I contacted Gillian Smith from Ironside Farrer who informed me that they have at least another three to four weeks of paving work to do but are working their way along towards the Priory church which may help.

Queensferry Heritage Trust meeting;

On Wednesday 9th March I was invited to attend a virtual Queensferry Heritage Trust Members Forum meeting to discuss their views on the High Street improvement works. Dave Sinclair (CEC) and Gillian Smith (inside Farrer) attended as did Keith Giblett.

Youth Safety Issue;

It was brought to my attention that youths are gaining entry through an unsecured door & window to the old swimming pool building under the High Street car park. As well as using this as a den there are safety concerns. I've brought this to the attention of Graeme McGartland explaining that the plywood over the doorway has been removed and there is a small window which could also give access. Graeme McGartland advised me that he has instructed the necessary work to take place to make the building secure.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Other Documents

The Rotary Club of South Queensferry

Meetings

The club continues to offer face to face meetings or the option of Zoom connections for those who do not wish to attend physically every fortnight at the Conifox facilities in Kirkliston. The other weekly meetings are held by Zoom only medium at the moment.

May Community Fair Event – Hawthorn Bank Community Gardens

The May Community Fair Event on Sunday the 1st May bringing is progressing well with circa 20 local community groups now signed up to attend with many youth related groups participating . 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

Plastic Free Queensferry

Motion of Support from Queensferry and District Community Council to Plastic Free Queensferry

Plastic Free Queensferry is a voluntary group that has been established with the aim of reducing the amount of Single Use Plastic (SUP) that is generated in the local community.

In support of this initiative Queensferry and District Community Council are committed to the following:

- Neil McKinlay our Environmental Committee Convenor will act as the Queensferry and District Community Council representative on the Plastic Free Queensferry Group.
- Queensferry and District Community Council agrees to support all Plastic Free Initiatives in the area.
- Queensferry and District Community Council agrees at act by example to remove SUP from its premises and operations.

28th March 2022



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting

February 2022 Report

QDCC

Road Safety

High Visibility patrols continue to be conducted throughout the area in an effort to deter drivers committing any driving offences. Traffic/Speed checks at various locations around South Queensferry are regularly undertaken, with the most recent checks completed this past weekend at Builyeon Road, where 3 x speeding tickets were issued.

Boy Racers/Anti-Social Driving – 6 x calls received

Reported incidents primarily relate to Newhalls Road/Hawes Brae. Issues persist, however the volume of incidents has significantly reduced following the targeted initiative carried out by Police during mid-February.

The problem caused by boy racers/anti-social driving continues to be a priority for Police, not only at Newhalls Road but throughout South Queensferry. Both local Police and Traffic Officers have been tasked to make every effort to provide a visible presence in the area to deter further issues while work alongside Edinburgh City Council continues in an effort to find a long term solution.

ASB/Youth Disorder: 2 x reported incidents

Incidents relate to youths causing a general nuisance, moving cones at the High Street and stealing a wheelie bin at Plewlandcroft. Both incidents were attended by local Community Officers who liaised with both informants and youths in the area.

Operation PAX is currently underway, resourced by Local Community Officers, with the primary objective to tackle anti-social behavior across North West Edinburgh. This will run indefinitely with specific emphasis around school holidays.

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

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 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency).

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

Local Officers for Almond Ward: PC Macleod E0742/PC Campbell E0081

Agenda

QDCC March Business Meeting

**Monday 28th March 2022 at 7.30pm
(Virtual Meeting)**

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Protocols
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Guest Speakers Routes: (a) Kenny Fearnside (Atkins Global) - Queensferry Active Travel Routes (b) Robbie Crockatt (CEC Learning Estate) – Education Infrastructure Provision
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (February 2022)
6. Any Matters Arising
7. Community Development Trust Update
8. Chair's Report
9. Almond Ward Councillors 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 – 22nd March 2022

Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 28 February 2022 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, Muir Kay (QBC), David Learmond (QHT), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Anne Leslie (LAR Housing Trust), and 2 local residents.

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks	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 2 local residents were attending. Keith also welcomed Anne Leslie from LAR Housing Trust.
2. Apologies	Michelle Gordon (QHS), Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Kevin Lang, PC MacLeod (Police Scotland), Jenni Meldrum (QBA).
3. Police Report	Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting. Keith noted main theme related to action between 11-21 Feb at the Hawes and FRB car parks, and Port Edgar. The amount of resource involved was noted and Neil asked about further steps. Keith advised CEC is engaged on potential for car parking closures, but early days. David L queried if there had been any specific follow-up with residents. Keith said the Police had been in regular contact during the initiative. Terry had also received a thank you message from residents, and asking about CCTV coverage. ACTION: Keith to contact residents for feedback on action taken. Norman noted residents at Ferrymuir reporting recent car related activity at Tesco car park. Keith to advise Police contacts. ACTION: Keith to update Police contacts on late night car activity at Tesco.
4. Anne Leslie, LAR Housing Trust	Keith introduced Anne Leslie and invited her to update QDCC on proposals for the former Naval Barracks site at Port Edgar. Anne described the Trust's

	<p>background, structure and purpose to provide affordable mid-market housing to tenants on a stable, long-term basis. The PE site design is for 48 flats/bungalows, plus a meeting room, café, gardens and a new sea wall. Options for the former prison building are being considered.</p> <p>David L was pleased with the proposals outlined, including provision for community access, and offered assistance noting some QHT members had worked at the site and had a wealth of knowledge. Anne thanked him for the feedback and would pick up the offer of assistance going forward. She also confirmed the new walkway would provide a better link to PE Marina, and the John Muir Way. The nearby Memorial Hall (Church) is owned by CEC and so not included in the purchase which was from Scottish Ministers.</p> <p>David L also asked about potential heating options. LAR were looking at alternatives as no gas supply, including using water from the Forth, ground source and air source heat recovery systems, PV panels etc. David L said there was potential for university led academic research on options and offered to assist in setting this up.</p> <p>Norman asked about LAR's relationship with local councils. Anne noted the Trust has a good working relationship with several councils including CEC and quoted recent examples within Edinburgh and elsewhere. She also explained how as a Trust LAR is able to provide homes to those with local connections. Keith thanked Anne for explaining the background to their plans for the PE site, and answering questions. QDCC has a good track record of working with developers, and on environmental issues etc, and happy to do so for this proposal.</p>
5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Jan 22)	Minutes proposed by David L and seconded by David F.
6. Matters Arising	<p>FEBRUARY 2020</p> <p>Museum: Raised further at meeting with CEC officials, Sept 21. To be considered as part of wider action on small museums. CEC contacted Feb 22 re formal update on this and other matters raised with officials.</p> <p>ONGOING – awaiting update from CEC</p> <p>JANUARY 2021</p> <p>Dalmeny Park: To confirm roads/pavements formally adopted.</p> <p>DEFERRED TO JUNE 22</p> <p>Station Road Repairs: Full new resurfacing now required, in CEC plan for 2022-23.</p> <p>CLOSED</p> <p>MAY 2021</p> <p>Queensferry Business Register: Discuss number and scale of business activity within Queensferry, and potential benefits of seeking formal engagement. In progress.</p> <p>ONGOING – low priority</p>

Harbour Repairs: Monitor via Project Team and Newsletter updates, and QBC reports.

ONGOING - due a newsletter update

CEC Engagement: Concerns regarding CEC lack of community engagement with CCs. EACC proposal to have officer 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'.

ONGOING – monitor improvements Qtr 1 2022

NOVEMBER 2021

QDCC Promotion: All to consider how to improve clarity and presentation of QDCC role and responsibilities. Discussed Jan 22.

ONGOING: Graeme to consult on participation in Rotary event 1st May, opportunity to publicise QDCC role and activity.

5G Masts: Cllr Hutchison to check number and locations (if known) of further 5G masts within Queensferry. WIP, Rosebery Avenue application rejected, being appealed. Diane to send further correspondence on potential locations etc to Graham, Feb 22. Done.

CLOSED

JANUARY 2022

Police Report: David L to contact Terry regarding '5-year average' figures in the Jan 22 report. Query passed onto Police, response awaited.

CLOSED

Newhalls Road: Keith to write to Police Inspector regarding residents' concerns. Matters raised were reported and action taken.

CLOSED

Hawes: Ward Cllrs to investigate CCTV and road/car park closure options at Hawes area. CEC engaged on potential for further closures. Funding for CCTV in Lib Dem budget motion, not approved by CEC.

CLOSED

Burgess Road: Keith, Graeme, Neil, Norman and Graham to discuss options for unused waste land at Burgess Road/Lawson Crescent. Site meeting along with CEC representative, Feb 22. Options to be drawn up and shared with residents.

ONGOING

High Street: QDCC to note and contact QHT re Wed 9 March, proposed date

	for Panel Discussion on High Street refurbishment. Done. CLOSED
7. CDT Update	Working Groups to review previous consultations, and to consider appropriate legal structure, are progressing. Formal requirements for Board Trustees, minimum of 3, being drawn up.
8. Chair's Report	Report circulated before the meeting, nothing to add. No questions raised.
9. Councillors' Reports	<p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting, nothing to add. Keith noted the budget motion for 2022-23 approved by CEC, and asked Ward Cllrs if they would meet with QDCC to discuss the individual allocations, the implications for Queensferry, and how best to benefit. Norman and Louise both agreed. Louise also referenced the Almond Neighbourhood Network role re dedicated local managers. She added may be better to discuss after the forthcoming council elections, and that there are other prospective candidates.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to arrange meeting with Ward Cllrs to discuss 2022-23 CEC budget allocations and implications for Queensferry.</p> <p>Diane asked for more detail on the interest in the old swimming pool block on the High Street. Norman had been approached by a local business person wanting to know who to contact. No further information available.</p> <p>Cllr Young. Report not received for inclusion with papers. Circulated by email during the meeting. Louise summarised the report, areas covered were the council budget, Hawes car issues, Echline and Craws Close plans approved, Forth Bridge Centre, schools' consultation, Echline polling station, and Men's Shed contact. Terry asked if the school consultation was to include a full catchment review. Louise said it included matters such as main road safety, and family sibling guarantees.</p> <p>Norman and Louise had both noted the Library is to be used as a polling station instead of Echline PS in May. While this was welcome as allows the school to be kept open, concerns were raised on the Library location. Included lack of parking, reduced pavement access from the Crossroads down Hopetoun Road, and a dangerous corner crossing at Shore Road. CEC had been made aware of these safety concerns. It was thought this might also impact on poll numbers on the day.</p>
10. Burgess Road	Keith welcomed a local resident impacted by area of derelict garden land at Burgess Road, owned by CEC. There had been a recent incident involving youngsters which resulted in a call to the Police. Residents wished to be consulted on plans for the area and were looking for the land to be made

	over as a conservation area, orchard or similar. Keith advised that QDCC had met with CEC at the site to discuss possible options and these were being worked up. Residents from the 20 or so houses affected would be consulted and it wasn't the intention to do anything they disagreed with. Keith thanked the resident for the points raised and advised QDCC would make further contact in due course.
11. Forth Bridges WHMC	<p>Karen reported on recent activity including tourism signage procurement, liaison with Cruise Scotland on liner visits, SQ library event planned for 3 March re 'Year of Stories', and contact with Hawthorn Bank Garden. Keith queried the number of tenders received for the signage project, Karen advised it was one.</p> <p>David L noted unsuccessful attempts to arrange a Museum visit for Karen to help her local knowledge of Queensferry, its history etc. Keith would take this forward.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to request Museum visit for Karen Stewart.</p>
12. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated before the meeting, nothing to add. No questions raised.
13. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry noted the Sunday Mail's request for comment on Forthview development access.</p> <p>Issues still occurring with Lloyds pharmacy at The Loan. David L mentioned his recent poor experience.</p>
14. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Planning & Housing. Diane commented on the presentation from LAR. She also noted revised plans for the Forth Bridge Experience, comments deadline was 4 March. The archaeological dig was underway at Springfield. Meeting scheduled for 3 March with Ambassador on Forthview access roads.</p> <p>Transport. David L extended an invite to Grant for the QHT Members' Forum on High Street Improvements on 9 March.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing. Anne noted the first cruise ship was due 18 May.</p> <p>Environment. Neil had been contacted about bin removal along the Scotmid to Ashburnham cycle path. They had been changed for larger bins, but less of them. CEC had confirmed this was in line with policy change on litter collection arrangements. Residents concern was potential for people to drop more litter. Neil would monitor.</p> <p>Rotary. Neil also advised good response received for the event at Hawthorn Bank Garden on 1 May. QDCC and Christmas in Queensferry to be represented.</p>

	<p>Communications. Graeme noted deadline for next edition of Spotlight in couple of days. He commented on the good work done on the youth Open All Hours scheme, with 41 attending. The P7 transition for pupils moving up to QHS in August was also starting.</p> <p>Education/Recreation. David F was following up with Michelle on award(s). David L said QHT too had made contact with QHS re an award, and Neil mentioned the Ron Ainsworth award. All agreed sensible to get together and discuss to avoid duplication. Keith asked David F to lead/co-ordinate for QDCC.</p> <p>QHT. David L noted talk being given on net zero heat systems on 20 April, all welcome to attend. QHT continuing work on a play associated with Year of Stories. He was also in contact with D Sinclair, CEC, regarding the impact of the High Street route changes on Station Road.</p> <p>QBC. Muir unable to make verbal contact online. QBC report submitted by email after the meeting, as follows –</p> <p><u>QBC</u></p> <p>“QBC is fully functional again, no need for electronic remote meetings, all face to face now. We are fortunate that we own our club house and are able to open the windows. QBC has prepared our 2022 sailing programme which includes a planned regatta to be held on Fair Day which, with our boats dressed in flags, should add some colour and interest in the show. Our Old Salts monthly meetings are going well with 12 plus, mainly retired sailors from South Queensferry in attendance. We also held a social event last Tuesday. Our intention is to fly the flag around the local harbours including a club visit to the Anstruther Regatta. Our club is over 60 years old and as the direction of the club has matured I have initiated a review of our constitution.</p> <p><u>Harbour</u></p> <p>The annual harbour users meeting will take place on the 25th of March. The harbour clean up and boat moorings inspection will resume in addition we have purchased a quantity of new chain for delivery in April to commence changing worn mooring chain on the bottom of the harbour. We did not crane out any boats onto the harbour walls last year to allow access for repairs. We will offer our members a crane out in October this year.</p> <p><u>Historical Note:</u> The old life raft davit at the end of the East pier was salvaged from the HMS Reward in 1976, it will be refurbished and I suggest that the QBC/CEC install a commemorative plaque on the crane it is after all quite rare to find a piece of marine equipment still in used after a marine disaster.”</p> <p>QCCC. Keith asked Terry to make contact with Gillian.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to reach out to Gillian at QCCC.</p>
15. CEC/EACC/QDCC	Included in Chair's report.

Business	Keith commented on request for appointment of official to assist EACC.
16. AOB	Terry reiterated lack of dialogue with CEC Governance, and communications still being pushed through late on Friday afternoons. Louise to take forward if specific examples are provided. ACTION: Keith to contact Louise re CEC communication with QDCC.
17. Questions from the floor	No questions raised.
18. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 28 March 2022 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.