



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**QDCC September Business Meeting**

**Monday 28 September 2020 at 7.30pm**

**MS Teams – Virtual Meeting**

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair), Diane Job, Grant Sangster, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Andy Malarky (Minutes), Muir Kay, David Flint, David Learmond, Gillian Smith, Laura Sexton, Neil McKinlay, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Kevin Lang.

**Guest residents:** Ann-Marie Boyd and Apostolos Savvas, residents within the local community.

<b>1. QDCC Chairman’s Welcome</b>	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the first online meeting where the public can attend online via Microsoft Teams due to the ongoing COVID-19 climate.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Andy Stuart, Martin Crow (Police), Councillor Louise Young, Michelle Gordon (deputy Head Teacher QHS), Jenny Meldrum
<b>3. Police Report</b>	The Police Report was unavailable for the meeting and is due for circulation in the coming week.
<b>4. Minutes from Last Meeting</b>	The August meeting minutes we approved.
<b>5. Matters Arising</b>	<p>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</p> <p><b>May 2019</b></p> <p><b>Harbour Wall:</b> Cllr Norman Work to continue reporting on harbour wall knuckle progress. A surveyor has conducted a survey however no report has yet been issued. Nothing further from previous update to advise. Cllr Hutchison advised that the City of Edinburgh Council took the strategic decision to postpone the Finance Committee meeting which was due to take place in September 2020 until at least October 2020. No scope for any funding before then. ACTION <b>CONTINUES</b></p> <p><b>JANUARY 2020</b></p> <p><b>Forest Nurseries:</b> Terry advised discussions remain ongoing with Crawford McGhie regarding the Forest Nurseries. ACTION <b>CONTINUES</b></p> <p><b>FEBRUARY 2020</b></p> <p><b>Museum:</b> Action to re-engage with CEC continues. ACTION <b>CONTINUES</b></p> <p><b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b></p>



	<p><b>Leisure Facilities:</b> Cllr Lang informed the CC that CEC are open to trial demand for pool opening hours subject to when facilities begin to reopen based on the cleaning resources that would be required given the current climate.</p> <p>Terry asked if there are any concerns about whether this can happen with the ongoing COVID-19 climate. Cllr Lang confirmed there are no guarantees and that nothing should be taken for granted but would be surprised if we were to find ourselves in a worse position than before. <b>ACTION Cllr Lang to monitor.</b></p> <p><b>Financial Support:</b> Terry informed the CC that he had sent a letter to Louise in relation to the potential for additional financial support for the CC however nothing formal has been received in response from any CEC Officials at this time. <b>ACTION CONTINUES</b></p>
<p><b>6. Chair's Report</b></p>	<p>The report was circulated before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spaces for People project is now in the progression stages and currently looking at sourcing materials. The Chair has requested a meeting so that the CC can effectively communicate to the community.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Councillors' Report</b></p>	<p>Cllr Work – report circulated before the meeting.  Cllr Graham Hutchison – report circulated before the meeting.  Cllr Young and Lang – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Work updated the CC that Scottish Water are working to identify the source of a leak which has been reported affecting the surrounding areas of Dalmeny Park. Scottish Water is working closely with CALA Homes to achieve this. It was noted by members of the CC the potential Public Health impact, the possibility of receiving daily updates and other potential sources. The issues at Ashburnham Road were noted and that Scottish Water are dealing with an access issue at this location.</p>
<p><b>8. Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. There were no questions on the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diane informed members that the CC had received a letter from Barclay's Bank in relation to an account review. The Banks intent is to close the account on 15 Dec 20. Keith and Diane will look at a solution by making initial contact with Barclay's to provide them an understanding of the purpose of the account held with them.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Secretary's Report</b></p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. There were no questions on the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry advised the CC that notification had been received from CEC in relation to the execution of the CC complaints procedure and a reminder on the appropriate use of social media.</li> <li>• It was suggested following a question from The Chair that an effort is made to express CC concerns to the Sub Development Planning Committee to seek clarity on several issues. It was noted that there is a general feeling that those involved in the committee may not be equipped with the knowledge necessary to answer questions posed or make informed decisions. It was agreed that a</li> </ul>



	letter would be written to Councillor Gardener.
<p><b>10. Apostolos Savvas</b></p>	<p>Mr Apostolos Savvas, a resident of South Queensferry made representation regarding a potential Skate Park.</p> <p>A presentation was provided covering, Funding, Support, Benefits, Potential Locations and other items for attention on the subject. A copy made available and shared with CC members following the meeting.</p> <p>Diane informed Apostolos that a previous project that the CC had involvement with in 2011, received £5k in funding from Evans and an additional £13k grant to provide facilities for a skatepark. As the skatepark never progressed, the funding was subsequently allocated to 'The Vat Run'.</p> <p>It was agreed that Terry would set up a Comms Group for future follow up between the CC and Apostolos with members indicating support for a potential project. Continues.</p>
<p><b>11. QDCC Subcommittees</b></p>	<p><b>Transport &amp; Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport – Grant circulated report before the meeting. No additional points highlighted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anne circulated the report before the meeting.</li> <li>• Flu Vaccines (Drop-in &amp; Drive-thru) are being run by Edinburgh Health and Social Care Department and not the GPs.</li> <li>• Clarity is being sought for 12-17 year olds who may be young carers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Churches care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Week six of 'Daycare at Home' and so far it has been well received.</li> <li>• Tri-shaws are coming by 10<sup>th</sup> October, hoping to launch around November and are looking to scope out volunteer pilots.</li> <li>• QCCC are looking to source storage for the tri-shaws including the potential to locate a container next to their premises. Cllr Work will pursue a line of enquiry with CEC to assist with scoping out a solution.</li> <li>• The QCCC AGM will be held remotely via Zoom on 28<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ul> <p><b>Education &amp; Recreation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report was circulated before the meeting. No additional points highlighted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report was circulated before the meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning &amp; Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report was circulated before the meeting</li> <li>• A lack of knowledge exists surrounding the proposed advertisement boards on Ferrymuir Roundabout. No decision report is on the portal and it is known that these spots are being actively advertised. Enquiries continue.</li> </ul> <p><b>Heritage Trust</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trust remains active although public meeting have been postponed.</li> <li>• Plans are in progress for a virtual AGM.</li> <li>• QHT remains willing to actively support the CC with the 'Spaces for People' project and High Street redevelopments.</li> </ul> <p><b>Business Association</b></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No matters arising.</li> </ul> <p><b>Boat club</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports of inappropriate behaviour at the Harbour which was reported to Police Scotland and dealt with by PC Martin Crow.</li> <li>• Muir has been actively trying to contact Brian Paton in relation to the East Wall and the Boat Club crane, no response yet from the CEC survey.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ann-Marie Boyd - Resident</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informed the CC that concerns had been raised with Queensferry Primary School Parent Council around the topic of traffic within proximity of the School.</li> </ul> <p><b>CEC Business Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry informed the CC that virtual meetings look to be the norm until at least Easter.</li> <li>• No information has been made available on support related to remote facilities for the CC.</li> </ul> <p><b>QDCC Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QDCC's October meeting will be preceded by the AGM. CEC will endorse virtual AGM's to proceed and for accounts to be approved virtually also.</li> </ul>
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p>	<p>No additional business raised.</p>
<p><b>13. Questions from the floor</b></p>	<p>Diane raised a question whether Queensferry's local armistice event will be going ahead. Andy to seek information from Harry McLeod of the Ex-serviceman's club on their intentions.</p> <p>Cllr Hutchison confirmed that Legion Scotland has advised low-level activity will go ahead in respect of the current COVID-19 climate. Action: <b>FOLLOW UP</b></p> <p>The meeting concluded at 21:14hrs.</p>
<p><b>14. Date and time of next meeting</b></p>	<p>26 October 2020 at 19:30hrs</p>