

QDCC

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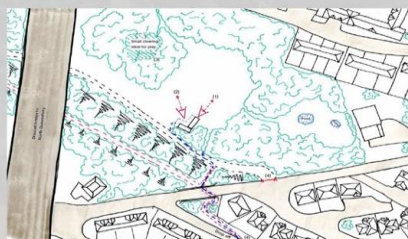
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Thank you

Forest Kindergarten, South Queensferry



The Council intends to offer nursery aged children the opportunity to have part of their early learning and childcare provision in a woodland setting, subject to Scottish Government guidance on schools and early years settings reopening.

Shipping containers have recently been installed to provide a warm space to rest and refuel for the children from Echline Nursery Class over the coming months when they visit the woodland each day.

Children and staff are looking forward to playing and learning such beautiful natural space.

email: earlyyears.forestkindergarten@edinburgh.gov.uk

Chair's Report ▲ Keith Giblett

Not available due to illness

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Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has remained fairly steady in terms of volume since the last meeting in November.
As before, most people tend to engage with QDCC through social media rather than direct contact via e-mail although we do still receive some phone calls, which again has included queries on Council House availability, traffic calming on Scotstoun Avenue, High Street improvements and Spaces for People, lack of gritting on local roads and pavements and a barrage of contacts on empty grit bins and delay in refilling. One local resident contacted QDCC to request information on COVID-19 injections. My thanks to Anne for following this one up.

We also received a couple of calls from BT – more on that later, Dalmeny Estates and CEC.

No further updates have been received from CEC relating to continuation or otherwise of virtual meetings so we continue for the foreseeable future as before following Scottish Government guidance. Business continues as best we can using a combination of email, social media and MS Teams.

We have had an enquiry from a local resident who has expressed interest in taking up the role of Minute Secretary and will attend Monday night's meeting. We will need to discuss the merits or otherwise of taking up an offer if it is made to relieve pressure on existing Community Councillors.

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 some additional planning matters, especially responding to a large volume of contacts relating to the Seals Craig application and to Graeme for help in organizing online meetings.

2. Once again an increased number of website enquiries have been received over the last period on a number of topics including housing developments across the town in general, grit bins, phone boxes, Dalmeny Park street adoption, faulty streetlights and anti-social behaviour.
3. A number of notes of interest in attending the virtual Business meeting have also been received via this tool.
No significant postal mail was received in the period since the last meeting

4. I attended a QDCC MS Teams meeting with CALA to discuss the Springfield Development. Details in Planning Report.
5. I attended a QDCC planning sub-committee MS Teams meeting with Ambassador Homes to discuss the FerryMuir Gait Development. Details in Planning Report.
6. I attended a QDCC meeting to discuss the details surrounding the formation of a Queensferry Development Trust. Details to be discussed on Monday evening.
7. I had two separate calls from BT and follow up discussions on the following matters:
 - The use of BT phone boxes by Ferry Fairies. To be discussed at Monday's meeting.
 - The introduction of Superfast Broadband across the town. A representative from BT Open Reach will be in attendance at Monday's meeting.
8. On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and local residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
Please note the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version and used in any group wide communication.
Can I ask all members to ensure all details are properly transcribed.
Please reach out with any updates should any contact details change.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 23rd January 2021

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Treasurer's Report ▲ [Diane Job](#)

December 2020 - January 2021

Money in this month:

History Group (payment for replacement keys) - £13.00

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - Replacement padlock & keys & photocopying - £32.00

Total CC Funds = £1495.95

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank Cash Management Account - (Dec interest £0.48) - £18345.52

Clydesdale Bank 95 Day Notice Account - (Nov & Dec interest £45.54) - £60586.89

Nationwide Building Society - £85892.17
Barclays Bank - £85000.00
RBS - (Oct - Dec interest £21.63) - £85792.56
Charity Bank - £60582.19
Community Facility Funding Total = £396199.33

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

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Communications ▲ Graeme McKinley

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.

A QDCC article has been submitted for the Jan/Feb edition of Spotlight Magazine which will be distributed through the local doors soon. Anyone willing to or know of anyone willing to help with future distribution of this bi-monthly community magazine should contact Alistair@wordsandpicturesuk.com

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Education ▲ David Flint

Education/Recreation report

Community ownership and the climate emergency- survey.

The Echline Woodland group were asked to complete a research survey questionnaire. It was felt that it was more appropriate for QDCC to complete this, as owners of the site. This was passed to me and I completed it on our behalf.

QCHS

Michelle Gordon set up a virtual meeting with Graeme, Neil, David and two senior pupils, Bilal and Lauren. Some key points to take away and develop (note: this is obviously not a minute)

Work with Graeme McKinley on channeling positive news stories into the community from our own young people. Bilal and Lauren will feed information into Graeme and also contribute to the report at the monthly QDCC meetings with support from Michelle

Bilal and Lauren to work through how best to create a ' QHS Youth Community council' in school for young people – will discuss further with Michelle. We would also really appreciate the support from the QDCC to up skill us on community councils and what we can learn from these

Careers links with the vast of experience in the QDCC

We would be happy to promote pupil voice on community related topics.

Michelle will follow this up and will be joining the QDCC for our next meeting.

QCHS Parents Council meeting.13.01.21.

There was much discussion about the present Covid situation. The exam changes are causing concern but they have to follow national guidelines.

The feedback on digital learning has been very positive.

Forecast school role will rise to around 1000 next year.

Phase two, demolition, landscaping and outdoor facilities. Development is now 3 weeks behind schedule but it is hoped that work will be complete in time for next academic year

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Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

Tesco /Scotmid Recycling facilities and general cleanliness of the car park and surrounding areas

Tesco hope to be in a position shortly to provide an update from their Head Office on the transfer of ownership of the CEC managed recycling units to Tesco control. New fence screening has been erected at the site which should prevent rubbish blowing outside the perimeter and may deter opportunist fly tippers.

Scotmid are still experiencing fly tipping on their site but have CCTV in place now and have passed footage of offenders to the appropriate authorities.

Sewage issue on the old railway line

Update from Scottish Water:

“With regards to the footpath at the back of Bankhead Grove in Dalmeny. Contractors were on site before Christmas and spent several days jetting and root cutting the sewer. We have now managed to get it running however there are some serious defects with the pipe (some parts of the ground have had to be barriered off for safety reasons, pipe is collapsed and is very shallow).

I am in the process of passing a job to our Managed Delivery team as this will likely require a full replacement and upgrade. This will come at a very significant cost but will leave the pipe in a suitable condition which should cos no further bother. These things can take a lot of planning but I will make sure to highlight the urgency of getting it done.”

Car Disturbance Issues

Residents living in the Varney estate have complained about the noise created in the evenings by some young car drivers congregating in the car park at Ferrymuir Gate. Keith Giblett and myself raised this issue during a ZOOM meeting we held with the BEAR management team who have taken over responsibility from AMEY for the management of main arterial roads in our area including the 2 road bridges. They say they have spoken to some of the young people and sought their support in keeping the noise levels down. BEAR were of the opinion this was not a regular occurrence which is perhaps at odds with the views of some of the residents. It has been agreed to review the situation again towards the end of January 2021 and then decide if further action is required.

Flower Planters along the High Street

Work has been completed to replace 11 wooden planters along the High Street that were in poor shape. The aim is to also replace the 2 large wooden planters at the medical centre in the Spring which are literally falling to pieces. We will also refurbish the large metal planter next to JW Physio. We will be in contact with CEC Park Department shortly to ascertain they will be in a position to provide plants for all our flower tubs for the 2021 season as they have kindly done in the past.

Friends of Ferry Glen and Back Braes

Due to current COVID restrictions I have stood down this team from its weekly tasks although we will endeavour to keep on top of the litter as part of our individual daily exercise routines.

**Neil McKinlay, Convenor, QDCC
Environmental Committee
21 January 2021**

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Health & Wellbeing ▲ Anne Mitchell

Wishing everyone a Happy and Bug free New Year

The roll out of immunisation against COVID in Scotland is being covered by 2 different systems. Local GP practices are currently dealing with all the over 80's (which includes the 90's and even 100). Currently Queensferry practice is working through their list of patients but so far have only received 100 vaccines, all of which have been administered. They are expecting another 80 to be delivered on Thursday (28/1) and will have booked up the majority of these to be vaccinated across the remainder of this week and the start of next. They will then have to wait a further delivery which is expect to be next Weds/Thurs and will book further appointments when this is confirmed. They had hoped to have been through them all by now but unfortunately are at the mercy of the supply of vaccines. They plan to put a message out once they have completed all of our ambulant over 80's for anyone in that group to get in touch if they have not received a vaccination.

NHS Lothian is responsible for all the other immunisations, including for house bound over 80's, and are in the process of setting up mass vaccination sites as well as the community team to visit those who are house bound. For those over 80's who are housebound, the Community Vaccination team will be visiting homes to vaccinate in the near future, as occurred with the winter Flu vaccine. Exact details of this have not been made available as yet. Letters will be sent out by NHS Scotland which provide more information around this. There is also information on [NHS inform](#).

The practice has received a huge number of emails in the past week with queries and requests for vaccinations. Unfortunately, they are unable to respond to all of these emails and cannot vaccinate anyone below the age of 80 at the practice due to the low supply as mentioned above.

For advice for those who are carers please look on [carersnet.org](#)

Vocal remind carers that they are back to work continue to support carers; we can provide information, advice and support over the telephone or email, please contact our Edinburgh centre on 0131 622 6666 or centre@vocal.org.uk

YOUNG SCOT AWARDS 2021

Do you know a young person or a group of young people who have done some pretty brilliant stuff? We bet you do! If you think they should get a Young Scot Award for everything they've done - then you need to nominate them!

Deadline for nominations closes on February 14th 2021. <https://young.scot/get-informed/national/the-young-scot-awards-categories-for-2021>

There are resources to download the latest information on the Free and Low-Cost Activities and Support available for Families in Edinburgh at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/pacs

Ferry Elves

The Health and Wellbeing sub group decided that for this year there was a potential for more families in the area to struggle having a family Christmas than would normally be identified and that if possible wanted to support folk who found themselves in this position, particularly due to COVID19, hence the birth of the Ferry elves!

In the space of 24 hours we had a Just Giving page, a dedicated email address that only one person would access in order to maintain confidentiality and somewhere to store the odd item we were donated! We put out flyers on bus stops (and took them down) and information about our plans on various Facebook sites.

The people in this area did not let us down - the Just Giving page far exceeded our hopes for £250 and the donations of preloved but immaculate toys, clothes and gifts were overwhelming.

Thanks to the generosity of this community we supported 51 young people. We tried to spend about £20 on each youngster then made sure that the under 10's had about 6 toys including the preloved ones. Parents never asked for themselves so we tried hard to include them as appropriate.

Many organisations were already supporting people in varied ways and we were able to tap into those resources; the primary schools had been given funding from the Rotary club to buy winter coats and shoes so we managed to make sure that families that we were working with knew how to get these. As school staff were working hard, we did the shopping. Thanks to both Morrisons and Matalan in Livingston for giving us a discount on these purchases too. St Vincent de Paul linked with us and by us covering presents and finding winter clothing they were able to support the families in other ways with fresh food or fuel payments.

The pupils and staff of Queensferry High School collected food and toiletries for food banks and anyone else who needed a wee bit extra support. They very kindly allowed us to make up food packages for the local families before we took the remainder to the food bank, as well as surprising 6 older folk who needed a bit of help. We had people donate wrapping paper, make Christmas stockings, donate handmade children's quilts, give us books they had written and offer their help.

We do have some items and money left over and will discuss the best way to utilise these within the community. On the basis that older people are part of our families we have already taken the extra toiletries and adult gifts to QCCC to use as they feel right either as gifts for their clients or for use in the fundraising raffles that they rely on to keep functioning. Any remaining clothes we will discuss with the Health visitors, the Early years centre and Kids Love Clothes. The latter takes as new clothes; washes and irons them then wraps as new to give to families. They have a 3-month waiting

list at present and are used in this area. Under lock down they cannot accept more clothes at present so we will store them. We are liaising with the local schools to ensure that IT provision is adequate for families during lock down.

The following are sites that may help those who are finding this lock down hard.

If you feel you need help immediately call:

Edinburgh Crisis Centre: 0808 801 0414

Mental Health Assessment Service (MHAS) : 0131 537 6000 Edinburgh Samaritans 0131 221 9999

Health in Mind will run an online training course about building personal resilience and coping with challenging situations. There is a charge for this session Monday 8 February, 10.00-1.00pm

For more information: <https://t.co/5dmgAK1ydf> #HealthAndWellbeingResources

British Red Cross website has lots of ideas on how people might overcome loneliness <https://t.co/LvtqQlgN6c> #HealthAndWellbeingResources

Advice and tips from Outlife for LGBTQ+s people and indeed everyone. Try reading these resources which give advice on how to ensure you're taking care of yourself.

<https://t.co/W76OpKJDrB> #HealthAndWellbeingResources

Five ways to stay positive during lockdown!

<https://t.co/tu5IXmaNWq...> #HealthAndWellbeingResources

Here is a useful link from Volunteer Edinburgh which includes several helplines if you need someone

to talk to over the coming weeks. <https://t.co/X2KnuMN2Q7>

#Mentalhealth#HealthAndWellbeingResources

Every household in Scotland will have received “a **Guide to NHS Scotland Services**” it is worth having a read and keeping for future reference.

Ferry go for group is still able to help people who are having to isolate with things like shopping.

Outside the Box and **Healthcare Improvement Scotland** recently held an on line seminar looking at what can be learned from Community response and Wellbeing during the pandemic. Many of the attendees were representing charitable groups already working with communities and focussed on how they had adapted and pretty quickly been able to provide online services. It was good to be able to represent the actual community and give feedback as well as stressing that while on line services are essential just now they should not be viewed as the only way forward as many people need/want face to face interaction.

The **Almond and western voluntary services forum** resumes this week and has been an excellent means of networking and accessing services for individuals particularly throughout the pandemic. If anyone is needing support and can't find it easily please contact us.

There was a launch on TV for a scheme where people being abused could ask their pharmacist who would have had extra training to support them by asking for ANI. Currently this is predominantly offered by Boots and some independent pharmacies who have a notice in their window. As yet this Lloyds staff have not undertaken this extra training but as always would try to help anyone who needs support.

Planning & Housing ▲ Diane Job

Applications

During eight week period twenty-eight applications were received

20/04835/CON - Complete demolition in a conservation area - 2 Stoneycroft Road
20/04897/LBC - Partial demolition, alteration and extension of an existing three-storey A-Listed building to form improved connection and access between the top two flatted dwellings (Black Castle) - 21 East Terrace
20/04946/FUL - Single storey rear and side extension - 34 Ashburnham Loan
20/04998/FUL - Change of use from Class 4 (Business - Offices) to Class 11 (Assembly and Leisure - Small Indoor fitness and Martial Arts studio) with no internal or external alterations - BF 2 Stoneycroft Road
20/05000/FUL - Existing garage, in state of disrepair, to be demolished. New single storey art studio and storage building to be erected on same site, extending slightly into rear garden - 5 Station Road
20/05023/FUL - Residential development and associated works including formation of vehicular and pedestrian access, suds, infrastructure provision and hard and soft landscaping - Land Bounded By M90, Springfield Lea, Place And Terrace And Bo'Ness Road Echline
20/05024/FUL - Temporary site access - Land Bounded By M90, Springfield Lea, Place And Terrace And Bo'Ness Road Echline
20/05111/FUL - Second storey extension above previously converted garage to form a master bedroom and en-suite - 24 Long Crook
20/04898/FUL - 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
20/05159/FUL - Erection of a conservatory - 34 Stoneyflatts Crescent
20/03727/FUL - The placement of an additional portacabin and relocation of an existing portacabin - 1/1 Port Edgar Shore Road
20/05139/FUL - Change of use from offices to fitness (Leisure) use - 31 The Loan
20/05152/FUL - Erection of wooden shelter and sheds for use as forest school - Land 80 Metres West Of The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm
20/05287/ADV - Erect Flagpoles x 2 - Site 27 Metres North West Of Port Edgar Yacht Club Shore Road
20/05315/FUL - Single storey rear extension - 5 Echline Drive
20/05322/FUL - To widen driveway - 11 Shore Road
20/05222/FUL - Erect new standalone workshop / studio building with separate access - 13 Edinburgh Road
20/05555/FUL - Formation of a new roof light, a replacement front door with screen, a new rear external door opening with small terrace and railing. Proposed external facade improvements including repainting render, forming smooth render window bands. Replacing rainwater down pipes, rhones, existing external doors and windows - 20 The Loan
20/05686/FUL - Erection of a 4-5 bed house with detached 2 car garage with new access from Dundas Home Farm - Land 40 Metres East Of The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm

20/05751/FUL - Erection of boathouse cafe and service building - Port Edgar 3 Shore Road
20/05809/FUL - Proposed MBNL 25.00m High FLI Tree Mast mounted on 5.50 x 5.50m reinforced concrete base and associated ancillary works - Land 405 Metres North West Of The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm
20/05874/LBC - Works to the main house - moving of a staircase and subsequent changes to internal walls; shower room on first floor including reinstatement of previous window opening. All external windows replaced with hardwood double glazed units (in retrospect) - Stirling's Dairy 2 Brewery Close
21/00029/FUL - Single storey rear extension - 6 Ashburnham Loan
21/00037/PA - Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for installation of Monopole - Telecoms Apparatus 32 Metres North East of 1 Ferrymuir Gait

Trees in a Conservation Area

20/05083/TCO - Three young cypress - To be removed., One young Norway spruce - To be removed, One young oak - To be removed, Trees on garden margins - To be pruned - 3 Wester Dalmeny Cottages Main Street Dalmeny

Tree Preservation Orders

20/05636/TPO - Mature Oak in front garden overhanging street - remove 2 branches growing towards house. Remove major deadwood & check for splits, cracks & decay in branches & branch unions - 20 Standingstone Road Dalmeny

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

20/04981/CLP - New terrace patio/rooflight addition to front - 20 The Loan

Certificate of Lawfulness Existing

20/05255/CLE - Erection of fence - Land 80 Metres West Of The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm

Decisions

The Planning Authority made twenty-six decisions during the eight week period

20/0443/FUL - Extend existing door and window openings onto rear garden and install new sliding folding glazed doors with flat brick arch - 5-6 Rosshill Terrace - GRANTED
20/04225/FUL - Proposed wrap round extension to create open plan living / dining / sitting and new wc and bedroom - 86 Long Crook - GRANTED
20/04066/FUL - Proposed single storey extension to existing detached dwelling - 7 Echline Terrace - GRANTED
20/04597/FUL - Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing storey and a half detached dwelling - 34 Echline View - GRANTED
20/04583/TCO - Hawthorn - Prune back from Smiths Land building by 2 metres - 2 Smith's Land - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
20/04541/TCO - Wallside mature sycamore - remove lower branches extending over grave yard. Wallside mature Norway maple - reduce and shape crown to remove less vigorous branches. Roadside mature horse chestnut - crown lift branches extending over carriageway. Driveside conifers - reduce height by 4m metres for there to be less shading to house - Gospatric House Main Street Dalmeny - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
20/04518/FUL - Attic conversion with dormer - 20 John Mason Court - GRANTED
20/03517/FUL - Installation of 2 No. 8m high flag poles - Site 27 Metres North West Of Port Edgar Yacht Club Shore Road WITHDRAWN

20/03777/FUL - Replacement existing gates with cast stone piers & painted steel gates - Ashburnham Lodge Station Road - GRANTED

20/03778/LBC - Replacement existing gates with cast stone piers & painted steel gates - Ashburnham Lodge Station Road - GRANTED

20/04794/CLP - Erection of a sun lounge - 57 Springfield View - GRANTED

20/04664/FUL - Two storey side and single storey rear extension - 28 Long Crook - GRANTED

20/05278/ADV - Erect Flagpoles x2 - Site 27 Metres North West Of Port Edgar Yacht Club Shore Road - GRANTED

20/05083/TCO - Three young cypress - To be removed., One young Norway spruce - To be removed, One young oak - To be removed, Trees on garden margins - To be pruned - 3 Wester Dalmeny Cottages Main Street Dalmeny - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

20/04981/CLP - New terrace patio/rooflight addition to front - 20 The Loan - WITHDRAWN

20/04487/CLP - Change of use from Class 2 financial/professional to part Class 1 retail - 35A High Street - GRANTED

18/05713/FUL - Application under S42 for removal of condition #2 of Planning Permission in Principle consent 14/01509/PPP - Site North Of Ferrymuir Gait - WITHDRAWN

20/05000/FUL - Existing garage, in state of disrepair, to be demolished. New single storey art studio and storage building to be erected on same site, extending slightly into rear garden - 5 Station Road - GRANTED

20/04946/FUL - Single storey rear and side extension - 34 Ashburnham Loan - GRANTED

20/04893/CLP - Proposed rear extension to form family room - 13 Station View - GRANTED

20/00788/FUL - Formation of SUDs, landscaping and footpath - Land 100 Metres South Of Dimma Park - GRANTED

20/04862/FUL - New single storey extension to side of existing dwelling house - 10 Lawson Crescent - GRANTED

20/04749/LBC - The two existing gantries have been removed for refurbishment and an additional gantry will also be installed, such that there will be one gantry on each span. The new gantry will be largely identical to the existing gantries - Forth Road Bridge A90 - Cramond Bridge To Forth Road Bridge South Queensferry - GRANTED

20/05315/FUL - Single storey extension - 5 Echline Drive - GRANTED

20/05159/FUL - Erection of a conservatory (AMENDED) - 34 Stoneyflatts Crescent - GRANTED

20/05111/FUL - Second storey extension above previously converted garage to form a master bedroom and en-suite (AMENDED) - 24 Long Crook - GRANTED

Planning Matters

Please be advised that during these unprecedented times planning officers are working from home for now. The public office at Waverley Court is closed and plans cannot be viewed, the help desk is also closed

Dundas Children's Play Park

QDCC contacted Alan Grevers and we were advised that Dundas Play Park is on his to do list - there is no further update on sourcing the additional funding that is required and with COVID-19 affecting so many businesses I can't see that sourcing funding from out with CEC is going to be easy. QDCC will keep an eye on this as we already have £25,000 in funding due to the High School build and we don't want to lose this and we also want to see an upgrade of this park as was discussed with CEC reps over 2 years ago - NO FUTHER UPDATE

Dalmeny Park Commercial Space

Although a planning application was granted for retail with office space above and has been marketed for some time nobody has come forward showing an interest to building this. Cruden Homes have now shown interest in building affordable flats on this land and have been in talks with CEC planning department after negotiations for the purchase of the land with the owners East End Inns Ltd.

QDCC reps attended an MSTEams meeting with Jason Steele Senior land manager from Cruden Homes to hear of their proposed plans for the affordable flats. These would be a mixture of 1, 2 and 3 bed flats for rent.

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements

No further update on when this will be progressed

Taylor Wimpey - South Scotstoun Development

The sales office and show homes will be open by mid/late February. The first two families are on track to move into their new homes by the end of February

Ferrymuir Gait

QDCC attended an Ms Teams meeting with Robert Evans Rydens and Graeme Johnstone Ambassador Living on the 10th December for an update on the development. Building has started and QDCC offered to assist with communications throughout the build, site perimeter is secured with herres fencing, QDCC advised need for pedestrian priority over cyclist signage on new footpath with direction pointers, we were advised affordable housing is in partnership with Link Housing, discussion on access and traffic consultation Ferrymuir Gait Road, future adoption of FerryMuir Gait Road and TS right of access discussed, aim is to minimise traffic through the Varney Estate.

QDCC will have regular contact with Ambassador Homes throughout the build.

Springfield LDP Site HSG1

20/05023/FUL - Residential development and associated works including formation of vehicular and pedestrian access, suds, infrastructure provision and hard and soft landscaping - Land Bounded By M90, Springfield Lea, Place And Terrace And Bo'Ness Road Echline

QDCC reps attended an MS Teams meeting with Derek Lawson & Ian Dickie (CALA), Tony Thomas (APT Planning), Ruth Mustard (Sweco) on the 7th December where we heard an update on the application including the affordable housing delivery. Talks included the proximity of existing and proposed homes, footpath connections to Society Road and Springfield Place, Bo'ness Road (activated speed signage) implementation and maintenance, internal roads swept path and the travel pack. We were advised that to try and eliminate Springfield Lea residents concerns regarding privacy and overshadowing the block of flats nearest this location had been changed - The three storey apartments at the north of site have been reduced to two and three storey split level arrangement so that the buildings sit lower down, set into their landscape setting and reducing their overall visual impact (especially to existing homes to the east). As well as the reduction in scale of the north-eastern apartment block, it is now proposed to only develop one block in this north-east corner of the site, set it lower and further away from existing homes to the east. Comments to planning on this application have closed with a decision still to be made.

Update from Cala 25th January

The planning application has been with the Council since lodging on 16th November. Our first meeting with the case officer is on the 28th January,(previous meeting was cancelled by CEC) where we will go through the comments received to date from the public and statutory consultees. There are also statutory consultee responses that are outstanding from Transport Scotland and City of

Edinburgh Council Roads Department. There is an 'objection' from housing services in relation to affordable housing mix. This is disappointing given the detailed work we have undertaken with Manor Estates Housing Association

Cala are in dialogue with Manor Estates to establish whether they are able to assist address the Council's objection, in terms of delivering increased social rent.

The document explaining the objection can be viewed in the planning portal(Affordable Housing Response)

Builyeon Road Housing Development

20/01797/PPP - 20/01137/PAN

Update from Cala 25th January

From the point of the public event and presentation to QDCC, the design team have progressed the masterplan with reference to the comments received, along with regular meetings with the City of Edinburgh Council planning department. The general design concept for the masterplan and key components such as landscape structure, location of different land uses and active travel strategy has remained consistent with further development of certain key areas.

Through review of feedback from the public event and QDCC relevant engagement, the most relevant design evolution related to the new civic street and how this would interact with the realigned Builyeon Road. Following comments received we have undertaken a detailed quality audit of new Builyeon Road and explored how best to integrate relevant elements such as traffic calming measures, pedestrian crossing points and location of active travel routes with the proposed new civic street. This is a key element to the success of the masterplan and the development of this area has further strengthened the masterplans connection to the site context and will help create a strong sense of place.

Stoneycroft Road (Old Legion Building) Planning Application 20/03618/FUL

A decision on this application is still to be made.

Sealscraig Flats Conversion

20/03640/FUL - Conversion of restaurant/hotel into 5x dwellings - 23 Edinburgh Road (former Sealscraig Hotel/Restaurant)

20/03641/LBC - Conversion of restaurant/hotel into 5 private dwellings with External alterations including upgrading of windows + doors, partial removal of non- original extension and erection of replacement offshoot, reinstatement of windows

The applications have been granted by the planning dept - local Delegated Decision. The decision notice was posted in the portal on the 22nd January. There were revised documents posted in the portal on the 15th mostly to do with the windows. I am disappointed that the planning dept seem not to have taken on board our and others comments regarding the location and design of the refuse bins. The report and decision can be viewed in the portal. I hope that QDCC can meet with the developer/contractor prior to the work starting so much I feel needs to be discussed which is out with planning, management of the works, deliveries of materials etc

Although the building will be in better shape once the conversion is complete this isn't going to be an easy conversion especially because of the location and management of this work needs to be controlled very carefully

Sealscraig Studio/workshop Planning Application

20/05222/FUL - Erect new standalone workshop / studio building with separate access - 13
Edinburgh Road

This application has provided much debate on Facebook pages and e-mails to QDCC with concerns on the purchase of the land from the Crown Estates without consultation or awareness, building on this land, the design of the workshop/studio and public access to the lane and the "craigs". The purchase of the land is not a planning matter and is a separate issue. Queensferry Heritage Trust will research the purchase of the land from QLTR (Queen's and Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer – bona vacantia – ownerless property) and will ask for details of the process in purchasing land and the process followed in this purchase. QHT will also look at other vacant land in Queensferry that may be at risk. QDCC will be kept up-to-date with their findings.

Regarding the planning application QDCC has objected with the reasons that the design and building on this location is inappropriate in the Queensferry Conservation Area.

Due to the volume of comments sent to planning both objections and in support the Dev Management sub-committee will make the decision on this application at a later date.

Glenforth Court Ferrymuir

The complex is now finished and the first tenants have moved in. Sales brochures are available for the flats which can be purchased this has also been advertised on the QDCC Facebook page.

<https://linkhousing.org.uk/Glenforth?fbclid=IwAR2gf3avINkUB8fXe4cr4gss-fIBCuoEpCaYmg6paUTTioISRUAkzNtBhac>

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport ▲ Grant Sangster

1. **Meeting with BEAR** – In December we met with representatives from BEAR, who recently took on responsibility for Transport Scotland's trunk roads around and including the two road bridges in Queensferry. Some personnel have been carried over from the previous contract with Amey. This partly replaced the regular public meetings which can't be held under present circumstances. Risks of ice accretion on the Queensferry Crossing cables were discussed along with emerging arrangements for diverting traffic to the Forth Road Bridge on closure of the QC. Present experience is that the swap takes about 4-6 hours to set up and during this period the Kincardine Bridge must be used rather than allowing vehicles to collect in Queensferry. Data is still being collected to establish exact conditions for ice accretion and models refined to find ways of predicting and avoiding dangerous amounts of ice falling off. We also discussed reports of anti-social behaviour from drivers using the FRB car park. While the area is already covered by CCTV, nearby residents would prefer further-reaching restrictions, however we agreed to review the position again after a few months. As with most companies, BEAR have a CSR scheme. They'd like to hear of relevant local community applications where their labour and/or facilities would be useful.

2. **Forth Bridge** – Although railways weren't covered by the BEAR meeting, Graeme has an enquiry outstanding with Network Rail on refurbishment of the architectural lighting on the Forth Bridge. We also heard about neighbour notifications being raised for some exploratory boring near Ashburnham Loan, which relates to the Forth Bridge Experience initiative.
3. **Spaces for People and High Street** – High Street refurbishment plans (assuming of one way flow) are still developing with CEC receiving input from users of the Hawes Pier area and Network Rail. Feedback on the Sustrans funding request is thought to be imminent, which is probably essential to underpin the present proposal. The Spaces for People scheme fell due for implementation in December but was postponed until 2021. CEC say there is no resource available to make a full turning circle at Hawes promenade or a speed table at Rosshill Terrace for the time being. We have an invitation from residents around Rosshill Terrace to meet and demonstrate conditions they regularly face, which can be taken up if coronavirus restrictions allow. Traffic calming requests were also received from the Scotstoun area.
4. **Winter Weather** – With low temperatures during December and January, snow and ice led to slippery conditions on roads and paths around Queensferry. The scenario occurs occasionally but tends to catch people and authorities by surprise as their plans (if any) are activated to ensure safe mobility. Inevitably familiar discussion arose over responsibilities and expectations for surface clearing, its frequency and effectiveness, along with ownership and adoption debates. Despite being reported online, empty public grit bins caused distress for several days and ward councillors were alerted to this. This could highlight wider shortfalls in CEC's defect processing system, which can be something of a 'black hole' at the best of times but may be inappropriate for periods of heavy demand. Nevertheless we're open to assist with improvement initiatives here.
5. **Public Transport** – The Christmas and New Year 43 bus service was enhanced compared to previous years, but with a lockdown being imposed over this period patronage was very much lower. Stagecoach and Lothian Country made a few adjustments to times and frequencies over the past month. Most services remain available between about 6am and midnight, but future provision remains uncertain. Queensferry's council-subsidised bus routes (7, 16 & 63) still run as normal.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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GRIT BINS AND GRITTING PRIORITY ROUTES

The most common issue being raised with us at the moment is the delays to refilling grit bins after they are being reported online. The process is no longer fit for purpose and residents are waiting weeks rather than days for refills. We've called for an urgent review and raised with the Council's Audit team that there needs to be more transparent tracking.

HOMESCHOOLING AND KEYWORKERS

The second round of home-schooling is going much smoother than the first experiences. However we are fielding a lot of emails from keyworker parents who were originally eligible but with the tightened criteria, are no longer able to get a space. Causing a lot of distress so we are supporting them as much as we can. We are also supporting the call for teachers to be given priority on the vaccination schedule. Schools are definitely closed till February midterm, but we are readying for an Easter return.

COVID SUPPORT

While a lot of covid related actions and information are nationally led, we continue to receive a lot of emails from people trying to interpret the rules about what they can and cannot do. We are updating our facebook page whenever rules change and including updated information in our email newsletter.

HIGH STREET AND SPACES FOR PEOPLE

We've had a number of discussions with council officers about the ever changing delivery timescales and we're awaiting a new meeting on progress, with relevant staff being diverted to winter weather requirements. We have repeatedly tried to get a commitment for the speed table on Rosshill Terrace before the high street restrictions but this has been rejected and we are again waiting on a new proposed installation date.

NEW HOUSING APPLICATION FOR WEST OF QUEENSFERRY CROSSING

Developers have informed us of new proposals to build on countryside land just to the west of the Queensferry Crossing roundabout. While no planning application has yet been lodged, the developers are keen to see the Council remove the countryside designation to allow development. The plans for 500 new homes would come over and above new housing already agreed for Scotstoun, Echline and Springfield.

HAWES CAR PARK

We were disappointed that the overnight closure was stopped before Christmas and have continued to press officials to consider options for the longer term. We've had representations from the local residents that the return of vehicles has brought the associated late night noise, and they are keen to see a longer term solution.

NEW MAST ON BUILYEON ROAD

There has recently been works to install a new mast for EE Mobile. We've had some contact on this after road works started. Scottish Govt guidelines mean no advance permission is required from the planning authority to carry out these works

Cllr Hutchison

COVID-19 Response

The council's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be analysed through update reports to the Policy and Sustainability committee, which has now returned to an 8 weekly cycle, and the associated recovery programme is discussed at a monthly all-party oversight group.

Full Council

Full Council met virtually on Thursday 10th December. Full Council will take place on Thursday 4th February at 10am on Microsoft Teams and then again on Thursday 18th February at 10am to set the budget for 2021/22. These meetings will be webcast in the usual fashion.

Finance and Resources Committee

The Finance and Resources Committee will meet on Tuesday 2nd February to discuss the proposals for the 2021/22 budget in advance of the Full Council meeting, the papers for this meeting will be released later in the week.

Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee

The Hawes & Longcraig Pier Users Committee has not met since the last meeting of QDCC. Following the letter submitted by QDCC Chair Keith Giblett on behalf of local stakeholders we received information on the plans for the Queensferry Harbour. Repairs and details of who will be leading the project.

Almond Neighbourhood Network

Following a query from QDCC Chair Keith Giblett, I followed up on some questions about the dormant Almond Neighbourhood Network and shared a communication from the Council Leader at the outset of the pandemic stating that NN meetings would not take place for the time being.

Local Issues

Queensferry Spaces for People — The implementation of the Queensferry Spaces for People scheme was postponed prior to Christmas, following an ongoing delay and no further communication after the turn of the year as raised by QDCC, I raised the matter with the Executive Director of Place. The delay was blamed on reassignment of officers to winter weather and on furlough arrangements with contractors. An update on a revised timeline from Dave Sinclair is expected imminently. In the same communication I also raised the question of the long awaited speed table on Rosshill Terrace and the turning circle at Hawes Promenade, there is no clear timeline for either project at present.

More broadly, despite repeated re-assurances to the contrary from Senior Administration Councillors it is now abundantly clear that the intention, as has always been suspected, is to make many of these schemes permanent.

Street Lights – High Street - After a helpful breakdown from Grant Sangster on non-operational street lights on the High Street, I raised the matter with council officers and the underlying fault has now been addressed.

Section 75 Contributions - Following an email from Diane Job with questions on S75 contributions on affordable homes as mentioned in my November report to QDCC, I subsequently circulated the response received from council officers.

Sealscraig Rocks - I have received correspondence on the purchase of land from the Crown Estate at Sealscraig and the associated planning application.

Dundas Forest School - While broadly supportive of the Dundas Forest School proposal, I lodged an objection to the planning application on the basis of inadequate access provision and following a number of safety concerns raised by residents.

Surgeries

My surgeries are postponed indefinitely until the COVID-19 advice to Councillors on face to face meetings changes. Constituents requiring assistance can contact me by telephone or email.

Councillor Graham J. Hutchison

CLlr Work

Christmas in Queensferry; With the normal live event being cancelled due to Covid-19 the committee managed to produce an online switch on event. Well done to all who took part and to Norman Watson for pulling it all together.

Development Trust; I attended a virtual meeting organised by QDCC to discuss a Development Trust on Thursday 14th January

Sealscraig Planning Application; I was contacted by several residents regarding the application to build a studio and noticed a lot of comments on social media. I've encouraged anyone contacting me to submit comments on the planning portal.

Former Clydesdale Bank Building; The new operators who have taken over the building are Boe Gin Ltd. They will use the premises to sell their own products, being specialist gins which they distil themselves along with other products. The new operators have applied for occasional licenses till their license application is considered. As this is a new license, the application will be considered by the Licensing Board.

High Street Steering Group; I attended a High Street steering Group meeting on Tuesday 1st December and another meeting is planned in February. I was contacted by several businesses on the High Street asking for a suspension of the works which were planned to go ahead in December as they felt it would impact on their business on the run up to Christmas.

Gritting & Grit Bins; One positive is that I noticed a lot more pavement gritting taking place this year in Queensferry as the council has invested in a fleet of 16 mini gritters and one has been allocated to Queensferry. However, I was disappointed at the rate of restocking grit bins after using the online app. I took to using email to ask for bins to be refilled. I have asked officials to review their operations.

Affordable Housing; I met with Juniper Residential who represent developers at a site in Barnton. They will be applying for an offsite provision for the affordable housing for the development of 48 units and have a site in Queensferry in mind where the affordable housing could be transferred to.

Phone boxes: I've been in correspondence with various parties regarding the use of phone boxes and I'll provide a verbal update at the meeting as I believe this will be on the agenda.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Other Documents

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

QDCC November Business Meeting

Monday 23 November 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 (QHT), Gillian Smith QCCC, Laura Sexton, Neil McKinlay, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Kevin Lang, Michell Gordon (QHS) Bilal Rathore (QHS Pupil), Lauren Sinclair (QHS Pupil)

Residents: Ann-Marie Boyd.

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the fourth online meeting where the public can attend online via Microsoft Teams due to the ongoing COVID-19 climate and the final one of 2020.
2. Apologies	Martin Crow (Police), Councillor Louise Young,
3. Police Report	The Police Report was circulated before the meeting.

4. Minutes from Last Meeting	The October meeting minutes we approved.
5. Matters Arising	<p>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</p> <p>May 2019</p> <p>Harbour Wall: No further updates ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>JANUARY 2020</p> <p>Forest Nurseries: No further updates. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>FEBRUARY 2020</p> <p>Museum: Action to re-engage with CEC continues. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2020</p> <p>Leisure Facilities: Communication has been sent out to Graham Fletcher. ACTION CONTINUES.</p> <p>Financial Support: The CC have yet to receive anything back from CEC on this matter. Cllr Louise Young to assist with progress on this matter. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>OCTOBER 2020</p> <p>Sub-Development Committee: Still open, fact finding efforts currently underway prior to further communication. ACTION CONTINUES</p> <p>NOVEMBER 2020</p> <p>Council service delivery: Noting several frustrations on the service provision from CEC with examples including signage, Ferry Glen, SfP and more, it was proposed that the formation of a community forum be investigated. The purpose of the forum would be to act as an engagement vehicle.</p> <p>Cllr's Lang, work and Hutchison agreed that the Community Council's frustration was felt and that it would be useful to identify the aims of what the forum sets out to achieve. They offered support on the idea and examples of areas such as Davidson Mains where a similar forum has been successful.</p> <p>Keith Giblett suggested that a working party be identified, and it was agreed by all present. Terry will communicate out for interested parties to include themselves in the working party for a meeting to be arranged, hopefully before the end of the</p>

	year. ACTION ONGOING
6. Chair's Report	<p>The report was circulated before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional point was added requesting support from Cllr Work in relation to an ongoing situation to assist the Sea Cadets.
7. Councillors' Report	<p>Cllr Work – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Water have updated that they are chasing up their supplier following a supplier switch in relation to the ongoing sewage issues. <p>Cllr Graham Hutchison – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CALA Homes have allocated 40 'golden share' homes which was before the cap of 12 was introduced. <p>Cllr Young and Lang – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No responses yet in relation to the postponed road safety question. <p>Keith asked Cllr Work about an expected 32 cruise liners that are allegedly booked to attend through 2021. Questions by members surrounding dates, security, Coronavirus testing and the management of coaches were presented. It was noted that a number of these bookings do get cancelled throughout the year and that the number may drop.</p> <p>Cllr Work will check back and seek further information from Chris.</p>
8. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. There were no questions on the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane advised that the payment on the report is for the Remembrance Wreath.
9. Secretary's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. There were no questions on the report.
10. QHS	<p>Deputy Head for Queensferry High School, Michelle Gordon updated the Community Council that the School website is continually being updated with updates surrounding the current pandemic's impact on the school.</p> <p>So far, the School has reported no cases of COVID19 with attendance remaining above 95%.</p> <p>The biggest change is that there will be no NAT exams however there will be three formal assessment periods.</p> <p>This festive period the School will be doing an Advent Foodbank Collection with the S1's participating in a Christmas cook for the elderly.</p> <p>Michelle Introduced Bilal Rathore and Lauren Sinclair, two pupils from the School who have recently been appointed as the Heads of School. It is hoped that they can</p>

	represent the School at the Community Council.
11. QDCC Subcommittees	<p>Transport & Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport – Grant circulated report before the meeting. • Keith raised concern about the compromised proposal to use the existing coach turning point as a turning circle for the SfP project. With a potential loss of 15 spaces and to consider safety it was proposed that the CC seek a statement of intent. Full support was given by the Ward Councillors and CC members. Keith to draft letter. • Environment – Neil noted the fly tipping issues at Scotmid (The Loan) which now seems to be captured on camera and reported to the authorities. Keith noted also that The Roseberry Hall has CCTV in place for fly tipping now. <p>Health & Wellbeing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anne circulated the report before the meeting. • Ferry Elves proposal to support families over Christmas. Anne to lead. <p>Churches care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful AGM with more attendees than previous years. This year being held virtually. • Beneficiary service continues • Supper Club is now delivering • There is now capacity to take on elderly folk • There has been a struggle to find accessible routes in some areas. Gillian has raised with Ward Councillors. <p>Education & Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was circulated before the meeting. • Two parent council meetings due before the year end. • No additional points highlighted. <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was circulated before the meeting <p>Planning & Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was circulated before the meeting • A noted increase in applications for Stoneycroft Road. The CC will write to the owners to help clarify their intentions. <p>Heritage Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful AGM held virtually and the trust is looking at trialling some other virtual talks and initiatives. <p>Boat club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written report circulated before the meeting
12. AOB	<p>Keith noted it worth engaging with local businesses following the Community Council no longer having an individual to represent businesses on the CC.</p> <p>Keith offered an informal meeting on the second Monday of January as an opportunity engage with each other for any questions, general topics, Suggestions welcome via email or text to Keith.</p>

13. Questions from the floor	No questions from the floor
14. Date and time of next meeting	25 January 2021 at 19:30hrs