

# QDCC

## Monthly Reports

# 2022

## June

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## **AGM Chairs Annual Report**

The community council standing orders deems that the Chair prepares and presents an Annual Report. To conform with this obligation my monthly reports from June '21 to May '22 is my annual report.

## **Chair's report for 27<sup>th</sup> June 22 Business Meeting**

Over the course of the last month I have carried out the following business in my capacity as Chairperson for QDCC.

### **Police Scotland**

I met with the Inspector Elliot prior to his retirement to be introduced to Inspector Flynn. We discussed policing Queensferry which have been discussed on many occasions at our QDCC meetings and the challenges facing Police Scotland in general terms with funding and resources. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Inspector Elliot for his support during his time in office and wish him well in retirement.

- **Hawes Promenade anti-social driving behaviours**

Residents report that anti-social behaviours continue from the car racer "type enthusiasts" on average once a week some of them causing nuisance from noise and driving standards. The CCTV has allowed Police Scotland to track trace offenders and take appropriate action.

### **Local Businesses Open Nights Scott's & Hawes Inn**

I was invited to and attended along with other QDCC Councillors and local interest group representatives two open nights at Scott's restaurant at Port Edgar and the reopening after refurbishment of the Hawes Inn. Both nights were well attended and presented good opportunities to network with local interest groups and businesses. Thank you to Scott's and the Hawes Inn for the invitation. I have subsequently been in correspondence with attendees who asked to be provided with information about matters in Queensferry.

### **FBWH Management Group Infrastructure Meeting**

A meeting was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, following from a letter I sent on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 to the Chair of the Forth Bridges Forum, Chair of Forth Bridges World Heritage Management Committee and the Director of Place CEC pointing out that the 5-year Management plan hadn't delivered the infrastructure improvements Identified in the plan. The key point was accepted that the stakeholder groups, need to work together and Transport Scotland is a very important player as well as CEC in delivering these improvements. That joint working is essential.

### **Queensferry Museum & FBWHMG**

I, along with the Communications Convenor attended a virtual meeting with Karl Chapman Head of Museums and Galleries to discuss Queensferry Museum. CEC are recruiting curators and now that the Registrar is no longer open Monday – Friday there is a concern about lone working during museum opening hours. Delivery of Museums services was discussed as well as delivery models such as virtual and exhibitions and suitable buildings for delivery. This raises the question about CEC asset and buildings for delivering services. The outcome was to facilitate a tour of Queensferry for CEC Senior Managers. I decided to invite the Chair of FBWHMC Dr Miles Oglethorpe and John Andrew TS Representative to the tour as at an earlier meeting the management plan for the FBWH was discussed at QDCC's request. The five-year plan had failed to deliver the improvement to the towns infrastructure that is necessary to support tourism and the community's needs. Karl is considering forming a sub-group to look at culture, heritage and tourism plans.

### **Cala Community Pledge**

The executive members of the Community Council Diane, Terry and I met with Cala representatives to discuss the offer of a "community Pledge" from Cala. The intention will be to make a commitment to Queensferry. I emphasise that this business is in the embryonic stage where information about Queensferry was discussed and a few priority areas were offered as a starting point for consideration.

### **Royal Elizabeth Yard**

Along with PSC Councillor members I attended a virtual meeting to learn about the plans for the conversion of the site to a whisky bonded warehouse facility. The detail will be provided by the convener for planning.

### **Forth Bridges Forum Public Meeting**

I attended the Forum meeting as QDCC Chair and FBWHMC member. This is the first public meeting since 2019 and around thirty-five people attended. The meeting was convened by Scott Lees Transport Scotland and presentations were given by Chris Tracey BEAR – FRB and QC Crossing updates, Network Rail - Jo Noble about the FBE, Tourism update - Karen Stewart and FBWHMC and UNESCO update by Miles Oglethorpe. There was a QA session at the end and parking and roads infrastructure was raised by members of the public and I spoke to this topic accordingly.

### **Place Plans Meeting**

I attended a virtual meeting with Council Officers from the 20 Minute Neighbourhood Team to learn more about Place Plans, the benefits expected from a place plan being in place; that it's a statute document that requires to be observed by CEC and developers. I have yet to discuss the information passed to me with QDCC.

### **Active Travel Hopetoun Road**

I met with Kenny Fearnside Atkins at Hopetoun Road to look at the road layout and how it might be improved for pedestrians. The road will form part of the active travel study report.

### **Echline Woodland 30yr Anniversary Event**

Congratulation to all the volunteers who look after the Echline Woodland well done. I attended the Woodlands 30yr Anniversary event which was well attended. It was a delight to see young children and their parents taking part in a fund event in finding species of trees.

### **Virgin Media Fibre Cable Installation**

I have been in email correspondence with Virgin Media about the poor performance by their contractor Keir installing the Fibre Cable. Following from Virgin Media/Keir failure to satisfactorily deal with residents' complaints timely I contacted the Services Director CEC who will have the enforcement team take action against VM this doesn't improve. The Head of Network Management and Enforcement, will have a member of his team undertake an inspection of the work.

### **High St Works**

You will no doubt have noted that the High Street Improvement works have been completed. I would like to thank both Ironside Farrer, Project Manager and Gilmartins the civils' contractor for delivering a quality project in difficult circumstances. I think overall the disruption and inconvenience were minimised. I'm informed that the bid to Sustrans for the next phase of the works was lodged last week.

### **Station Road Walkabout**

I attended a street walkabout with local residents, school PTC representatives and Councillor Work organised by Dave Sinclair to look at traffic calming measures on Station Road.

### **Almond Neighbourhood Network Meeting**

I attended and chaired an Almond Neighbourhood Network Meeting which was reasonably well attended. The meeting was overdue, for a number of reasons, the last one being in January '22.

The agenda items discussed were;

Community Grant Funds Approved

Community Planning Partnership (LCPP)

Neighbourhood Environmental Programme

Social Isolation Priority Update

### **Correspondence**

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

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC

26 June 2022

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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JUNE REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing communication once again continues to be very busy. At times the volume of incoming mails can be quite demanding and I can only apologise for the delay at times in responding to and sharing relevant communications. It seems that The City of Edinburgh Council just assume that Community Council members have unlimited time to deal with incoming correspondence, but at the same time fail to respond in a timely manner to queries raised by ourselves or on behalf of local residents.

Once again there continues to ongoing interest in a number of recurring items namely plans for the High Street refurbishment, the South Scotstoun, Springfield, FerryMuir Gait and Builyeon Road housing developments.

Of late there have been a number of queries relating to ongoing Virgin Media works across the town but unfortunately we are unable to provide feedback and answers due to lack of incoming information from Virgin Media. Late last week we received a request from VM to assist in organizing and publicizing an information event but it seems too little too late. My thanks to Graeme for picking this up and sharing via social media. After a request from VM to QDCC asking for assistance, Keith had made enquiries about the use of either The Rosebery Hall or Community Centre to facilitate this event but I firmly believe it is unacceptable for VM to ask the Community Council to help find a venue with a pre-arranged date and time to facilitate a public information event weeks after works have commenced. I have written to our Ward Councillors on this matter as it seems the process of informing local residents of works in the area is somewhat lacking but I have to declare a personal interest in this matter as at the time of writing I have been somewhat inconvenienced in terms of access to my own front door.

Residents continue to engage with QDCC via social media although I 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/officials, but that is not always easy given the constant personnel changes within CEC.

Since the last meeting I have taken a number of calls from residents with queries about availability of social housing, concerns relating to pending eviction and in one instance a fear of someone ending up on the streets

Since our last meeting I have once again fielded a number of emails on the subject of “boy racers”. Keith once again has been in touch personally with some local residents on this matter. Discussions continue to take place with Community Policing.

Other queries included requests for information on Community Tax rebates, assistance with housing benefits, worries relating to the availability of healthcare for foreign nationals, Lothian Country 43 bus service routing changes, bad parking on the Loan, issues with traffic on Rosshill Terrace, Scotstoun Avenue and Station Road.

I remain concerned about response times from CEC officers to QDCC mails. I still think some if not all are ending up in a spam folder.

One piece of QDCC business remains to be resolved from last month.

Following the resignation of a Community Councillor there now exists a vacancy for an elected member. As outlined in The CEC Scheme for Community Councils if a vacancy arises which does not result in the number of Community Councillors falling below the minimum number, it is at the discretion of The Community Council as to filling the vacancy. The vacancy can be filled through a process of co-option. This is something that needs to be explored.

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

My thanks go out once more to Diane for continuing to work on what seems to be a never ending number of planning matters on behalf of QDCC, including a relentless effort to follow up on the outstanding issue of the upgrade to the Dundas playpark. It is worth putting on record that without Diane's tenacity it is unlikely that this upgrade would have come to fruition.

Thanks also to Grant for generating the meeting minutes and action list in Liz's absence, and to Graeme for organizing both online meetings and the administration of our website and social media presence.

2. A number of website enquiries have again been received since the last meeting on various topics, and these have been circulated to respective stakeholders and dealt with accordingly.
3. On 6<sup>th</sup> June along with Keith I met with Councillors Lang and Young to discuss a number of shared concerns.
4. On 8<sup>th</sup> June along with fellow Community Councillors and guests I attended the pre-opening event at The Hawes Inn. I have subsequently written to the Management to thank them on behalf of QDCC.
5. On 9<sup>th</sup> June along with Keith and Diane I met with Derek Lawson and other CALA colleagues to discuss the matter of a Community Legacy
6. On 13<sup>th</sup> June along with other Community Councillors I attended a meeting with North Planning Development to discuss plans for the building of a Whisky Bonded Warehouse on the site of The Royal Elizabeth Yard
7. Due to testing positive for COVID-19 I was unable to attend the meetings with CEC on 16<sup>th</sup> June relating to Local Place Plans and School pupil number projections.
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.  
Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC related activity

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 26th June 2022

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# Treasurer's Report ▲ [Diane Job](#)

## May 2022

### Money in this month:

None

### Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - Tsohost Invoice - £79.99

CEC - Tenant Insurance - £103.06

Echline Community Woodland - CWA Membership - £10

Echline Community Woodland - Birthday Celebrations donation - £30

Ferry Fair - Parade Sponsorship - £50

**Total CC Funds - £516.87**

## Community Facility Funding

### Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - £18349.11

95 Day Notice Account - May Interest £41.33 - £60871.95

**Nationwide Building Society - £86251.76**

**Barclays Bank - £85000.00**

**RBS - £85890.75**

**Charity Bank - £61221.83**

**Community Facility Funding Total = £397585.40**

*Diane Job,*

QDCC Treasurer

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### **Community Engagement**

QDCC continues to communicate with residents, authorities, stakeholders, developers and internally using various online tools: social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), QDCC website, email, messenger, MS Teams and Zoom; the monthly meetings via MS Teams are open to the public by request via our website, advertised on our website and social media channels. Subjects discussed through those channels are incorporated in to each relevant sub-committee's reports. Anyone wishing to contact the community council on any matters please do so through our website <http://www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.co.uk/>, where all communication channels are explained.

### **Spotlight Magazine**

Distribution will alternate monthly with online publication then print distribution; fresh content will remain bi-monthly. Distribution will now mainly be through key dispensers in the area.

### **CEC Engagement**

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

### **QHS Community Facilities**

During the school summer holidays (from 4th July for 6 weeks) the QHS centre will be open 10am-10pm weekdays and the usual weekend hours. The timetable for the various types of swimming will be published on Edinburgh Leisure's website and app shortly. This initial timetable was derived from the survey feedback from 77 respondents. The schedule will be adjusted according to actual demand as the weeks progress. As well as the community access for all ages, this adds to a significant summer programme for young people this year, as described further below. This collectively unquestionably forms the most comprehensive programme of events and facilities for our young people ever seen in the area over the summer holidays. Much improved community access hours to the pool will also commence after the summer holidays.

Edinburgh Leisure have introduced an additional membership tier for young adults 18-24 yrs at £25 per month for access to all EL gyms, pools, fitness classes & the climbing arena. We already have the Full Junior membership for under 16's with same city-wide access plus golf courses for £10.50 per month. Combined with free bus travel for under 22's, this offers a huge range of activities for young people over the summer for very low cost. Adults' Queensferry Membership at £28 per month which gives access to gym, pool, sauna, steam room and fitness classes, offering significantly better value than the Pay as You Go options. T&C's apply, see website for details - [Edinburgh Leisure](#)

### **Young people engagement update from Anne Marie Boyd**

**Open all hours** has concluded for this term; on average there were 40 young people attending each week, continuing to be the most popular OAH across the city. The OAH Team were having some storage issues but after a very positive meeting between the OAH team, EL, Graeme McKinley and Senior Management from the high school, thankfully a solution has been found and some space freed up for OAH to store their equipment in the next term.

The Lifelong learning youth team will be doing a **summer programme** which young people can sign up to attend; everything on offer will be free on a first come first basis. At the present time the programme is subject to change. Lifelong Learning Services was able to secure some funding which



means we can offer picnic in the park where the LLS youth team will have sandwiches and snacks available free to those who come along.

Planned LLS summer events (subject to confirmation) ...



<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>PICNIC IN THE PARK</b> 1.00-3.00pm Burgess Park 	<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> Ceramic painting and picnic 1.00pm – 3.00pm Honeypot Creative Café	<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Well-being Weds</b> Swimming 1.00pm-2.00pm Basketball 3.00pm-4.00pm Dance 4.00pm – 5.00pm Queensferry High School	<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>PARK LIFE</b> 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park	<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>PICNIC IN THE PARK</b> 1.00-3.00pm Allison Park 
<b>Movie Night</b> 5.45pm – 7.45pm Kirkliston Library	<b>P7 Transition Re-connector</b> 6.00pm- 8.00pm Queensferry Community Centre	<b>Kayaking</b> 5.30pm- 7.30pm Port Edgar		
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>PICNIC IN THE PARK</b> 1.00-3.00pm Burgess Park 	<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> Boat Trip and picnic 12.00pm – 3.00pm Maid of the Forth	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> Yoga taster sessions	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> <b>PARK LIFE</b> 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b> <b>PICNIC IN THE PARK</b> 1.00pm-3.00pm Allison Park 
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<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Bike ride, bushcraft, and picnic</b> 10.00am- 1.00pm Meet at QHS <b>IN THE PARK</b> 1.00pm-3.00pm Burgess Park 	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>P7 Transition Reconnector</b> 6.00pm – 8.00pm Queensferry Community Centre	<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>Well-being Weds</b> Games Hall 12.00pm – 1.00pm Swimming 1.00pm – 2.00pm Dodgeball 2.00pm – 3.00pm Dance 4.00pm- 5.00pm Queensferry High school	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>PARK LIFE</b> 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>PICNIC IN THE PARK</b> 1.00pm-3.00pm Allison Park 
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## P7 Transitions

The three-day visit to the high school took place for the P7s and the feedback has been that the

young people had a really good experience and most are looking forward to the move after summer. The enhanced transitions have been a really positive experience and helped in offering support to those young people who needed it to make their next steps easier. The Blue Light Disco in May, held at QHS was also very popular and gave p7's a further familiarisation with their new school.

**Scott's networking evening** was well attended and offered some valuable links to opening up opportunities for work experience and employing young people within the community. The general consensus was they want to work with the community and support anyway they can.

**She Scotland** will also be holding some workshops in Rosebery Hall during the summer holidays.

Every Tuesday & Wednesday from

**12th July**

Until Wednesday

**3rd August**

£30 per day - snacks provided.

Do you want to become more confident, learn new skills, develop positive friendships and have fun during the long summer holidays?

Summer Circle Time is funded by KPC4 Charitable Trust and The Big Lottery Fund.

**Summer Circle Time**

**P6-S2**

Forresters High School & Roseberry Hall in South Queensferry

Tuesday & Wednesday

**9.30 - 3.00 pm**

Activities include creative, physical and mindfulness. Parental consent needed.

« Early Bird Rate applies. Please get in touch »

SHE are bringing our fab and fun Circle Time activities to YOU.

Sign up for Summer Circle Time and you will be given sign in details. You will also be given a goody bag to use for our activities.

Dates are: 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th & 27th July and 2nd & 3rd August.

**SHE Scotland**

Please register your interest by scanning the QR code above and completing the form. To find out more about SHE check our website [www.shescotland.org.uk](http://www.shescotland.org.uk)




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Volleyball	City of Edin VC	P1 – S6	10am – 3pm	Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ	<a href="https://forms.gle/uKayr4F2boRH1XVX6">https://forms.gle/uKayr4F2boRH1XVX6</a> Enquiries: cityofedinburghvb@gmail.com
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Education/Recreation. Report. June 2022.

31<sup>st</sup> May. QHS. Parents Council meeting was the first 'live' meeting in the school, since Covid. Most of the meeting was taken up with the Head Teacher's report, bringing us up to date with developments. These involve many changes in the curriculum and the reporting procedures, mostly aimed at improving the catering for particular needs of individual children. There will be tracking reports.

Craig Downie, HT, did bring to our attention the lack of space in the assembly hall, which can only hold 260, whereas many functions would require a larger space. E.g. Presentations.

He also re-stated his commitment to working with the community.

The awards situation is being reviewed.

The Chairperson, Sarah Clarkson is standing down so a replacement will be required.

9<sup>th</sup> June. QPS Parents council AGM. (Teams). I was unable to attend but will ask for an update on the situation.

14<sup>th</sup> June. Neil, Graeme and David met with Craig Downie, QHS HT. We had a wide ranging discussion about the plans for the school and we offered to provide as much support as possible to the school.

18<sup>th</sup> June. The re-opening of The Hawes Inn. Several community councillors attended. The work which had been done was very impressive.

20<sup>th</sup> June. QHS held a 'business breakfast' to which Neil, Graeme and David were invited. This was planned to encourage increased cooperation between the school and local businesses, including the possibilities of work experience for pupils. Neil and Graeme will meet with Kevin Thomas, one of the Depute Heads and John Beaton the Developing Young Workforce leader in August to discuss specific initiatives where the community can support the school during the new academic year.

25<sup>th</sup> June. Echline community Woodland held its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. This was well attended and there were lots of young children who enjoyed the 'beastie hunts'. Luckily the rain held off until the very end.

27<sup>th</sup> June. A CAP meeting is scheduled for this morning.

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### QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for June 2022

#### Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road

Keith has escalated matters within CEC in an effort to speed matters up in having the site made secure and all fly tipping removed and the overgrown trees and shrubs dealt with.

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

Progress has been made in terms of establishing the ownership of the land on which the steps are located. We are now awaiting further guidance from Elin Williamson regarding the prescribed process for contacting the land owner to remind them of their legal responsibilities for maintaining the steps. We see this as a CEC responsibility not a QDCC one.

#### Land opposite the High School

Although we were informed by McKenzie Construction that the ground had been re seeded there is little evidence of any grass growth, perhaps this down to the very dry weather. The area will continue to be monitored and if necessary, we will contact the firm again.

#### Plastic Free Queensferry

I attended a meeting of this group on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The main focus of discussion was around running an event to promote understanding of what the group is all about and having stalls where retailers can sell plastic free alternative products to members of the public. It is anticipated that the event will be held in Queensferry Parish Church hall on the 10<sup>th</sup> September in conjunction with a CleanFerry group “litter blitz “ on a designated area in the town .

#### High Street “Clean Up “

A clean up of the High Street pavements and verges from weeds and other unsightly material will take place on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> July. This initiative will include a major clean-up of the areas and passage ways surrounding the registry office The volunteer groups participating will include, QDCC , Rotary, Greenferry and the Queensferry Heritage group. The Council task force team will uplift all the materials.

#### New flower planters

I met with Dave Sinclair and had a “walk about” at the foot of the loan to discuss options for replacing the old flower planters in front of the Priory Church and the Queens Spice restaurant with new ones more in keeping in style with the renovated pavement and seating areas that have been created. A verbal agreement has been given for CEC to procure 5 x 1 metre square granite “look alike” planters at a cost of circa £3k. They should be delivered in approximately 2 months. The GreenFerry group will plant them up and then maintain them thereafter. The plan is for the old

planters to be transferred to the “Top Shop” precinct at South Scotstoun until a longer term solution can be achieved for a “make over” of this area .

#### High Street Planters

During the past 3 weeks I led the GreenFerry group in the replanting of all the flower tubs and planters across town. Most plants were provided courtesy of CEC parks dept. with additional plants being purchased by the GreenFerry group.

#### Community Sculptures in need of repair

Keith and I continue to explore funding options for the 2 structures. BEAR have kindly made a financial contribution towards the costs.

**Neil McKinlay , Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee**

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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

### **Health and Wellbeing report June 2022**

Attended Scotts community evening and found the networking opportunities invaluable as well as making the relationship with Antonia for future community support.

The school’s team around the cluster meeting continues to be productive as does the regular voluntary sector forum meeting for west Edinburgh sharing ideas of good community practice. The Almond Neighbourhood network is similarly beneficial.

The provision in Rosebery Hall of a drop off point for clothes Ukraine displaced people was very successful particularly for the ages we had identified for and has been sorted and allocated with the residual going to AUGB including 2 buggies. Some items have been kept back for the benefit of Ferry elves families. There are a small number of families waiting to have families placed with them and we have 2 families already settled and at school. The volunteers have helped getting into Edinburgh to start the long process with the job centre and a local volunteer has started an evening English class as most of the ESOL are full.

Separate to this report is an FAQ for supporting Ukrainian’s in Queensferry

Both Neil and I have been contacted by Hopetoun rangers to discuss what contributions can be made to the health of the wider community and we will introduce this group to the people we are in discussion with covering “green health”

**Anne Mitchell**, QDCC Health & Wellbeing.



**June 2022**

## **Applications**

### **During four week period eight applications were received**

22/01987/FUL - Conversion of existing listed buildings to 49 residential units, cafe/restaurant and serviced apartment - Development North of Inchgarvie Lodge Port Edgar  
22/02047/LBC - Conversion of existing listed buildings to 49 residential units, cafe/restaurant and serviced apartment - Development North of Inchgarvie Lodge Port Edgar  
22/02082/FUL - Repositioning of existing wall/fence to ownership boundary & erection of 1m fence and stone pier to front garden - 14 Stein Street  
22/02499/FUL - Proposed ground and first floor extension and internal alterations - 1 Long Crook  
22/02251/PA - Installation of a 20m high monopole supporting 6 No. antenna and 1 No. dish, 10 No. ground-based equipment cabinets and ancillary development - Telecoms Apparatus 39 Metres North East of 1 Ferrymuir Gait  
22/02416/FUL - Single storey rear extension with raised deck - 9 Whitehead Grove  
22/02540/PA - Proposed base station installation. It is proposed to install 20.0m high Orion Pole mounted on new D9 root foundation. Pole to be coloured RAL7035, GPS Module, 300 Dishes, 6No, Antennas, 3 No. RRUs and proposed Yorkshire ER Cabinet mounted on root foundation C/W 600 x 600mm paving slabs. Enclosure to be coloured RAL6009 and associated ancillary works - Proposed Telecoms Apparatus 37 Metres Southeast of 50 Echline Builyeon Road

### **Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed**

22/02552/CLP - New front garden boundary wall and gate - 12 Sandercombe Drive

## **Decisions**

### **The planning authority made fourteen decisions during the four week period**

22//01353/LBC - Internally, alteration to modern partitions to toilet and glass-wash areas together with lighting and fixed furniture adjustments. Externally, provision of areas of boarding and replacement of floodlights - Cramond Brig Hotel - GRANTED  
22/01203/FUL - Proposed extension to side of dwelling house to create new living room and WC - 9 Clufflat Brae - GRANTED  
22/01161/FUL - Remove existing unused rear chimney (shared ownership of 5,6,7 & 8 Villa Road), new roof windows over bedroom, new window over top floor WC, replace existing roof finishes over - 6 Villa Road - GRANTED  
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 6 Newhalls Road - GRANTED  
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 - 6 Newhalls Road - GRANTED  
21/06252/FUL - Proposed shop alterations (Change of Use). (Shop) Class 1 to Class 3 (Sui Generis). (AS AMENDED) - 23 High Street - REFUSED  
21/06248/FUL - Alterations and extension to existing bar/restaurant(as amended) - The Two Bridges 2 Newhalls Road - GRANTED

22/01638/CLP - Extension to house - 26 Branders Place - GRANTED  
22/01645/FUL - Form side extension for accessibility - 7 Echline Park - GRANTED  
22/00514/FUL - New dwelling house (as amended) - 12 Forth Park - GRANTED  
22/02028/FUL - Install 10 solar PV panels on south facing roof of garage - 34 Ashburnham Gardens - GRANTED  
22/01906/CLP - Alterations to extend dwelling to the rear - 30 Long Crook - GRANTED  
22/01658/CLP - New side door and window, alterations to rear patio doors, velux to front - 14 Ashburnham Gardens - NOT DEVELOPMENT  
22/01170/FUL - Replace windows, replace glazing and roof to conservatory and form new garden room - 13 Ashburnham Gardens - GRANTED

## **Planning Matters**

### **Dundas Park Children's Play Park**

The latest information given to QDCC is that there have been some delays in delivery of materials, but the contractor hopes to be completed on site by mid-July.

### **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**

Preparation work for the sewer/drainage for the development has started, to allow the completion of these works there is a requirement that Builyeon Road needs to be closed in July for approx 3 weeks. This will cause disruption and inconvenience to those who normally use Builyeon Road, those who live on the diversion route and roads within Queensferry especially to the west will be busier than normal during this time. A date of 4th July has been given but an update will be publicised when we know the final details re bus diversions, signage etc. Residents on Builyeon Road will have access to their homes from the west and businesses on Builyeon Road - BP Garage, McDonalds and Queens Crossing/Premier Inn will have access from the east.

Use the following link <https://www.cala.co.uk/builyeonroad> to access Cala's website which gives information on the development, this is updated regularly and also gives I & H Brown's phasing plan with dates and how they intend to deliver the groundworks and infrastructure across the site. You can also contact Cala by e-mail if you have additional questions [customerserviceteameast@cala.co.uk](mailto:customerserviceteameast@cala.co.uk)

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

There will be works on-going over the next few months on Bo'ness Road to extend the footpath along the frontage, service connections and the provision of road improvements (including signalised crossing and pedestrian islands). Localised restrictions will be in place during this time when needed.

The drainage tie-in to the landscaped area at Springfield Lea/Cluflatt Brae is complete and landscaping is to be replaced and grass reseeded.

### **Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)**

No further update

### **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)**

No further update

### **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

#### **Pre-Application Consultation**

QDCC reps met on the 13th June with representatives involved with the proposal of the redevelopment of the site. The local community and other stakeholders are invited to review the proposals BEFORE a planning application is submitted to City of Edinburgh Council and would very much welcome feedback and comments. On Tuesday 14th June, a live consultation session via the 'live chat' was hosted by the project team to answer any questions.

The proposal is for a complete redevelopment of the site and erect 40 bonded warehouses for the storage of whisky in casks some of which could be stored here for up to 30 years - if the planning application is granted and over a period of time during the erection of the warehouses, unfortunately businesses who are currently on the site will have to relocate elsewhere. Once in use the site cannot be shared with other businesses due to the rules regarding the storage of whisky, Customs & Excise and security.

You can view the consultation and how to submit comments using this link:

[www.royalelizabethbond.com](http://www.royalelizabethbond.com)

The website will be available to view and provide feedback on the proposals until 1st July 2022.

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

22/02047/LBC | Conversion of existing listed buildings to 49 residential units, cafe/ restaurant and serviced apartment, with associated demolition and new works | Development North Of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar South Queensferry

22/01987/FUL | Conversion of existing listed buildings to 49 residential units, cafe /restaurant, and serviced apartment. | Development North Of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar South Queensferry

Comments for these applications closed on Friday 17th June

QDCC sent comments to planning supporting the application

### **Forth Bridge Experience**

We have been informed by Network Rail that the planning application is likely to be considered at the Dev Management Sub-Committee meeting on the 29th June



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## Transport ▲ Grant Sangster

### Transport Report for June 2022

1. **Builyeon Road Closure** – Plans were made earlier in June for temporarily closing Builyeon Road for 2-3 weeks in order to connect a sewage pipe from CALA's building site, joining the existing network beneath Echline View. At that time it looked like the temporary lights on the Bo'ness Road diversion could be lifted and other preparations could be in place by 4 July, at which point the closure could start. However with a number of dependencies the plans could yet change and it might be slightly later in July before everything is ready. CEC were expecting to start publicising the closure and preferred diversions (via Stewart Terrace) around 2 weeks ahead of the anticipated start date, allowing road users to plan journeys or their parking accordingly.
2. **Active Travel Feedback and Drop-In Session** – Hopefully everyone is now aware that Atkins are exploring improvements to active travel routes across Queensferry. This is most relevant to the new developments and housing schemes along the B800 and A904 roads, considering the attractors at Queensferry High School and Dalmeny Station, plus perhaps enhancement of existing desire lines through Echline towards the town centre. Methods for providing feedback have been widely publicised and a face-to-face session to collect ideas and comments will be held on Thursday 30 June from 3-7pm in the Community Education Centre, off Kirkliston Road.
3. **High Street Resurfacing** – With surfacing complete around the Bellstane, traffic lights in place and lines painted hopefully a pattern of behaviours is starting to emerge and we can see how the scheme operates. A few comments were received on anti-social parking in this area and the aesthetics of the bollards, intended to discourage vehicles from driving on the pavement. CEC and Ironside Farrer prepared a summary document for Sustrans seeking funds for the main High Street project in mid-June but we haven't heard back on the outcome. Some design features may depend on the budget. Although meetings have been held with CEC, QDCC haven't heard much from concerned residents this month.
4. **Condition of Steps at Dalmeny Tank Farm** – As reported by Neil further investigations suggest the land was sold to the present owner in 1988. Although CEC are the access authority they feel the onus for repair lies with the landowner unless evidence exists of an alternative agreement when the land was sold by Network Rail's predecessor.
5. **New Disabled Parking Spaces** – A [TRO](#) has been raised to formalise two banks of disabled parking bays at the Hawes Esplanade and introduce a space in John Mason Court. No Queensferry removals are proposed. The objection period runs until 15 July.
6. **Public Transport** – Further rail timetable changes were introduced last month to run a couple of journeys leaving Waverley after 11pm during the present driver shortage. However wider industrial action now prevents trains operating through Dalmeny Station on some days, so

passengers should check schedules shortly before travelling. Changes to the 43/N43 bus timetable (and 41 route) went ahead in June. Older conventional engine vehicles were replaced with hybrid types which may lead to reliability worries, but time will tell. Still no response from Lothian on a request to meet, although there seem no major service issues to raise at present. Their email system has been down for a few weeks.

**Grant Sangster**

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

25 June 2022

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## Cllr Lang, cllr Young & cllr Younie

### June 2022 report

#### **New administration formed**

At the May meeting of the Council, two motions were presented for the formation of a new administration to run the Council over the next five years; an SNP/Green minority coalition, and a single party Labour minority administration.

We supported the Labour motion as we believed this presented the best opportunity to deliver the change we feel is needed in terms of the culture, approach and attitude within the Council. As members of the Liberal Democrat group, we will continue to sit in opposition. Where we agree with the new Labour administration, we will vote with it; where we disagree, we will say so and vote accordingly.

In terms of committee membership, Kevin has been appointed to the Policy & Sustainability Committee and the Transport & Environment Committee. Louise has been appointed to the Education, Children and Families Committee and the Licensing Board. Lewis has been appointed to the Finance & Resources Committee, and to the Governance, Risk & Best Value (Audit) Committee.

A number of other committee positions, including the Hawes Pier Committee have yet to be agreed.

#### **Echline and Springfield developments**

In June, the three of us held a joint meeting with CALA homes to discuss a number of practical issues relating to their Springfield and Builyeon Road developments. Matters covered included sewage and drainage; dust and noise from site working; home access

during Builyeon Road diversion works; and other issues which had been with us by constituents.

Since then, the detailed planning application for the delivery of the first 398 new homes and associated infrastructure and landscaping on the Builyeon Road site has been submitted with a consultation closing date of 15 July.

Cala has advised us that Builyeon Road itself will need to be closed for drainage works from 4th July. This closure will need to be place in for three weeks although access to those living off Builyeon Road will be maintained. You can see the closure and diversion plan by clicking [here](#).

### **Dundas Park play equipment upgrade**

At the time of submitting this report, the work on upgrading the play park at Dundas Park was due to start on 27 June. As a group, the Lib Dems have a number of questions submitted for the next Council meeting on the additional funding for the upgrade of other play parks in the area.

### **Bo'ness Road crossing**

We had been told from road safety officers that the long-awaited pedestrian crossing on Bo'ness Road would be installed during July in the school summer holidays. However, a delay in the delivery of the electrical equipment needed has unfortunately meant this work will be delayed until after the schools return for the new academic year.

We had received some concerns from residents after they heard this would be an island only crossing. To confirm, the new crossing here is a puffin (traffic lights) crossing, hence the need for the electrical equipment.

### **Queensferry cycling and walking consultation**

Council officers have launched a new consultation on initial plans to improve walking, wheeling and cycling in and around Queensferry. The aim is to create more travel options for daily journeys to school and work as well as other trips in the area.

Officers are particularly keen to hear about potential ideas for improvements to the streets and landscaping between the Builyeon Road area through Scotstoun Avenue towards Queensferry High School and Dalmeny Station. In addition, the study has identified opportunities to improve the existing routes through Echline and Viewforth towards the town centre.

There is a community drop in event at the Community Centre at School Lane on 30 June at 3pm and 7pm where residents can come and get more information. The consultation runs until 17 July.

We have already raised some questions with officers with respect to the proposals for Echline and potential land ownership issues.

### **Rail electrification works**

Network Rail have written and advised us that they will be undertaking piling works between Edinburgh Airport and Dalmeny up until 8th July. This is the first phase of work which will enable the introduction of electric trains into Fife.

Unfortunately, the piling being done to install overhead line equipment has to be at night for safety reasons. However, Network Rail has promised to minimise the noise impact on the surrounding communities.

They plan to move from south to north from bridge 021 at Lennymuir to bridge 024 off Standingstone Road. Although the programme of works will last up to five weeks in total, they should not be in the vicinity of a property for more than three nights at a time.

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## Cllr Work

### **Cllr Norman Work's report for June 2022 meeting.**

**Lar Housing Trust.** I was invited to meet with Lar Housing Trust and visit the site at Port Edgar on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May. This was organised by Deidre Brock MP & Ben MacPherson MSP as Lar Housing Trust have interests in the North Edinburgh & Leith area they represent. I emphasised the importance of locals being able to apply for the houses which will all be for mid-market rent.

**Walkabout.** On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June I attended a walkabout organised by Dave Sinclair along, Station Road, Burgess Road & Rosshill Terrace. This was attended by Keith Giblett, several residents as well as a rep from Queensferry High School. Some of the items noted were double yellow lines have still to be installed on Station Road at the entrance to QHS. Lines need refreshed near St Margaret's PS and more signs need to be displayed

**Mandatory Training.** I took part in the mandatory Licensing Board training and exam on 13<sup>th</sup> June which I need to fulfil in order to serve on the Licensing Board. The first meeting of the Licensing Board takes place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. I am also on the Transport & Environment Committee which has still to meet.

**Community events.** I attended the Echline Community Woodland event on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and the RNLI open day Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Dundas Playpark.** Work is to start to upgrade the playpark next to the Hub at Dundas Avenue on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Landscape Solutions (Scotland) have been contracted to carry out the work.

**VM02 Community Drop In-Session.** Virgin Media are holding a drop in event for residents on 29<sup>th</sup> June between 4.30pm – 6.30pm. The outside location is the grass area next to their cabinets off Bo’ness Road/Echline Avenue. They are on site to be able to share their programme of works, answer any questions from concerned residents and for anyone looking to use Virgin Media services in the future.

**Almond Neighbourhood Network.** I attended the latest meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. This meeting was held on MS Teams. There was an update on the crossing on Bo’ness Road which has been delayed yet again due to problems getting the electronics supplied.

**Edinburgh Partnership.** A paper has been published called *Collaborative Working with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils*. This can be found on the council’s website. I have also attached the document with this report.

**Echline Avenue & B800.** I reported the poor condition of the road surface especially at the Echline Grove/Rigg end of the Avenue and asked for this to be inspected and reported back. I’m still waiting on a response about the Avenue but received the following response regarding the B800. The carriageway on this road was last assessed in 2021. The result of this assessment is that the carriageway on the B800 between the Entrance to Dundas Castle Boathouse and approximately 400m north of Milton Farm Road features on the 2022/23 capital programme of resurfacing works. A designer is currently progressing this scheme and the council hope to have work underway by the end of August. Residents are encouraged to report any issues using the link; <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roadproblem>

Cllr Norman Work

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## Other Documents

### **Rotary Club Report    25<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The Rotary Environmental team have completed the rebuilding of the six flower planters on Dalmeny village green and these were “unveiled” as part of the Dalmeny Church fete held on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> June.

The environmental team have also assumed responsibility for maintaining the planters on Dalmeny Station platform and these have all been replanted. Work will shortly commence on tidying up the adjoining station garden area.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> June club presidency transfers from Derek Clark to Sandy Mackenzie, with Neil McKinlay assuming the Vice President role .

The club members continue to meet weekly at Conifox in Kirkliston with the facility for members to join by Zoon if they so wish. This arrangement will subsist till the end of September by which time the club will decide on its longer term location.

Neil McKinlay



## Northwest Monthly Community Meeting May 2022 Report *QDCC*

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### 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.

### Boy Racers/Anti-Social Driving – 8 x incidents reported

Reports primarily relate to drivers causing a nuisance, driving in a dangerous/careless manner, revving engines and using horns excessively, with the majority of reported incidents occurring at Newhalls Road/Hawes Brae.

The problem caused by boy racers/anti-social driving remains 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.

The CCTV camera recently installed has had a positive impact since installation and it's hoped the situation will continue to improve as drivers become aware of the camera. Local community Officers have taken a hard line with regards to dangerous and careless driving, regularly utilizing the CCTV footage. Over the past few weeks, a number of drivers have been formally charged with further drivers warned re driving standards.

### ASB/Youth Disorder: 2 x reported incidents

Incidents relate to youths entering a derelict building whereupon they were discovered by Local Community Officers and dealt with accordingly, and to youths causing a nuisance in the area of Port Edgar. Following the extensive damage caused to numerous boats and vehicles within Port Edgar in November 2021, the site remains on the patrol matrix for local Officers who attend regularly and liaise with on-site security.

### Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

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# 2022 Annual General Meeting Agenda (Virtual)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm

<b>1. Chairs opening remarks and MS Team Meeting protocols</b>
<b>2. Recording of membership present and apologies</b>
<b>3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (June 2021)</b>
<b>4. Chair's Report</b>
<b>5. Secretary's Report</b>
<b>6. Treasurer's submission of Balance Sheet and Annual Accounts</b>
<b>7. Demit of Current Office Bearers/Election of Office Bearers</b>
(a) Chair
(b) Secretary
(c) Treasurer
<b>8. Sub Committees</b>
(a) Planning
(b) Transport
(c) Communications
(d) Education
(e) Environment
(f) Health & Wellbeing
<b>9. Local Interest Groups</b>
(a) QBC - Appointed representative; Muir Kay
(b) QCCC - Appointed representative; Gillian Smith
(c) QHT - Appointed representative; David Learmond
<b>10. Coopted Appointments</b>
(a) Community Policing
(b) QBA
(c) QHS
<b>11. Date of next Annual General Meeting</b>

Terry Airlie,  
Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022



## **QDCC June Business Meeting Agenda**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.30pm  
(Virtual Meeting)

<b>1. QDCC Chair's Welcome &amp; MS Teams Protocols</b>
<b>2. Apologies</b>
<b>3. Police Report</b>
<b>4. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (May 2022)</b>
<b>5. Any Matters Arising</b>
<b>6. Chair's Report</b>
<b>7. Almond Ward Councillors Reports</b>
<b>8. Treasurer's Report</b>
<b>9. Secretary's Report</b>
<b>10. QDCC Sub Committees Reports</b>
<b>11. CEC/EACC/QDCC Business updates</b>
<b>12. Any Other Business</b>
<b>13. Questions from the floor</b>
<b>14. Date and time of next meeting</b>

**Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

## Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

### 2021 AGM

Monday 28 June 2021 at 7.30pm  
MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

#### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Keith Giblett, Terry Airlie, Diane Job, Grant Sangster, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, Neil McKinlay, Andy Malarky, David Flint, Liz Holmes, David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Graham Hutchison, Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Norman Work.

**Guests:** Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager) and 5 members of the public.

<b>1. Chair's opening remarks</b>	<p>Keith Giblett, QDCC Chair, welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting and reminded those attending of the online protocols for speaking and asking questions. He noted that this meeting was only 8 months since the previous AGM due to Covid and Community Councillor elections. It had also been decided that as a full year had not yet passed the normal suite of reports from Office Bearers would be deferred to the next AGM. The exception to this was a Summary Report from the Treasurer on income and expenditure for the past financial year.</p> <p>He thanked everyone in the Community Council and the Ward Councillors for their time and work on QDCC business, and in particular in the continued difficult circumstances. This was appreciated by all concerned.</p>
<b>2. AGM Minute Secretary</b>	<p>Andy Malarky was thanked for preparing the minutes of the previous AGM. Liz Holmes was adopted as Minute Secretary for this meeting.</p>
<b>3. Apologies</b>	<p>Martin Crow (Police), Michelle Gordon (QHS), Muir Kay (QBC), Jenni Meldrum (QBA) and Cllr Louise Young.</p>
<b>4. Balance Sheet and Annual Accounts 2020-21</b>	<p>Diane Job advised that the full accounts for 2020-21 were with the auditor, and would be circulated for review at the QDCC July monthly meeting.</p> <p>A summary note of income and expenditure had been prepared and issued with the AGM papers. No questions were raised.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Diane for her report.</p>
<b>5. Minutes from 2020 AGM (26 October 2020)</b>	<p>One amendment requested on the draft minutes, to add David Flint to the list of apologies.</p>

	<p>One action arising, Terry Airlie had contacted CEC requesting increase the number of Community Councillors, to reflect the increase in population within Queensferry and District. The request had been rejected.</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Anne Mitchell, seconded by Andy Malarky</p>
<b>6. Election of Office Bearers</b>	Keith Giblett handed the Chair to Cllr Graham Hutchison to oversee the election of the following Office Bearers.
Chair	<p>Keith Giblett was proposed by David Flint and seconded by Graeme McKinley, and accepted the nomination.</p> <p>There were no further nominations for this position and Keith Giblett was therefore re-appointed as Chair.</p> <p>In accepting the nomination he advised QDCC, while not wishing to sound presumptuous, it would not be his intention to stand for re-election as Chair for the new Council to be elected in October 2022 (expected date for next Community Council member elections). It was therefore important to him that members were aware of this in advance so that QDCC is able to consider succession planning, should they so wish.</p>
Secretary, and Vice Chair	<p>Terry Airlie was proposed by Diane Job and seconded by Graeme McKinley, and accepted the nomination.</p> <p>There were no further nominations and Terry Airlie was re-appointed as Secretary, and Vice Chair.</p>
Treasurer	<p>Diane Job was proposed by David Flint and seconded by Anne Mitchell, and accepted the nomination.</p> <p>There were no further nominations and Diane Job was re-appointed as Treasurer.</p>
	Cllr Hutchison thanked the nominees, and their proposers and seconders, and handed the Chair to Keith Giblett to continue AGM business.
<b>7. Election of Minute Secretary</b>	The Chair invited Liz Holmes to continue in the role of QDCC meeting Minute Secretary, and she accepted.
<b>8. Sub Groups</b>	The Chair referred to the discussion on Sub Groups at the previous AGM, in October 2020. Subject to their agreement he proposed the current structure and membership continued for a further year. The Sub Group Convenors agreed this was a sensible approach and each confirmed they were willing to continue in their respective roles, and with the following existing Sub Group memberships.
Communication	<p>Convenor - Graeme McKinley</p> <p>Volunteers - Laura Sexton, Terry Airlie, Grant Sangster, Diane Job</p>
Education & Recreation	<p>Convenor - David Flint</p> <p>Volunteers - Neil McKinley, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Andy Malarky</p>
Environment	<p>Convener - Neil McKinlay</p> <p>Volunteers - Andy Malarky, Anne Mitchell, Graeme McKinley</p>

Health & Wellbeing	Convenor - Anne Mitchell Volunteers - Laura Sexton, Gillian Smith, Andy Malarky
Planning	Convenor - Diane Job Volunteers - Laura Sexton, Graeme McKinley, Grant Sangster
Transport	Convener - Grant Sangster Volunteers - Graeme McKinley, Laura Sexton, Diane Job, Andy Malarky
<b>9. Local Interest Groups</b>	Local Interest Groups are as follows.
Queensferry Boat Club (QBC)	Appointed representative - Muir Kay
Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)	Appointed representative - Gillian Smith
Queensferry Heritage Trust (QHT)	Appointed representative - David Learmond
<b>10. Associate Members</b>	The co-opted appointments are as follows.
Advisor to QDCC	Laura Sexton, for governance and council related matters
Police Scotland	Contact point for 2021/22 to be advised in due course.
Queensferry High School (QHS)	Michelle Gordon, Deputy Head
Queensferry Rotary	Neil McKinlay, in addition to elected Environment Convenor
Queensferry Business Assoc'n (QBA)	Position vacant, pending Jenni Meldrum's return
<b>11. AOCB</b>	There was no other business.
<b>12. Date of next meeting</b>	The June 2021 monthly Business Meeting follows on from this AGM.  The next AGM will be in May 2022.

# Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 23 May 2022 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

## DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Terry Airlie (Chair), Michelle Gordon (QHS), David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), David Campbell (Police Scotland), Diane Job, David Flint, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster (Minute Secretary), Laura Sexton, Anne Marie Boyd, Muir Kay (QBC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllr Norman Work,

<b>1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	In Keith's absence, Terry assumed the chair role and welcomed everyone to the online meeting, reminding all of relevant conduct protocols. Terry welcomed the return of Cllr Work following recent council elections but noted no other successful candidates were able to attend the meeting. Following an extended period of non-attendance, Andy Malarky's resignation from his role as QDCC councillor was received and confirmed in May. Activities of note over the past month were the Rotary Open Day and the first liner visit for some time, with face to face encounters starting to become more common. Other QDCC business had a strong education focus this month, along with meetings involving housing developers, Virgin Media and BEAR. The recent evolution and re-branding of Placemaking, which started around 2015, into Local Place Plans was highlighted.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Keith Giblett, Liz Holmes, Neil McKinlay, Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Louise Young, Cllr Lewis Younie (new ex-officio member).
<b>3. Police Report</b>	Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting. Several points on anti-social behaviour were discussed. There was some prospect of securing temporary CCTV cameras which had potential to help trace offenders through a 172 Procedure. The former High St swimming pool area was being used as a den with evidence of fire-raising and would be sealed off shortly. Despite recent introduction of traffic calming features, complaints of anti-social driving continue to be received from residents in the Rosshill Terrace area and the situation will be monitored. The walled garden at the former Hawthorn Bank playpark was being abused but subsequently re-secured. Messages on procurement of alcohol by proxy for supply to under-age persons are being emphasised. Vehicle speed checks were conducted on Kirkliston Road and Builyeon Road with warnings issued where appropriate. In general, offenders didn't fit the 'boy' racer term. Questions were raised on subjects of antisocial use of electric bikes which are effectively mopeds and issues around Port Edgar and the harbour. A potentially explosive device recently discovered by Queensferry History Group was found non-viable.
<b>4. Almond Ward Councillors – Introduction/Re-Introduction and Expectations</b>	As only Cllr Work was present, this item would be held later.

5. Minutes from Last Meeting (April 2022)	Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Muir.
6. Matters Arising	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY 2020</u></b>  <b>Museum:</b> Meeting with Head of Heritage &amp; Museums &amp; Galleries to be arranged.  <b>ONGOING – Karen had not managed to conduct a private visit to the museum yet but some success in narrowing down dates for a remote meeting with Karl Chapman following Covid absence</b></p> <p><b><u>JANUARY 2021</u></b>  <b>Dalmeny Park:</b> To confirm roads/pavements formally adopted.  <b>DEFERRED TO JUNE 22</b></p> <p><b><u>MAY 2021</u></b>  <b>Queensferry Business Register:</b> Discuss number and scale of business activity within Queensferry, and potential benefits of seeking formal engagement. In progress.  <b>ONGOING – low priority</b></p> <p><b>CEC Engagement:</b> 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.  <b>ONGOING – hope to see some movement now that election period is over, although the council structure is still taking shape</b></p> <p><b><u>JANUARY 2022</u></b>  <b>Burgess Road:</b> Meetings along with CEC representatives to discuss options, costings etc and then share with residents.  <b>ONGOING – progress included in Environment report. A Burgess Road rep was hoping to attend tonight’s meeting but hadn’t joined</b></p> <p><b><u>FEBRUARY 2022</u></b>  <b>CEC Budget 2022/23:</b> Keith to arrange meeting with Ward Cllrs to discuss CEC budget allocations and implications for Queensferry.  <b>ONGOING – meeting to be agreed after May council election</b></p> <p><b>CEC Comms:</b> Keith to contact Louise re CEC communication with QDCC. Done, examples provided &amp; feedback awaited. Meantime problems persist.  <b>ONGOING - see also CEC engagement action (May 21). Further problems with email traffic reported at May 2022 resulting in wasted time. Terry to follow up</b></p> <p><b><u>MARCH 2022</u></b>  <b>Active Travel Routes Project:</b> Kenny Fearnside to contact Terry on dates for meeting/site visit to discuss Hopetoun Road link with new High Street.  <b>ONGOING – delay due to Covid, contact expected w/c 25 April. No meaningful contact in April/May period but a consultation is expected in June/July 2022</b></p>

	<p><b>Schools Infrastructure Plans:</b> QDCC to nominate representatives for West Edinburgh Education Stakeholder Engagement Group.</p> <p><b>ONGOING – Outcomes from initial meetings have been circulated. Terry to follow up in June 2022. Other school estate action merged here, escalating KCC concerns regarding high school provision to CEC</b></p> <p><b>OAH Sports Equipment:</b> Michelle to raise lack of availability of equipment for OAH sessions.</p> <p><b>ONGOING – A meeting is arranged around 6 June, understanding there is some competition for equipment and a compromise may be found to suit the Open All Hours sessions later in the month.</b></p> <p><b><u>APRIL 2022</u></b></p> <p><b>School Provision, West Edinburgh:</b> Concern with CEC progress to resolve primary and secondary school provision in Queensferry, and Kirkliston.</p> <p><b>ONGOING – Initial meetings held with KCC to establish starting points but will be escalated through CEC</b></p>
<b>7. Community Development Trust Update</b>	No significant progress recently. A board of volunteer trustees is still awaited, with a bare minimum of 3 people required. The trust should be driven by the community, preferably without extensive QDCC input.
<b>8. Chair's Report</b>	Report from Keith circulated before the meeting. Any questions should be directed by email.
<b>9. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports</b>	<p><b>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</b> Joint report submitted but all three members submitted apologies. Questions can be raised by email</p> <p><b>Cllr Work.</b> Report circulated before the meeting. A sign to warn pedestrians of uneven and slippery surfaces where the harbour enters the sea at high tide is being pursued by CEC despite ownership uncertainty. No harbour remedial and improvement progress updates had been received from CEC despite approvals being in place. Unfortunately a user group similar to Longcraig or Hawes is not appropriate due to the different operating model used at Queensferry Harbour. The Harbour Trust approach means facilities are simply leased to boat owners by QBC on behalf of CEC therefore the users have little responsibility.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Terry to follow up harbour repair schedule questions with Keith</p>
<b>10. Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane highlighted the Jubilee Street Party grant opportunity which is being used by some local churches. Although their outgoings would exceed the £500 starting grant, the subsidy would still help. PMA accountants are moving their office from Queensferry to Livingston, which may make face to face meetings less convenient.</p>

11. Secretary's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Terry noted some late news from earlier in the day that High Street residents are assembling a group to gather information on the resurfacing project. Discussions between this group and QDCC are at an early stage.
12. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Sub-Committee reports circulated before the meeting.</p> <p><b>Transport.</b> Report submitted with nothing further to add.</p> <p><b>Environment.</b> Report submitted with questions possible by email as Neil had tendered apologies.</p> <p><b>Communications.</b> Report submitted with nothing further to add.</p> <p><b>Education.</b> Report submitted. The next QHS Parent Council meeting would be held shortly. Echline Community Woodland celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on 28 June. QDCC can help publicise a suitable event.</p> <p><b>Queensferry Boat Club.</b> Harbour repair progress previously discussed as part of Norman's report. Hatching patterns will be re-painted on the road around the harbour at same time as Longcraig. Some changes are necessary resulting from difficulties experienced recently. Mooring chains were successfully renewed last month on the grounds of safety which is an area where the boat club has liability. The harbour festival in Anstruther will be held on 3-5 June this year with three QBC boats attending. Pollution is present in the harbour during periods of easterly winds. This probably seeps out of mud and sand all the time but is flushed away when the wind blows out of the harbour mouth. The first liner visit at the Hawes appeared to be chaotic and the Rosshall Terrace traffic calming feature considered ineffective. The boat club would not offer its clubhouse for public visits during Doors Open Day due to the unpleasant state of Old Post Office Lane.</p> <p><b>Queensferry Churches Care in the Community</b> – Numbers are growing slowly again and seeing people returning to the building following Covid was reported as pleasing. There has been less trishaw activity in recent times, but jubilee celebrations are expected soon with bunting being prepared for decorating the Haven building.</p> <p><b>Queensferry Heritage Trust.</b> Doors Open Day is no longer arranged by the Cockburn Association but will be guest curated this year on 24-25 September by Under One Roof, Scotland's Charity for tenement owners. QHT plan to open The Vennel on 24 September only. And It is hoped that other local venues will also open. QHT will produce a map map will to show locations and transport links. LAR Housing Trust are intending to convert derelict buildings at Port Edgar. QHT enabled an opportunity for LAR to meet reps from Edinburgh University to discuss potential for innovative energy savings. In parallel QHT have been looking at historic aspects of Port Edgar with a view to creating a display &amp; information. The intended Briggers' Wives play will not go ahead in September as the grant application to Year of Stories was not successful. The Trust continues its Net Zero campaign to raise awareness of the issues with a talk planned to Rotary members in August and a further talk</p>



on “Pathways to Net Zero & Community Engagement” planned for September.

**Health & Wellbeing.** Report submitted. Anne highlighted she spoke to foodbank reps who reported an increase in demand recently. More Ukrainian families are being supported following a successful information meeting with potential hosts.

**Youth Engagement.** Report submitted embedded within Education Report. Anne Marie noted BLEW’s Blue Light P7 disco would be held later in the week, with 137 participants expressing interest so far. Open All Hours sessions at the leisure centre continue to prove popular and will run again on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June before taking a break over the summer when a different programme will operate. Enhanced school transfer transition sessions have been running well up to now and will be supplemented with more visits for those moving into P1 and S1 in June. Parental involvement is expected too.

**ACTION** – Anne Marie to pass details of the summer programme to David F

**Planning.** Report circulated. Dundas Playpark equipment is allocated for arrival over the summer months, a result of contributions from a variety of sources. Some worries are being raised over coordination of roadworks at CALA’s Builyeon Road site, with temporary closure of A904 for sewage improvements from mid-July. Diane outlined her concerns which are on record with QDCC.

**ACTION** – Grant to investigate if there are detailed plans for traffic diversions during the possible closure period

**Rotary.** *No report this month.*

#### **Queensferry High School**

Business Breakfast – 20<sup>th</sup> June – any local businesses that would like to attend please get in touch – there will be a flyer sent out with more information  
Ben Lewis (DHT) lined in with the Rotary Club who are offering summer experiences to high school pupils

Celebrating Success – there will be a in house junior celebration with the view to hold a more formal event in mid sept, Ben Lewis is the DHT with this remit – I will pass on to get in touch with David Flint

Volunteers for anyone who can support us re-do and build our new school website, please get in touch – DJ Learmond may have a contact

Team Around the Cluster – recent successful meetings, next meeting June 1<sup>st</sup> 2pm- 3pm

Youth Engagement – Isla (Youth Worker) and PC Young continue their involvement in the field of preventing petty crime. If the police link has a link with the fire station – please send on. Michelle will contact PC Young to see if there is work we can do, noting the recent anti-social behaviour allegations at the old swimming pool

A busy term with forward planning and change, P7- S1 transition, new vision and values – extensive consultation and looking ahead to the next academic session

DH Learmond raised two opportunities that the high school maybe interested in; sustainability desk top study, he will make contact with the High School and there is an opportunity to explore a STEM project with the feeder primary

	<p>schools and linking into the High School. Terry suggested that we discuss this offline.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> – David L to discuss the initiative with Terry and David Flint</p>
<b>13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Business</b>	Nothing additional to report.
<b>14. AOB</b>	Terry mentioned that the AGM would be held at the June meeting. Diane highlighted she could not attend the AGM in her Treasurer role due to holiday commitments.
<b>15. Questions from the floor</b>	No questions raised.
<b>16. Date and time of next meeting</b>	Monday 27 June 2022 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams. Apologies in advance from Diane were noted.