



**QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**



**QDCC August Business Meeting**

**Monday August 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30pm**

**MS Teams – Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**, Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair), Grant Sangster, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Muir Kay, David Flint, David Learmond, Gillian Smith, Laura Sexton, Neil McKinlay, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Louise Young, Michelle Gordon (deputy Head Teacher QH), Jenni Meldrum

<p><b>1. QDCC Chairmen's Welcome</b></p>	<p>The Chair welcomed everyone at the first online business meeting of QDCC.</p> <p>The current expectation is that it will be some time before there is a return to holding face to face public meetings and there may be a need to look at alternative accommodation as and when the need arises.</p> <p>QDCC has continued to represent the views of the community of Queensferry during the lockdown and business has continued as best as possible.</p> <p>This meeting is a new format using MS Teams as a new way for us to function, however the meeting is recognised by CEC as a community council business meeting so the normal rules and considerations apply.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Graeme for the work done researching options, setting up virtual meeting trials and for arranging this meeting.</p> <p>Thanks also to everyone for the commitment shown in using their own IT equipment to allow the meeting to take place – a point that is in all likelihood lost on CEC.</p> <p>An introduction and welcome to Jenni Meldrum of Seakist (High St business) who will be attending QDCC meetings as the interim rep on behalf of the local business community, replacing Kirstie Heggie.</p> <p>Finally, there is currently have a vacancy for a Minute Secretary. All members encouraged to circulate and seek interested parties for role.</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p>	<p>Diane Job, Andy Malarky, Andy Stuart, Councillor Kevin Lang, Martin Crow (Police Scotland)</p>
<p><b>3. Police Report</b></p>	<p>During this period a total of 18 crimes were recorded for the police beat WA04 that covers South Queensferry and the surrounding local areas.</p> <p>From this figure 4 crimes only recorded affected the community directly as the other crimes were a mixture of crimes between known persons, Road Traffic offences, police generated crimes through enquiries or crimes recorded between known parties.</p> <p>Crimes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Break in to a shed at Mowbray Grove where a motor bike was stolen.</li> <li>• 3 minor assaults occurred. These were between kids or people known to each other.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were 7 calls made regarding youths being annoying in the area.</li> <li>• Hawes Pier Car Park – The TTRO has now stopped with the car park now open as per normal. During the TTRO calls plummeted to the police with the level of noise from vehicles being reported again reduced vastly. Dialogue with CEC is on-going to see if a further temporary TTRO can be implemented or a permanent one could be put in place. However, if either was to be put in place consideration would be required to local businesses should they resume normal working hours.</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Minutes from Last Meeting</b></p>	<p>The February minutes were approved. Proposed by Terry Airlie and seconded by David Flint.</p>
<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</p> <p><b>May 2019</b></p> <p>Norman to continue reporting on harbour wall knuckle progress until budgets are agreed and repairs are complete. Action <b>CONTINUES</b></p> <p><b>January 2020</b></p> <p>Terry to speak to Crawford McGhie about Forest Nurseries. <b>CONTINUES</b> Discussions ongoing regarding Container provision</p> <p><b>February 2020</b></p> <p><b>Follow up -Action to re-engage with CEC re Museum - Keith</b></p>
<p><b>6. Office Bearers Reports</b></p>	<p>All office bearer and sub-committee reports were circulated before the meeting and are available online. In the interests of time all members were asked to submit any questions to the relevant individuals by email, copying in the Correspondence Secretary.</p>
<p><b>7. Councillors Reports</b></p>	<p>Cllr Young and Lang – report circulated before the meeting. Cllr Work – report circulated before the meeting. Cllr Graham Hutchison – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Young indicated that Cllr Lang was meeting with Edinburgh Leisure regarding community access to QHS facilities. Likely to be as previously indicated to QDCC including a potential trial opening of pool on weekdays between 7am and 9am. Not likely until after October school break at earliest.</p> <p><b>Action- Louise to ask Kevin to provide update from meeting with EL</b></p> <p>Cllr Work highlighted Emergency Legislation process (COVID-19) re High Street situation ahead of a meeting organised by QDCC for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August with CEC to discuss</p>



	<p>proposals/next steps</p> <p>Cllr Hutchison.</p> <p>With regard to Harbour repairs, Cllr Hutchison indicated the matter would be touched on at meeting of CEC Finance Committee later in the week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action- Graham to provide feedback to QDCC on outcome</b></p>
<b>8. CEC Updates</b>	<p>Terry updated the meeting on latest communication from CEC regarding Community Council business meetings which are now expected to take place virtually until at least the end of the year.</p> <p>CEC are exploring what additional support can be made available to Community Councils during this period.</p> <p>QDCC have written to CEO's office for clarification on what if any support is likely to be forthcoming.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action- Terry to forward email to Louise to follow up</b></p> <p>Further information has been received from CEC regarding AGM's and it has been indicated that CEC will accept virtual AGM's this year as well as the virtual AGM approved accounts.</p> <p>A proposal to hold the AGM in conjunction with the October Business meeting was unanimously accepted, as was the decision to open up the September business meeting to the public via MS Teams following the success of the August trial</p>
<b>9. QHS</b>	<p>Michelle provided an update on the school move and opening, indicating staff had supported the process during the school holidays. The school is now fully operational although some snagging issues are still to be resolved</p>
<b>10. QCCC</b>	<p>Gillian provided an update on the impact of COVID-19 on the operation of The Haven. Assistance has been given with shopping &amp; prescriptions for people as well as providing telephone support. The Haven remains closed although a Care Inspection Variation is in place to allow home visits</p>
<b>11. AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement on public meetings moving forward</li> <li>• Spaces for People proposals and clarification of QDCC position</li> </ul>
<b>12. Questions from the floor</b>	<p>There were no questions from the floor.</p>
<b>13. Date and time of next meeting</b>	<p>28<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – via MS Teams – Public Meeting</p>



Terry Airlie – Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

