

QDCC

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Chair's Report ▲ Keith Giblett

QDCC Business

General

July has been an unusual quiet month, even allowing for holidays. Many email communications with CEC Officer replies were an out of office reply.

High Street Clean – up

Thank you to the Environmental Convenor for all hard work in organising the deep clean of the High St which was supported by most of the Queensferry local environmental groups and volunteers. The City of Edinburgh assisted with removing the waste collected and provided some useful garden tools. My thanks to QDCC Volunteers who gave of their time on the day tidying up around our council office as well as supporting the clean-up.

Virgin Media

I have contacted Virgin Media by email on several occasions to raise residents' complaints about the contractor's poor performance in installing the fibre optic cable infrastructure. I attended the pop-up consultation tent held in the open space at Echline Grove and reiterated the content of my emails. I have written to CEC Enforcement Team and registered a formal complaint. All to no avail!

Echline Woodland 30yr Anniversary

I attended the anniversary event and local residents spoke with me about Queensferry and matters of interest to them.

Keith Giblett

Chair QDCC 24th July 22

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Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JULY REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has been noticeably quieter this month, no doubt a function of both the general holiday period and the fact I was away for two weeks. My thanks go to fellow Exec members for dealing with a number of queries in my absence.

Once again there continues to be a number of recurring items namely the High Street refurbishment and associated works, and the South Scotstoun, Springfield, FerryMuir Gait and Builyeon Road housing developments.

A number of representations from residents from both Echline and Longcrook were received relating to excessive dust from the Builyeon Road development and communication with CALA is ongoing. We are aware that CEC Environmental Officers visited both the Builyeon Road site and some local residents and our understanding is that matters appear to be in hand.

I shared the details of the local residents group previously set up to discuss matters with CALA and dialogue continues.

One query regarding the (re)location of a telecommunications mast at Builyeon Road was also received.

More representations were received relating to the ongoing Virgin Media works and the continuing disruption. Along with other Community Councillors I have written to VM both in a personal capacity as well as on behalf of QDCC. As before VM communications leave a lot to be desired

I have written to our Ward Councillors on this matter and await feedback.

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

Since the last meeting I have fielded a number of calls from residents with queries relating to availability of social housing, the presence of rats in a garden, a request for permission to set up face painting on The High Street, dust from Builyeon Road site, speeding on Scotstoun Avenue and finally a resident who tripped on a cover board over the VM works in Scotstoun Avenue who contacted VM directly and was told to speak local council!

One piece of outstanding QDCC membership business has been concluded.

Following the adoption of Anne-Marie Boyd to full membership at last months AGM, I wrote to CEC to inform them and requested an update the membership records. Following some further dialogue and a request for supplemental information I can now confirm Anne-Marie as the latest elected member of QDCC. Welcome on board Anne-Marie.

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, Liz for taking and generating meeting minutes 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 both by myself and fellow Community Councillors

3. 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 – 24th July 2022

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Treasurer's Report [▲ Diane Job](#)

July 2022

Money in this month:

Bear Scotland - Donation re The Hawes Seals - £250.00

Money out this month:

None

Total CC Funds - £766.87

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - June Interest £8.70 - £18357.81

95 Day Notice Account - June Interest £52.53 - £60924.48

Nationwide Building Society - £86251.76

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - April - June Interest £83.80 - £85974.55

Charity Bank - £61221.83

Community Facility Funding Total = £397730.43

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 static dispensers in the area. A meeting with myself, Alistair Pryde, Peter Wilson (CruiseForth) and Karen Stewart was held to discuss a visitors' map sponsored by Spotlight/ Words & Pictures. Alistair is presently working on a proposal. A summer season edition of Spotlight targeted for visitors was also mooted for next year.

Cruise liners

Ten more ships still scheduled for Queensferry this season, next being July 28th, final being Sep 27th. Despite recorded QDCC discussions and assurances from CEC in 2019, there are two liners scheduled in the Ferry Fair week, one Monday 8th, other Wed 10th. Through necessity, a 'call off' system will be employed with coaches stacking on Bankhead Rd and being called down to Hawes Pier to pick up and drop off just as the ship's passengers arrive. This will result in temporary local restrictions and likely road diversions. QDCC has been calling for a 'call off' system for several years now, whilst not great in FF week, this will give opportunity to trial such a system in preparation for next year onwards where cruise excursion organisers have been advised by CEC that there will be no option of using the Hawes car park in future due to expected High St work and reconfiguration.

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. The ongoing funding support of EACC, which receives no grant from CEC or elsewhere is also a point of discussion.

QHS Community Facilities

Following negotiations between QDCC and Edinburgh Leisure, during the school summer holidays (from 4th July for 6 weeks) the QHS centre is open 10am-10pm weekdays and the usual weekend hours. 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

In addition to the QHS facilities access throughout the summer and the Active Schools Programme, we are two weeks in to the three week all free Summer Fun 2022 Programme, this has been a great success to date. Credits to Isla Kay, CEC Lifelong Learning for organising the programme and sourcing funding, Ryan Cramb, Edinburgh Leisure for facilitating free use of QHS for the Wellbeing Wednesdays and Anne Marie Boyd, Youth Worker Organiser for facilitating and leading most of the local events. The level of tailored engagement with young people has been exemplary by Anne Marie and the team. Events can be organised and offered but the interaction with the youth work team is what really makes the difference for young people, as I have witnessed on many occasions throughout the programme. Delighted that Sgt Sandra Watt and the local Police Scotland team have also been participating and proactively engaging with young people in many of these events. Summer Fun 2022 has formed a great template for future summers.

A more detailed report from Anne Marie Boyd, Youth Worker Organiser....

The Summer Fun schedule runs from Monday 11th July till Friday 29th July. The programme has a number of activities on offer for Young People p7 -S3. Each activity has been free.



Every young person is able to access the opportunities and experiences no matter what the financial circumstances are around their family. On offer there has been a vast array of different things from picnics to Kayaking.

All of this year's summer programme has been possible through applying for grants. Park life which runs on the three Thursday afternoons consisting of Parkour, Circus skills, Graffiti Art, Samba drumming, Team games, Bike Assault Course plus many more activities were funded by a grant application submitted to the Almond Neighbourhood partnership for the Almond Community Grants Fund. Other funding sources and negotiated event costs were achieved by Isla Kay, supported by QDCC.

The Water sports at Port Edgar take place over four evenings and all 40 spaces taken, The Maid of the Forth Boat Trip had 23 places and the HoneyPot Café ceramics 17 Spaces. Every activity we have put on has had food included Packed Lunches, BBQ, Filled rolls,

Pizza and snacks. This was all possible through a grant from "Get into Summer" from Edinburgh Council. The criteria being that everything that was offered was kept free for families and we offered food.





We have Picnic in the Park Over six days, Mondays in Burgess Park and Fridays in Alison Park, Kirkliston, where any child between the ages of 5 and 14 can come along and get a free packed lunch and we have laid out activities for them to play, along with their families. Each Picnic has 40 Packed lunches provided. Over the last four picnics we have handed out in the parks 80 lunches. Anne Mitchell kindly has taken any packed lunches we have had left over and redistributed them within the community, some of the extra items have also gone to the food bank and St Vincent de Pauls. None of the food has gone to waste.

Over The three weeks we have The Reconnector P7 clubs. This allows the young people who are transitioning to High school the opportunity to catch up with their friends throughout the summer and meet their new High School colleagues. We have had water fights, team games and a dance workshop on offer this has been well received.















Wellbeing Wednesday has been made possible by the support of Ryan Cramb, Manager of Queensferry High Leisure Centre, who has given us five hours on two Wednesdays to allow the young people access to the centre and all that it offers from swimming to gym use. The activities for week one have had 146 young people attend. The activities for week two have had 173.

The feedback from the community has been that it has been a fantastic amount on offer for the young people within the community of Queensferry and Kirkliston. Just a small few of the many great pictures we shared on local social media are here.





Book your favourite FREE activities; Booking.youth.talk@gmail.com

<p>Monday 11th July</p> <p>PICNIC IN THE PARK 1.00pm-3.00pm Burgess Park Free lunches for Age 5-14</p> 	<p>Tuesday 12th July</p> <p>Ceramic painting and picnic 1.00pm – 3.00pm Honeypot Creative Café P7-53</p> 	<p>Wednesday 13th July</p> <p>Well-being Weds Swimming 1.00pm-2.00pm Dodgeball 2.00pm-3.00pm Gym 3.00pm- 4.00pm Dance workshop 4.00pm—5.00pm Queensferry High School P7-53</p>	<p>Thursday 14th July</p> <p>PARK LIFE 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park P7 –53 A range of free outdoor activities and food</p>	<p>Friday 15th July</p> <p>PICNIC IN THE PARK 1.00-3.00pm Allison Park Free lunches for Age 5-14</p> 
	<p>P7 Transition Re-connector 6.00pm- 8.00pm Queensferry Community Centre P7</p>	<p>Kayaking 5.30pm- 7.30pm Port Edgar P7-53</p> 		
<p>Monday 18th July</p> <p>PICNIC IN THE PARK 1.00pm-3.00pm Burgess Park Free lunches for Age 5-14</p> 	<p>Tuesday 19th July</p> <p>Boat Trip and picnic 12.00pm – 3.00pm Maid of the Forth P7-53</p> 	<p>Wednesday 20th July</p>	<p>Thursday 21st July</p> <p>PARK LIFE 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park P7-53 A range of free outdoor activities and food</p>	<p>Friday 22nd July</p> <p>PICNIC IN THE PARK 1.00pm-3.00pm Allison Park Free lunches for Age 5-14</p> 
<p>Stand-up Paddleboarding 5.30pm- 7.30pm Port Edgar P7-53</p> 	<p>P7 Transition Re-connector 6.00pm- 8.00pm Queensferry Community Centre P7</p>	<p>Movie Night 6.00pm– 8.00pm Kirkliston Community Centre P7-53</p> 	<p>OUTDOOR SILENT DISC 7.00pm-9.00pm Hawthorn Bank Walled Garden P7-53</p> 	
<p>Monday 25th July</p> <p>Bike ride, bushcraft, and picnic 10.00am- 1.00pm Meet at QHS P7-52</p> <p>PICNIC IN THE PARK 1.00pm-3.00pm Burgess Park Free lunches for Age 5-14</p> 	<p>Tuesday 26th July</p> <p>Yoga Taster Sessions Session 1 – 10.00am – 10.40am Session 2 – 11.00am – 11.40am Kirkliston Community Centre P7-53</p> 	<p>Wednesday 27th July</p> <p>Well-being Weds Trampoline 11.30m – 1.00pm Swimming 1.00pm – 2.00pm Badminton 2.00pm – 3.00pm Gym 3.00pm – 4.00pm Dance workshop 4.00pm-5.00pm Queensferry High school P7-53</p>	<p>Thursday 28th July</p> <p>PARK LIFE 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park P7-53 A range of free outdoor activities and food</p>	<p>Friday 29th July</p> <p>PICNIC IN THE PARK 1.00pm-3.00pm Allison Park Free lunches for Age 5-14</p> 
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Our programme offers a FREE pack lunch or snacks with every activity. Please let us know your dietary requirements when you book.

Queensferry Summer Camps 2022

Looking for fun sports sessions during summer?

Below are some local Sports Clubs taking place at Queensferry High - please book using the individual links to each club...

Sport	Club	Age	Time	Start	Venue	Online Booking Link
Football	KSD FC	P5-7	10am-11am	11 th July - 18 th July	Queensferry High 88 Sturges Rd, SQ	https://www.gingerkit.com/queensferry
Football	Doonachie FC	P7-11	10am-11am	11 th July - 18 th July	Queensferry High 88 Sturges Rd, SQ	https://www.gingerkit.com/queensferry
Swimming	Swim Squad	P5-11	10am-11am	11 th July - 18 th July	Queensferry High 88 Sturges Rd, SQ	https://www.gingerkit.com/queensferry
Individual	City of Edinburgh VC	P5-11	10am-11am	11 th July - 18 th July	Queensferry High 88 Sturges Rd, SQ	https://www.gingerkit.com/queensferry
Football	KSD FC	P5-11	10am-11am	11 th July - 18 th July	Queensferry High 88 Sturges Rd, SQ	https://www.gingerkit.com/queensferry

There are more summer camps across the city, please visit: <https://www.joininedinburgh.org/sports/active-schools/holiday-activities/>

Heather Brownlee | Active Schools Coordinator
heather.brownlee@ea.edin.sch.uk

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P7 All P7s welcome!

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MAKE FRIENDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Queensferry Community Centre
6.00pm- 8.00pm

Booking.Youth.Talk@gmail.com

Every Tuesday & Wednesday from 12th July till Wednesday 3rd August

FREE!

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

Summer Circle Time

9.30 - 3.00 pm

Activities include creative projects and competitions. Parental consent needed. Entry free. Places apply. Please get in quick!

SHC

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, 19th, 26th, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th July and 2nd & 9th August

Please register your interest by scanning the QR code above and completing the form. To find out more about SHC check our website www.theschooling.uk

Education ▲ David Flint

Education/Recreation Report July 2022.

Schools closed over summer. Echline Primary school are hoping to have temporary classrooms put in the playground. These will be placed somewhere in the school grounds. I am not aware at this time where in the playground or what this will consist of. The Hope is that the classrooms will be in place by August 2022.

Please see Young People Engagement for report on activities.

Anne Marie Boyd, QDCC Education Sub-committee member on behalf of David.

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Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for July 2022

Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road

No change from last month's minutes as we are still awaiting a response/action following Keith Giblett's intervention of escalating 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

Chaser being sent to Elin Williamson regarding the action being proposed 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

There is no evidence of any grass growth on this area of re seeded ground just a profusion of weeds so I will contact McKenzie Construction and provide photographic evidence and ask them what further steps they intend to take to make good this land. In defence the drought conditions over the past few months have probably been a contributory factor.

Plastic Free Queensferry

Plastic Free Queensferry will be holding an event in Queensferry Parish Church hall on the 10th September where various stallholders will be selling plastic free alternative products. Prior to this, in conjunction with the CleanFerry group a "litter blitz" will take place on a designated area in the town.

High Street "Deep Clean"

A successful community "deep clean" of the High Street pavements and verges from weeds and other unsightly material took place on Monday the 11th July. This initiative included a major clean-up of the basement and passage ways surrounding the registry office. The volunteer groups participating included, QDCC, Rotary, Greenferry, and the Queensferry History and Heritage groups. The local Council task force team uplifted all the materials removed and we thank them for this support.

New flower planters

5 replacement large square granite "look alike" planters are being procured by CEC to replace the planters in front of the Priory Church and in front of the Queens Spice restaurant. They should be delivered in towards the end of August. The Greenferry group will plant them up and then maintain them thereafter.

Community Sculptures in need of repair

It is proving challenging to procure sufficient sponsorship to meet the cost of repairing the seal and "Guardian of the Sea" sculptures but our efforts will continue.

Other Community Initiatives

Community orchard

CEC have formally approved the project to replace the diseased ash trees on the land adjacent to Hawthorn Bank Community gardens with fruit trees to create a community orchard. Applications for grant funding to meet the cost of the trees and associated materials will now proceed. This project will involve local environmental groups such as the Greenferry Planting team and also local primary and secondary school pupils. The anticipated timing of planting would be around October/November 2022.

School pupils' engagement

Fiona Chandler, Chair of the Greenferry Planting Group and I met with Karen McGregor, Head Teacher of Queensferry Primary School to discuss possible environmental projects that the pupils can become involved in after the school holidays. The plan is to hold a further meeting in September with a number of local environmental groups to discuss project options. A meeting with Echline Primary School nursery is also planned after the summer holidays to discuss work that is required in their garden area.

I facilitated a meeting with a local resident and the appropriate CEC dept. to discuss the possibility of creating a "re wilding" parcel of land near his flat near Echline Primary school.

Neil McKinlay , Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee

24th July 2022

Health & Wellbeing ▲ Anne Mitchell

Health and wellbeing report July 2022

Many families are finding it harder to make ends meet and foodbank reports an increase in use. Towards the bakery in Scotmid there are 3 boxes of reduced but still good food items and those nearest expiry dates sell for 10p. Scotmid also participate in the app “toogoodtogo” as do marks and Spencer at the BP garage. The app informs you that they have so many bags available at what cost but does not specify what is included.

With the activities held in the park for young people there were sometimes lunches left so working with families from Ferry Elves, St Vincent de Paul and the food bank everything left over was redistributed.

At the start of July we started a drop in session on Fridays 1-4 in the community centre. Initial session was just volunteers but this gave us the chance to think about what we actually want to do, the second session we had one family but yesterday had 16 adults and 10 children with a mix of Ukrainian and local families. We have been joined by Anne and Martin Corbett who bring a wealth of knowledge about accessing benefits / food bank. The larger group walked across the bridge from the Hilton as this is where they have been temporarily housed. We are trying to find someone to teach this group English.

Attended Health in Mind 40th birthday in the botanics in the hope of reminding them that we are here and have found previous face to face sessions of benefit.

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Event at Priory Church

A great afternoon was had by all helped immensely by the weather, about 1000 people attended throughout the afternoon, entrance was free. There was a short opening service at 2pm including a couple of songs from the Parish Church Band, two entertainment sessions from Forth Dimension and Willie Green from Dalmeny Kirk acted as DJ for the rest of the time playing music from throughout the 70 years of the Queens reign, all seemed to have been appreciated. Traditional Fair Ground games were supplied by the Scouts, a Messy Science stand by Iain MacRobert of the Priory Church. The Sea Cadets had a recruitment tent and supported the event by putting up bunting and other required tentage. teas and coffees were offered in the Priory Church (free) and Bold Bakes set up a stall in the Church which was very popular. There was also a Burger van and The Little Parlour Ice cream van. 21cc Fireworks supplied a Jubilee Beacon as a centre piece. Scotmid gave a gift voucher for £50 with which we made up a hamper which was raffled with funds going to the Ukraine appeal this raise £600. Thanks were given to all that supported the afternoon and who took part.

Anne Mitchell, QDCC Health & Wellbeing.

July 2022

Applications

During five week period seventeen applications were received

22/02717/FUL - Erection of service building adjacent to Port Edgar Marina. Existing hard and soft landscaping within Port Edgar Marina - Port Edgar 3 Shore Road

22/02910/LBC - Proposed alteration to existing property including: replacement rooflights, formation of new rooflights, replacement door and installation of gas stove with roof mounted flue - 9 Wester Dalmeny Steading

22/02921/LBC - Proposed Canopy - Westfield House, Westfield Totely Wells Broxburn

22/02935/AMC - Approval of matters specified in conditions of planning persimmon 16/01797/PPP for discharge of conditions 1D, 1J, 1L, 2, 4 & 8 for approval of 398 residential dwellings and associated infrastructure and landscaping - Land 288 metres Southwest of 10 Builyeon Road

22/02945/FUL - Temporary modular classroom buildings - Echline Primary School Bo'ness Road

22/02971/FUL - Proposed Canopy - Westfield House, Westfield Totely Wells Broxburn

22/03054/ADV - Interpretation /orientation tourism signs, as part of a wider signing network for South and North Queensferry - Port Edgar, Shore Road

22/03093/ADV - Interpretation /orientation tourism signs as part of a wider signing network - Forth Road Bridge A90 - Cramond Bridge To Dalmeny, South Queensferry

22/03120/FUL - Rear 2 storey extension and internal alterations to form utility and additional bedroom - 37 Lang Rigg

22/03136/FUL - Infill open porch to form vestibule - 3 Gospatric Gardens

22/03284/LBC - Forth Road Bridge - no change to use of bridge - vehicular bridge with pedestrian footpaths and cycleways - Forth Road Bridge A90 Cramond Bridge to Dalmeny South Queensferry

22/03201/FUL - Erect Veranda - 5 Gospatric Gardens

22/03365/FUL - Unit 3 -Change of use from Class 1 (Shops) to Class 4 (Business). Unit was recently used as Barnardo's charity shop (Use Class 1) before becoming vacant. Proposal- use unit as office for Edinburgh branch for family run Healthcare Business who deliver care at home. Proposal will not involve any change to interior layout of unit beyond a fit out to make space more suitable for proposed use - 55 The Loan

22/03395/FUL - Convert and extend an existing detached garage into a family room with new WC within extended area. Roof to be increased and new roof finish applied - 70 Sommerville Gardens

22/03414/LBC - The application involves minor alterations to the A listed building fabric connected with remedial works to address the existing foundation failure, (rotting of timber piles) - Dalmeny House Dalmeny Estate

Trees in a Conservation Area

22/03450/TCO - Monterey Cypress - Reduce height of 1 Monterey Cypress by 3 metres and reduce sides by 2m - 10B East Terrace

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

22/03361/CLP - Proposed garage conversion and install of new garden office to rear garden - 19 Stoneyflatts Park

Decisions

The planning authority made fourteen decisions during the five week period

22/01878/FUL - Internal alterations and kitchen and garage extension - 34 Echline Grove - GRANTED
22/01864/FUL - Building a garden pd in back garden - 17 Lowrie Gait - GRANTED
22/01252/FUL - Change of use application from detached domestic garage to mixed use domestic use - family room. Commercial use - beauty salon - 70 Sommerville Gardens - WITHDRAWN
22/02416/FUL - Single storey rear extension with raised deck at 9 Whitehead Grove - GRANTED
22/02082/FUL - Repositioning of existing wall / fence to ownership boundary & erection of 1m fence and stone pier to front garden at 14 Stein Street - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT
22/01905/FUL - Garage extension at 21 Echline Park - GRANTED
22/03054/ADV - Interpretation/orientation tourism signs as part of a wider signing network for South and North Queensferry - Port Edgar Shore Road - GRANTED
22/02552/CLP - New Front garden boundary wall and gate - 12 Sandercombe Drive - GRANTED
22/02466/FUL - Proposed ground and first floor extension and internal alterations - 1 Long Crook - GRANTED
22/01847/FUL - Single storey rear extension and rear dormer roof extension - 5 Priory Grove - GRANTED
22/03450/TCO - Monterey Cypress - Reduce height of 1 Monterey Cypress by 3 metres and reduce sides by 2m - 10B East Terrace - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
22/03093/ADV - Interpretation/orientation tourism signs as part of a wider signing network - Forth Bridge A90 - Cramond Bridge to Dalmeny - GRANTED
22/02945/FUL - Temporary modular classroom buildings - Echline Primary School - GRANTED
22/02409/FUL - Installation of roof lights (as amended) - 6 Hillwood Place - GRANTED

Planning Matters

Dundas Park Children's Play Park

Upgrade work on the play park started earlier this month but unfortunately progress on this has slowed down as they are waiting for the missing parts for the multiplay unit from Kompan and until CEC get a delivery date for the missing parts they are unable to give QDCC a finish date. They will advise when they can.

This has led to children/families disappointed with the school holidays in progress and no park to play in.

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

I & H Brown are making are progressing well with the earthworks programme but there has been issues and complaints reported to Cala and QDCC regarding the dust generated from this work from neighbouring residents and unfortunately the recent weather conditions haven't helped the situation. Cala requested a visit from CEC's Environmental Officers to site to review current measures to control dust and to advise of any possible further measures that could be implemented. They were satisfied that I & H BROWN as principle contractor were fulfilling their due diligence, another visit was requested by the residents for officers to see the dust penetrating their homes and after that visit they have confirmed that current mitigation measures are compliant with Industry Best Practice. The mitigation measures currently are acceptable but as the works progress I & H Brown will continue their day to day monitoring and further supplement the current status quo as

required. A large area of the site (Circa 100,000m²) has remaining unstripped of topsoil to minimise the area to generate dust. The works are also phased to further reduce the possibility of generating dust. Plant movements restricted to set haul routes on site. Routes are kept as far away from the residential areas as possible. All haul routes are continuously sprayed with water to suppress dust. Site has 2 tractor bowsers on site full site on this operation. This has been increased from the single tractor previously due to the current dry weather site is being dampened down to try and help the situation. The site was importing more than 60,000 litres of water daily for the dust suppression operation. This is in addition to the onsite SUDS pond which also provides water for the dust suppression.

There is a 30,000 litre storage tank for water to keep the water suppression operation continuous. A full time road sweeper truck is on site daily which keeps the access road clean along with Builyeon Road. Site has also secured 2 stand alone Fog Cannons which spray a fine water mist to aid dust suppression in the event of higher winds & dust levels.

Future Measures:

- Debris netting will be installed along a section of planned drainage works near the residential houses of Echline View to limit possible dust issues.
- Longer term – a topsoil bund will be placed along the planned School site which will act as a natural screen between the site operations and the residential areas.
- Fog Cannons have been a recent addition to the control measures and should help further.

Conclusions:

- Current Control Measures are sufficient and in line with Industry Standards.
- The current prolonged dry weather conditions have been an issue across the country, not just on this site.
- Improved communications with the public was discussed and agreed.
- It was agreed that not all dust can be controlled on site – priority is to control dust from the site operations which create dust.

Hopefully now that the weather has changed this will mean that dust levels to neighbouring properties drop

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

Springfield Cala Development - Queensferry Heights

Bo'ness Road upgrade works are due to recommence 8/8/22 on return of groundwork contractor who is currently on holiday. The Bo'ness Road upgrade works will be controlled by traffic management and this work will continue over the coming weeks to a conclusion. Progress has been made within the site by way of road construction and tar has been laid to our first phase with our second phase on programme for first week in September. This work allows easier passage and controls to commence the house build. Some plot foundations have been completed and this will flow through to suit the build route and build programme. The first timber kit is due to arrive 20/9/22 with the expectation to have 10 kits erected prior to Xmas.

The CEC Street Naming Team contacted QDCC seeking views on the suggested street names for the Cala Springfield development Queensferry Heights.

- 1 Friars Croft Road
- 2 Friars Croft Crook
- 3 Whinny Row
- 4 Whinny Gait
- 5 Sentry Knowe Row
- 6 Sentry Knowe Place

There was a mixed response to the street names suggested!!!! I also asked the History Group for their thoughts.

Sentry Knowe has been in the Street Naming Bank for sometime and I was expecting this to be one of the street names proposed for either here or the Builyeon Road development. . It was shown in the ordnance survey 1852 and is north west of Springfield - QDCC have accepted this name

Friars Croft - in my own search I found

In 1441 James Dundas gifted a piece of land, lying in and around the town of Queensferry for the Church of St Mary the Virgin and for the construction of certain buildings to be erected there in the form of a monastery. Possibly their security of tenure led the brethren to rebuild their church, for from its style of architecture, it can hardly have been erected before their charter in 1457. The land granted them was roughly in the area where Echline, Springfield and Clufflats estates are today, to be held in free alms with pasture for 6 cows 2 horses and 20 sheep. They were also given permission to grind their corn in the Mill at Dundas and to gather fuel on Dundas moor with coal mines for their support.

Friars is acceptable but I have made a suggestion to make this simpler ie Friars Croft, Road, Place or Crook and not to have Friars Croft in both street names

Whinny - nobody liked this name and QDCC has rejected Whinny and I have suggested a more acceptable name for QDCC but as yet I don't know if this will be accepted.

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun).

TW did have some concerns raised by residents with regards to the last round of piling and the proximity to their homes. TW responded to assure the residents that this is something TW manage carefully in terms of the minimum distance etc that we have to stay away from occupied properties and have had no further responses,

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)

Ferrymuir Gait Road is still being progressed between Ambassador and Transport Scotland and looks positive. Transport Scotland still do not want the road adopted but a specification of upgrade works to bring the road to adoptable standard is being discussed and costed for agreement. A further statement will be made in due course.

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

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.

Submitting feedback on the proposals closed on the 1st July 2022 - we have had no further update

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

Additional documents were added to the portal in June - The Historic Environment Scotland Response and the Archaeology Response and are worth a read.

No date has been given when a decision will be made on the application

Forth Bridge Experience

The planning application was granted at the Dev Management Sub-Committee meeting on the 29th June. There were two conditions that disabled parking was increased from 3 to 5 spaces and cycle provision increased from 29 to 54 spaces!! There will be 56 car parking bays which includes the disabled parking and electric car charging bays.

Builyeon Road Telecoms Equipment Application

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

QDCC was contacted regarding this application as residents had received notification that this had been approved and that prior approval was not required. There were 11 objections to the application for various reasons. QDCC contacted the case officer for advice on the reasoning for the approval. QDCC also asked if the future realigned Builyeon Road and active travel corridor and the building of a primary school near this location was taken into consideration when making the decision. The mast if sited here will no longer be sited on a busy road but in the future a quiet active travel route for cyclists and pedestrians. The reply is as follows:

As the application was in respect of the need, or otherwise, for prior approval (PA), it could only be assessed on the basis of the siting and appearance of the mast and cabinets. The location was deemed to be acceptable and the report of handling noted that telecommunications apparatus will inevitably be sited close to existing and approved developments, such as the new school.

Whilst Transport did request that an informative be attached to the determination, it would have no legal weight and it was determined that it was not necessary to attach it to the PA determination. However, the decision to not require the prior approval of the Council, as planning authority, does not obviate the need for other consents from the Council, as roads authority; it is the responsibility of the developer to ensure they are all in place prior to implementation of the works.

The representations that were received were taken into consideration as part of the assessment of the siting of the apparatus, but as Transport Planning had no objections to the positioning of the mast and cabinets, it was held that they would not have an adverse effect on road safety.

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport ▲ Grant Sangster

Transport Report for July 2022

- 1. Builyeon Road Closure & Displaced Traffic** – As discussed at previous meetings, the closure of Builyeon Road to facilitate an underground pipe crossing near Echline View took place over a fortnight in early July. Although the situation was anticipated as highly disruptive and preparations viewed as inadequate, there seemed few major difficulties after an initial settling period. It's difficult to know how to interpret this in the context of plans to divert the road through the new housing development and replace it with an active travel strip. One possibility is that traffic was naturally much reduced due to the holiday season, or perhaps objectors exaggerate the portrayal of Builyeon Road, which can become busy at times, as a vital strategic link.
- 2. Active Travel Feedback and Drop-In Session** – The public session hosted by CEC and Atkins staff took place as advertised on 30 June. It seemed quite well attended by the Queensferry community. We haven't received a summary of ideas or outcomes arising from the event yet.
- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – No recent updates from CEC and Ironside Farrar on June's submission to Sustrans. Anti-social parking is frequently observed around the very substantial bollards, usually with support from nearby businesses. Anne recently highlighted difficulties around the entrance to Viewforth Bank industrial units caused by traffic queuing back from the new traffic lights and this was referred to CEC for consideration. This would likely benefit from Keep Clear advice, similar to the Binks entrance mentioned at last month's meeting. We

continue to hear dissatisfaction from residents around the Station Road and Rosshill Terrace areas who have concerns over anti-social driving around the alternative route for vehicles that might normally use the High Street. This is despite introduction of further traffic calming measures earlier this year. Some parking restrictions on Station Road are being promoted under [TRO/19/33](#) and the objection period runs until 12 August. [A town centre parking study](#) document associated with High Street resurfacing was shared with QDCC. It seeks to list and grade various on-street parking facilities for use following the public realm improvements. A reduction of around 50 spaces seems likely, and CEC's proposal to compensate by increasing Binks capacity was rejected by residents. While some of the content makes alarming reading initially, the list reflects many QDCC observations of sites used for parking at present, often by locals. Some sites may be suitable for visitors too, while others might seem poorer choices.

- 4. Public Transport** – Although reluctance by ScotRail train drivers to work overtime and rest days has ended, various other industrial disputes are likely to affect rail services at Dalmeny over the summer. Work to electrify the Fife Circle line continues but without much disruption. Note there are no plans for overhead gantries on the Forth Bridge at this stage, as battery power is intended for certain sections. On the buses, First and Stagecoach are cancelling fewer journeys due to staff shortage these days, although their Queensferry services were never so badly affected as other routes. Lothian are introducing a short notice network revision from 24 July to try and stabilise some failing routes but there is little change on the 43 bus. Still no response from Lothian on a request to meet, although there seem no major service issues to raise at present.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Cllr Lang, cllr Young & cllr Younie

25/07/2022

New member of the Lib Dem team

I'm delighted to be bringing my first report to Queensferry and District Community Council and to be representing this area. I look forward to working in partnership with QDCC for Queensferry and Dalmeny.

Builyeon Road - CALA Development

Numerous concerns have been raised by residents regarding the dust from the Cala development, which has been especially problematic given the recent dry weather. We have escalated this with Council officers and the I&H Brown/Cala Homes site managers and know that there have been visits to residential properties to evaluate the scale of the issue. The site managers have agreed to improve their dust management procedures by doubling the amount of water being used to

suppress the dust. Additionally, officers are going to monitor this proactively going forward to reduce the impact upon residents.

Pharmacy services

There have been serious and severe issues with accessing pharmacy services in Queensferry, with both pharmacies unable to consistently remain open, fulfil prescriptions, and even at times providing incorrect items to individuals. A large number of constituents have rightly got in touch, so in response to this, we have escalated an official complaint passing on the experiences of residents. We have done this in conjunction with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, given health is an issue reserved to Holyrood.

These issues are not by any means new, but we will continue to press Lloyds to correct the situation by continually escalating the level of our complaint. As soon as we have more information, we will pass it back to the community at the first opportunity.

While our current objective is to improve the service from the existing pharmacies, we have also investigated the possibility of a third pharmacy being opened. This is particularly frustrating considering the previous application to open an additional pharmacy which the NHS objected to, and which lost on appeal. There are current interested parties but the application process is quite lengthy, so it will be some time before a third pharmacy could be opened.

Hopetoun Road / Rose Lane

With the introduction of the new traffic lights at the foot of the Loan, we've had complaints raised about the queuing traffic blocking the entrance/exit to Rose Lane. We've raised this with officers and secured an agreement to have 'keep clear' sign painted on the junction. This should be done by the end of August.

Ashburnham Gardens/Station Road consultation on restrictions

We received notice on Friday that the consultation has opened on introducing new waiting restrictions/loading prohibitions on Ashburnham Gardens/Station Road. These can be viewed online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/traffic orders. The proposal is open for comments until 12th August and you can submit an objection by emailed TRO.consultations@edinburgh.gov.uk quoting ref no TRO/19/33

Finance and Resources (F&R) Committee – Winter Festival

The contract for the Winter Festival is in the process of being finalised and in contrast to previous years, there is a desire to have Christmas events and activity beyond the usual city centre locale, and have events across the entire City area. With Lewis' membership of F&R, we will be able to keep an eye on this as it progresses and would appreciate any ideas on what shape this could take.

Cllr Lewis Younie | Liberal Democrat | Almond Ward

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Cllr Work

Cllr Norman Work's report July 2022

Virgin Media 02 Drop in event: On Wednesday 29th June I attended the outside drop in event for Queensferry residents to ask questions. One of the biggest complaints I received was about lack of notice. The contractors are paid to deliver letters to residents before work starts and this was clearly not happening. The quality of work was another complaint. I made sure this was mentioned to the representatives.

Dundas Playpark: I noticed work was not progressing at Dundas Playpark and noted no one was working one day I passed. I contacted the council to be informed that one of the equipment pieces being installed was missing several parts, so the contractor contacted the council who have contacted the supplier.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Other Documents

Rotary Club Report 24th July 2022

The Rotary Environmental team have progressed work in the Dalmeny Station gardens to lay plastic stabilisation grids to prevent gravel slippage on the sloping embankments.

On the 30th June club presidency transferred from Derek Clark to Sandy Mackenzie, with Neil McKinlay assuming the Vice President role. One key objective for the coming Rotary year will be to proactively support more community projects which has been a great success during the time of restricted club operations due to COVID. We also hope to see normal club gathering and social interaction continue.

Fiona Chandler and Nigel Hutchison were presented with Rotary Community Awards for their great support on local environmental groups.

Neil McKinlay

Echline Community Woodland celebrates 30 years!

On Saturday afternoon, 25th June 2022, we celebrated 30 years in existence for Echline Community Woodland, South Queensferry! Although the actual 30th birthday isn't until 28th November, we felt that a summer celebration would be more suitable and besides, the Queen is allowed two birthdays, so why not ECW!

For the 30th birthday celebrations, we organised a tree trail, tree beating with mini beast hunt, wildlife tattoos and of course a chocolate birthday cake with chocolate bark and edible petals! Lots of young families with children came along which was great to see and everyone had lots of fun exploring the woodland and its associated wildlife. Our bird list is now approaching 30 species and the dawn chorus is very impressive (please listen to the recording on our website!).

ECW is a small site (around 0.4 hectares) which was planted on land gifted to Queensferry and District Community Council in 1992 by Miller Homes, who were developing a new housing estate nearby. The project was a joint initiative between the Scottish Wildlife Trust, Queensferry Association and the community council. More than 200 local volunteers helped to plant around 1200 native trees and shrubs from 15 different species which have now grown to a tremendous height.

More recently (around 6 years ago), we also planted a new hedgerow adjacent to a path which borders the site and which helps define the site's southern boundary. This hedgerow, which was planted with over 100 free, mixed saplings from the Woodland Trust, will provide additional benefit to wildlife in the area.

Echline Community Woodland is unusual in that it is still a Community Council owned woodland (one of the first in Scotland) and is maintained by a small band of willing (but ageing!) volunteers who carry out path strimming, shrub pruning and control of invasive and dominant species (such as blackthorn and aspen). Every so often, the Lothian Conservation Volunteers come in to give us a hand and do a tremendous job! The challenge now is being able to recruit some new volunteers to take over the management of the woodland when the more senior ones amongst us step down!!

For further information about the woodland, please visit our [website](#) or give us a like on our dedicated [Facebook page](#).

Here's to the next 30 years!

Huw Thomas

ECW Volunteer Coordinator



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting June 2022 Report *QDCC*

Road Safety

High Visibility patrols continue to be conducted throughout the area in an effort to deter drivers committing any driving offences. Traffic/Speed checks at various locations around South Queensferry are regularly undertaken.

Boy Racers/Anti-Social Driving – 5 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 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: 6 x reported incidents

Incidents relate primarily to the area surrounding the Scotmid at Scotstoun whereby youths are known to gather and cause a general nuisance, harassing customers and climbing up onto the roof. This area is regularly patrolled by local officers who work with Scotmid and other partner agencies to tackle the ongoing issues.

Damage/Vandalism: 2 x reported incidents

Incidents relate to damage to a fence at Hopetoun Road and similar at Ferrymuir Gait. A crime report was raised for each incident. Enquiries are ongoing.

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

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QDCC July Business Meeting Agenda

Monday 25th July 2022 at 7.30pm

(Virtual Meeting)

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

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 19th July 2022

Previous Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 27 June 2022 at 8.00pm

(preceded by AGM)

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster Laura Sexton, Anne Marie Boyd, Michelle Gordon (QHS), David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: 1 member of the public.

<p>1. QDCC Chairman’s Welcome & Opening Remarks</p>	<p>Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting, which was following on from the AGM. He also welcomed a member of the public who wished to discuss proposals for land at Burgess Road.</p> <p>He reported another busy month with business covering -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the new CEC administration • the Platinum Jubilee • liner visits • High Street 1st phase now complete • Sustrans bid for next phase • Forth Bridges Forum meeting • commencement of building work at Builyeon Road <p>He also commented on the previous day’s RNLI Open Day, the first in 3 years due to the pandemic. Reports received were that the event had been very good.</p>
<p>2. Apologies</p>	<p>Diane Job (Treasurer), Muir Kay (QBC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Police Scotland, Jenni Meldrum (QBA), Cllr Louise Young, Cllr Lewis Younie.</p>
<p>3. Police Report</p>	<p>Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting. Keith highlighted continuing problems with car racing. CCTV was helping to identify those responsible and action taken. Noted incidents can be on any day.</p>
<p>4. Minutes from Last Meeting (May 2022)</p>	<p>One amendment to the May minutes – Section 12, Education sub group. Reference to Echline Community Woodland should read ‘30 years’.</p> <p>Minutes proposed by David F and seconded by David L.</p>
<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 2020</u></p> <p>Museum: Meeting with Head of Heritage & Museums & Galleries to be arranged.</p> <p>CLOSED – adverts for Curators in place, for re-opening of Q/F Museum. Karen Stewart private visit on Thurs 23 June.</p> <p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park: To confirm roads/pavements formally adopted.</p> <p>DEFERRED TO JUNE 22 – Cllr Lang to check with CEC.</p>

MAY 2021

Queensferry Business Register: Discuss number and scale of business activity within Queensferry, and potential benefits of seeking formal engagement. In progress.

ONGOING – low priority

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

ONGOING – hope to see some movement now that election period is over, although the council structure is still taking shape

JANUARY 2022

Burgess Road: Meetings along with CEC representatives to discuss options, costings etc and then share with residents.

ONGOING – progress included in Environment report.

FEBRUARY 2022

CEC Budget 2022/23: Keith to arrange meeting with Ward Cllrs to discuss CEC budget allocations and implications for Queensferry.

ONGOING – meeting to be agreed after May council election.

CEC Comms: Keith to contact Louise re CEC communication with QDCC.

Done, examples provided & feedback awaited. Meantime problems persist.

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.

MARCH 2022

Active Travel Routes Project: Kenny Fearnside to contact Terry on dates for meeting/site visit to discuss Hopetoun Road link with new High Street.

ONGOING – delay due to Covid, contact expected w/c 25 April. No meaningful contact in April/May period but consultation with the community now taking place, public event on Thurs 30 June.

Schools Infrastructure Plans: QDCC to nominate representatives for West Edinburgh Education Stakeholder Engagement Group.

CLOSED – merged with April 22 action, below.

OAH Sports Equipment: Michelle to raise lack of availability of equipment for OAH sessions.

CLOSED – meeting held and solution agreed, details in Comms report.

APRIL 2022

School Provision, West Edinburgh: Concern with CEC progress to resolve primary and secondary school provision in Queensferry, and Kirkliston.

	<p>ONGOING – initial meetings held with KCC to establish starting points but will be escalated through CEC. Terry to follow up in June 2022, meeting cancelled due to Covid. Concerns sent to CEC by email, response awaited.</p> <p>Note - Other school estate action merged here, escalating KCC concerns regarding high school provision to CEC.</p> <p>MAY</p> <p>Harbour Repairs: Terry to follow up harbour repair schedule questions with Keith.</p> <p>CLOSED – Newsletter issued with dates.</p> <p>Youth Engagement: Anne Marie to pass details of the summer programme to David Flint.</p> <p>CLOSED - done.</p> <p>Builyeon Road - Grant to investigate if there are detailed plans for traffic diversions during the possible closure period.</p> <p>CLOSED – assurance received that Bo’ness Road works will be lifted during Builyeon Road closure. Traffic diversions, inc bus routes, advertised and in place.</p> <p>School Initiatives: David L to discuss potential sustainability and STEM projects with Terry and David F.</p> <p>CLOSED – email exchange taken place.</p>
6. Chair’s Report	Report from Keith circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.
7. Almond Ward Councillors’ Reports	<p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting. Keith commented on the new CEC administration. Kevin advised early days, not yet held a ‘normal’ meeting, the first would be on Thursday 30 June.</p> <p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>In relation to the new CEC administration Norman noted the number of Cllrs per political party, and that there is no overall majority. Labour been given support for a coalition as a minority administration with the Lib Dems and Conservatives. Assumption is there will be an SNP/Green partnership as the opposition.</p> <p>Keith asked about the budget passed by the previous administration. Norman advised that it stands.</p> <p>Keith also noted that QDCC would be seeking help with 2 matters – the Virgin Media cable installation in various parts of Queensferry, and the former CEC Nursery land at Burgess Road.</p>
8. Burgess Road, former CEC Nursery	Keith introduced a Burgess Road resident who wished to discuss the plans for the CEC ex Nursery land. They had been following progress reported by QDCC and were concerned that a decision on turning the land over to

	<p>allotments had been made without asking the residents for their views. The resident's concerns included security and a preferred option of a managed garden area for wildlife.</p> <p>Keith advised there were no definite plans, allotments was an idea that had been put forward. He explained the proposal for the land to be transferred from Property Services to the Housing Account had been rejected, this would have allowed access to a grant for site clearance. That was the main priority, to get rid of the fly tipping, overgrown trees, and make the land secure, as requested by neighbours following a fire. Once that was done would plan what to do next. He reiterated previous undertaking that residents would be consulted on proposals. Presently there is no plan for the land!</p> <p>Cllr Lang added he understood a planning application was required for allotments so there would be an opportunity to formally object if that route was proposed.</p> <p>Reference was made to QDCC Environment Committee reports discussing costings and funding for allotments, hence the resident's concerns. Keith acknowledged that could have been worded better, but that stage was a long way off. Neil added that other options were being considered, including a managed wildlife area. The end result should be something that the residents are content with. On consultation it was advised that this would be handled by CEC.</p> <p>Keith thanked the resident for sharing their views and confirmed that they would be involved in determining next steps.</p>
9. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Any questions to be sent to Diane.</p>
10. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
11. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Sub-Committee reports circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Transport. Report submitted.</p> <p>David L referred to the concrete bollards on Hopetoun Road at the new traffic lights. Comments had been received and it was unsure what their purpose was. Grant explained to help stop parking on the road/pavement. Replaced previous bollards which had been knocked over.</p> <p>Cllr Lang reported feedback that access to Rose Lane is being blocked by queuing cars at the new traffic lights. Keith had highlighted this to the Traffic Enforcement Officers. Kevin also noted the change to bus routes at Cramond/Barnton Park. No issues reported so far on impact for the 43 service to Queensferry.</p> <p>Environment. Report submitted. No questions raised.</p> <p>QHS</p>

Michelle thanked QDCC for its continued support to QHS. She referred to the amount of significant change over the past year, and noted going forward the future school estate was a high priority for Craig and the senior team. Points highlighted were -

- Number of new staff, now have stable senior team.
- Website, information from David L passed on., number of new documents added to website.
- Business breakfast event had gone well.
- Youth engagement, awards being discussed, to finalise next term.
- School Heads, 2 new people in August may wish to engage with QDCC.
- Summer experience provision noted.
- Community Police, continuing to meet to discuss incidents.

Anne asked if the school had places for Ukraine refugee families. Michelle confirmed space available at present.

Keith picked up on engagement with QDCC, and would welcome the new School Heads to future meetings. He also commented on a 'Junior CC' discussed previously which gave young people the opportunity to raise their views on planning, transport etc, with CEC officials. He thanked Michelle for her updates over the year, and wished her well over the summer break.

Planning. Report submitted.

Any questions to be sent to Diane.

Rotary. Report submitted. No questions raised.

Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted.

Anne noted continued uptake in foodbank usage. She mentioned the Scotmid 75% off on bakery items, and the box with out-of-date items at 10p.

Communications. Report submitted.

Graeme commented on the comprehensive list of events scheduled over the summer period. Anne Marie added that these are all free. The Picnic in the Park had secured funding to provide sandwiches and drinks.

At the recent Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) meeting, an offer was made by CAP for a grant of up to £400 if applied for local youth work events discussed. Police Scotland to discuss the application with Isla Kay and Anne Marie Boyd.

Education. Report submitted.

David F noted updates re CAP meeting held that morning, and the BLEW Blue Light disco the previous week with 150 attendees. QHS Headteacher had commented on and stressed the good level of support received from the community.

David also commented the Echline Woodland anniversary event on Saturday, it had gone well and he thanked the organisers.

	<p>QCCC</p> <p>Gillian advised business as usual at QCCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on Annual Report, with AGM in Sept. • New strapline 'Queensferry Care Connecting People with their Community'. • Trishaws not been promoted, lack of resource. <p>Anne and Neil had met a Ranger from Hopetoun who was seeking advice and ideas on how to be more inclusive. Anne would follow up with Gillian after holidays. Neil asked if the Trishaws could also be made available for younger people. Gillian advised yes available for all.</p> <p>ACTION: Anne and Gillian to consider Hopetoun Ranger query on improving inclusiveness. And promoting Trishaws to younger people.</p> <p>QHT</p> <p>David L noted work progressing on talks for next year and Doors Open Day. QHT liaising with History and Cemeteries Groups. Meeting on Net Zero being convened, and further talks planned on raising awareness.</p>
12. CEC/EACC/QDCC Business	Terry confirmed updated QDCC details now recorded on CEC website. Keith noted EACC working on paper for Edinburgh Partnership, 28 June. Seeking a designated appointed officer to support CCs.
13. AOB	<p>Graeme referred back to the AGM and the appointment of sub-committee members. It was agreed that Anne Marie would join the Education, and Health & Wellbeing groups. Liz to note in AGM minutes.</p> <p>Terry would contact CEC with renewed elected members list.</p> <p>Grant asked about the Induction Pack for new members. Terry confirmed in place and can be circulated.</p> <p>Anne Marie asked if the Ferry Fair could use the 'crest'. Keith confirmed this was acceptable.</p> <p>David L suggested QHS as a possible venue for in-person meetings. Keith would take stock over the summer on future meeting locations, including the balance between on-line and face-to-face.</p>
14. Questions from the floor	No questions raised.
15. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 25 July 2022 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams. Keith wished everyone happy holidays.