

# QDCC

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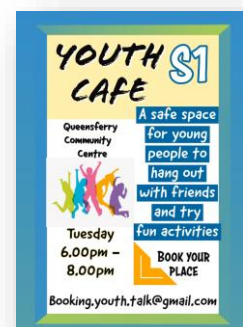
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## **Chairs report for QDCC September 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 Business Meeting**

I have attended the following meetings representing QDCC in the last month. I continue to correspond with governance bodies and council officers about business matters for Queensferry.

### **High Street Improvements Steering Group**

I attending a meeting of the Steering Group primarily to discuss matters pertaining to the traffic order that needs to be lodged for the changes to the high street as well as vehicle restrictions. A presentation was given at the meeting by a newly formed residents and business group who have concerns about the High St changes to parking, a lack of signage and public transport provision. They had carried out a survey. Following from the presentation and subsequent discussion it was mutually agreed, that QDCC would facilitate a meeting with them to discuss their concerns which was arranged and held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. I will feedback the outcomes and QDCC findings to Dave Sinclair Project Leader CEC.

### **Edinburgh Association of Community Councils Meetings**

I have attended two EACC Meetings to discuss long standing business of how communications with CEC can be improved as well as how the November AGM should be held, managed and run and candidates for guest speakers at the event. Mr Andrew Field who is heading up the Empowerment Team and review of CLD will be presenting to the EACC meeting being held by TEAMS on 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

### **Litter Pick**

I participated in the litter pick tidy of the High Street on the Friday prior to the August bank holiday during the bin men's strike action.

### **Almond Neighbourhood Network meeting**

I chaired the neighbourhood meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August by TEAMS. I had invited the recently appointed Inspector Flynn to talk to the attendees about policing in Almond and she outlined ways of working and some of the challenges being faced. The minutes can be made available.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC  
25<sup>th</sup> Sept 22.

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# Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – SEPTEMBER REPORT

1.The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has picked up again probably reflecting the end of the general holiday period.

As before there are a number of recurring items namely the ongoing debate on High Street refurbishment project – and the impact on Station Road, as well as the South Scotstoun, Springfield(Queensferry Heights), FerryMuir Gait and Builyeon Road housing developments.

A couple of further representations were received relating to the ongoing Virgin Media works and the continuing disruption caused. Once again I have written to VM and await a response.

I have written to Robbie Crockatt -Strategic Asset Planning Manager at CEC on the topic of Future School Provision for Queensferry and Kirkliston asking for a meeting with QDCC Education Sub-Group. I await a response.

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 various queries as well as a couple relating to availability of social housing and an urgent request for assistance with an emergency transfer. This was passed directly onto CEC and I was happy to receive a note of thanks after from the individual involved.

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 as always to Diane for continuing to deal with what seems to be a never ending number of planning matters on behalf of QDCC, Liz for recording 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. My thanks to those who assisted in providing information.

3.Along with long with the Chair and Treasurer I attended a further meeting with Alison Cunningham from Cala to further discuss Cala's Community Pledge intentions – with particular interest in both Health & Wellbeing and Environmental matters.

4. 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

Please note the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version and used in any group wide communication.

Can I ask all members to ensure all details are properly transcribed.

Please reach out with any updates should any contact details change.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 24th September 2022

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## Treasurer's Report ▲ [Diane Job](#)

### September 2022

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - Domain Name Renewal - £9.54

PMA - Accountant Fees - £75.00

**Total CC Funds - £1374.15**

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank Cash Management Account - £18357.81

95 Day Notice Account - August Interest £65.07 - £61045.22

Nationwide Building Society - £86251.76

Barclays Bank - £85000.00 RBS - £85974.55

Charity Bank - £61221.83

**Community Facility Funding Total = £397851.17**

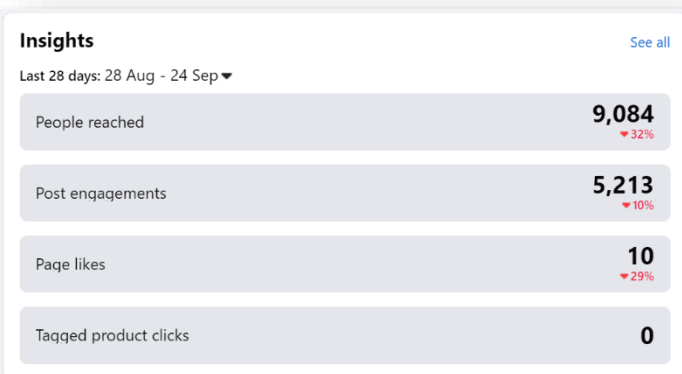
Diane Job QDCC, Treasurer

## Communications ▲ Graeme McKinley

### 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.

QDCC Facebook stats 28 Aug – 24 Sep 22



QDCC website August stats

- **1654 views**
- **768 visitors**
  - 405 from search engines
  - 351 from Facebook
  - 12 from Twitter

### 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.

### Cruise liners

The final cruise ship docking at Queensferry for 2022 will be on 27<sup>th</sup> Sep. A meeting with CEC will take place shortly after to discuss the season, the call off trial, Ferry Fair week booking, and other matters as outlined in our August newsletter.

### QHS Community Facilities

The extended swimming schedule is now running. No negative feedback received to QDCC to date, so it appears to satisfy demand, however, please let us know if otherwise.

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**

Three local youth clubs running, Open All Hours for s1-6 (Friday nights), Youth Café for s1 (Tuesday nights) which will become a p7 Transition Club after Christmas and Girls Club for p7 & s1 (Wednesday nights).

A more detailed report from Anne Marie Boyd below.

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## Education ▲ [David Flint](#)

### **Education updates from Anne Marie Boyd.....**

**Echline Primary School** Headteacher Anne Purcell has announced her retirement and the process for her replacement is taking place. Anne will be greatly missed at Echline.

**Queensferry Primary School** will be having their first Halloween disco since pre-Covid at the end of October. This will be a welcome event for all the children.

**Queensferry Primary Nursery** had a rebranding and are now called Queensferry Primary Early Learning and Childcare. They had a Launch event on September 16<sup>th</sup> where they invited members of the community to come along and have a look around and celebrate. This was a well-attended event.

**Queensferry High School** launched its enhanced curriculum, on September 6<sup>th</sup>, with over 70 school clubs, study clubs and sporting opportunities available this will offer lots more for the young people to do in and after school.





On September 14<sup>th</sup> the High school celebrated the achievements of some of its senior pupils, with an awards ceremony. Well done!

## Youth Engagement

**The primary 7 transition club** welcomed back the young people who are now in S1 on August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the numbers had dropped a little so after a chat it was decided that it would evolve into an S1 youth café. The club runs on a Tuesday evening 6-8pm in the community centre and any S1 is welcome to attend. There is lots on offer for the young people to do, no cost involved and Tesco are supporting with some free snacks every week. The numbers started at 9 and last week saw 27 young people come along.

**Open All hours** returned on Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>. The programme targets High School aged young people (aged 11 to 17), encouraging them to make positive and healthy choices on Friday evenings Youth Workers, Coaches and Volunteers work in small teams to deliver activity programmes which are fun and engaging. Focussing on making sport and physical activity enjoyable, providing appropriate pathways for young people to learn and develop, bringing young people into contact with youth & community workers and talented coaches, offering the chance to try new things in a supportive environment and opening up facilities to young people on Friday evenings. The first Friday back saw 33 young people attend. Dodgeball was a firm favourite and the team would like to try and organise a community game with teachers and community officers to get involved in the future.



**P7 and S1 Girls group** will be starting on Wednesday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm Queensferry Community centre. This is run in conjunction with SHE Scotland. SHE Scotland deliver

workshops to support and empower girls and women in the community. They want to help girls become more confident, learn new skills, develop positive friendships and have fun.

Anne Marie Boyd  
25<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022

### **From David Flint.....**

Community Centres. September 2022.

Both buildings are at present very busy especially the RH.

**Programme For RH** has seen all groups well attended, all long term groups going well

We have new groups -

Monday Latin Dance Group  
Tutoring group – dates to be confirmed  
Singing mamas group  
Housing Officer drop in surgery a.m.

Wednesday Right There Charity – Housing Advice – 10.30 – 12.30

The Central School of ballet are now in the RH all day Saturday – very busy group.  
The Charlotte Chapel Church –going well on Sundays, they celebrate their first anniversary at RH this Sunday.

### **Community Centre**

Monday New Baby Yoga group start 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday p7/s1 Transition Youth Group 6.30 – 8.30 Baby peep group in  
Tuesday/Wednesday and Friday a.m. term time  
Wednesday Men Shed are now in building from 10 – 3 p.m.  
Thursday Childminders group a.m.  
Friday Ukrainian Group – 12 – 6 with Anne Mitchell

SQUIDS after school club – every afternoon and school holiday clubs.

MC are busy behind scenes with CEC – RH main hall floor to be worked on – sanded repaired and oiled – CEC and MC share cost.

We continue to support all local groups with either rooms for meetings or sponsorship where we can.

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### **QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for September 2022**

#### Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road

I have chased CEC again in relation of the site being made secure and all fly tipping removed and the overgrown trees and shrubs dealt with.

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

I understand that a CEC officer met with the proprietor of the caravan park to discuss the respective responsibilities for the repair of the dilapidated steps. I have sent a follow up e mail to CEC to enquire what the outcome of the meeting was and what the next steps are. Clearly this matter is becoming somewhat protracted.

#### Land opposite the High School

As I have not received any follow up communication from McKenzie Construction regarding the areas of land adjoining the High School I have sent a “chaser” seeking their plans to make good the land which is has now degenerated into a weed strewn eyesore.

#### Community Sculptures in need of repair

Keith Giblett and I undertook some remedial repairs to the “Guardian of the Bridges” sculpture and we hope to undertake further aesthetic work to replace the small ceramic tiles on the damaged “hump” which have become dislodged.

Keith is once again reaching out to local contractors to seek adequate funding to repair the Seal sculpture.

#### Community orchard

We have commissioned a plan and costings to prepare the ground to enable fruit trees to prosper after they have been planted. Following this we will seek funding for these ground works and the fruit trees themselves.

Other

#### Rotary Environmental Team

The team are about to start work building two further flower planters on the north side of Dalmeny Village green which will be paid for by the residents . Thereafter the team will

commence work to renovate the area of overgrown shrubbery at the side entrance to Rosebery Halls.

GreenFerry Planting.

I attended a meeting with an Enable (Works) officer with Fiona Chandler as he is keen to find meaningful community voluntary work for eight 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils who receive some additional support from the Enable group. Fiona and I will draw up a list of suitable projects for the young people to get involved in.

I had a very successful meeting with the manager of the CEC Inch nursery who has committed to provide us with all the materials and plants we need for the 5 new planters that are on order and for the restocking all the existing planters.

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

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

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

### Health and Wellbeing Report September 2022

#### **Winter fuel community support group**

We have a steering group which has held 2 meetings to focus on what the community can do to support anyone anxious about the current fuel issues. Initial thought around who this may affect started with targeted groups such as the elderly and those with young families but very quickly realised that this issue will potentially affect everyone. Closely related to fuel issues and open warm spaces is the need for food availability and warm clothing.

This group is led by QDCC and has representatives from; foodbank, Priory church, Queensferry parish church, Connections, Dalmeny Church and cafe, St Vincent de Paul, Ferry Elms, Rotary and Men's shed. Initial focus is to concentrate on finding local warm places that people can visit and spend time. Goal is to create information pull up poster to be sited in various spots in Queensferry and Dalmeny along with sources of information. We will move onto food and social isolation with time as these are already being tackled.

**Food bank** Anne Mitchell is now an approved referrer

**Ferry Elves** plan to run again this year and have made the decision to start with winter coats and shoes early in order for young people to benefit on their return to school following the October break.

**General funding** linking with various organisations within the community to discuss how support for activities can be secured.

**TATC** (Teams around the Cluster) most recent meeting was cancelled but I am in direct contact with heads of schools.

**Ukraine:** The families within our area that we are aware of appear to have settled well. There is no longer a need for the weekly drop-in sessions so these have stopped. As always happy to be contacted by anyone requiring information or support. As a community we continue to offer English lessons in 2 hotels in North Queensferry/Inverkeithing

**Forth Bridges Men's shed** is moving forward to new premises. Starting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.30 -2.30. Weekly at Community Centre School Lane. Activities planned vary from music, games, crafts and Tai chi to home baking and everything in between, as well as the obligatory tea and biscuits! The emphasis is on friendship and company for men in the area.

Contact Tony Jones chairman 0774 662 63323, Ross King Treasurer 0777 270 1466 or Bill Gray secretary 0797185 8620 for more information

Anne Mitchell

QDCC Health & Wellbeing

## Planning & Housing [^ Diane Job](#)

### September 2022

#### Applications

#### During the five week period four applications were received

22/03970/FUL - 2 storey side extension - 28 Society Road

22/04051/FUL - Roof and frames replacement to unheated extension to side of semi-detached dwelling - 19 Echline

22/03861/FUL - Erection of warehouses, cask filling and disgorging facility with associated tank farm, tanker filling bay, welfare /support facilities and associated works - 31 Royal Elizabeth Yard

22/04216/FUL - Change of use from garage lock-up to residential unit - 16 The Vennel

#### Decisions

#### The planning authority made eleven decisions during the five week period

22/03284/LBC - Forth Road Bridge - no change to use of the Bridge - vehicular bridge with pedestrian footpaths and cycleways - Forth Road Bridge - GRANTED

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

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

22/00359/CON - Complete demolition in a Conservation Area - The Forts 3 Hawes Brae - GRANTED

22/00360/LBC - Installation of access system on Forth Bridge and replacement of existing wire mesh on Dalmeny Battery - The Forts 3 Hawes Brae - GRANTED

22/03940/TCO - Semi mature mixed conifers and broadleaves - Remove trees impinging on boundary wall, 1.Scots pine - semi mature - Impinging on wall - Remove, 2. Cypress - Semi mature multistemmed - Impinging on wall -Remove, 3.Norway spruce - juvenile - Impinging on wall - Remove, 4.Cypress - semi mature multistemmed - Impinging on wall - Remove, 5.Cypress - juvenile - Close to wall - Remove, 6.Plum - multistemmed semi mature - Impinging on wall - Remove - Old Farmhouse 7 Cramond Bridge - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

22/03414/LBC - The application involves minor alterations to the A listed building fabric connected with the remedial works to address the existing foundation failure, (rotting of timber piles) - Dalmeny House Dalmeny Estate - PERMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED

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

22/03564/ADV - Advertisement of the following types: Hoarding and advance signage - Land Bounded by M90 Echline South Queensferry - GRANTED

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

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 GRANTED

## **Planning Matters**

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

The upgrading work is complete

### **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 progressing well with the earthworks programme. They are now approx 50% of the way through the work, earthworks will substantially complete by October 2022, then the focus will be to finishing off the various platforms which will include the topsoiling and installation of the the SUDS pond liner, then onto progressing the spine road through the site.

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**

Bo'ness Road traffic works are now in progress as off the 22nd September and will be for 6 weeks. The works will provide traffic calming measures and a signalised junction in addition to new cycle lanes from the development to Echline Primary School. Traffic Management will be in place for the duration of these works and a proportion of these works will be taken with lane narrowing i.e. no need for temporary traffic lights in an attempt to minimise disruption.

## **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**

22/03861/FUL - Erection of warehouses, cask filling and disgorging facility with associated tank farm, tanker filling bay, welfare /support facilities and associated works - 31 Royal Elizabeth Yard.

The application was submitted to CEC planning 23rd August and public comments on this application is now closed. QDCC have asked for additional time to raise our comments

### **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

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

If there are any further updates on planning matters this will be given verbally at our meeting

Diane Job  
QDCC Planning Convener

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- 1. Road and Pavement Closures** – Virgin Media work continues around Queensferry with disruption similar to previous months. Experience suggests excavations are reinstated eventually, to varying quality levels. Fewer adverse comments received by QDCC of late but this is likely due to weary resignation rather than the work being more efficient. Weekend overnight closures of Station Road continued during September, which sometimes seemed excessive for the work being carried out. Closure timing didn't affect people driving to catch trains from the station but the now-familiar bus diversion brings inconvenience along quite a long section of route for late night & early morning passengers. There has been further communication from residents on the condition of wooden steps at the tank farm and surfaces at Standingstone Road. No resolution on these matters yet.
- 2. Active Travel Consultation and Drop-In Session** – We haven't yet seen the draft report from Atkins that was expected in September, so will be pursued. Many ideas are tied to LDP/Cityplan developments in South Scotstoun and Builyeon Road, along with consideration of school catchment requirements. It's tempting to wait for a clear picture of all useful links but demand patterns for sustainable travel may be fluid due to other factors appearing unexpectedly. Therefore a degree of flexibility should be considered in the plans.
- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – As reported elsewhere, the application to Sustrans for around £2.6m supplementary funding to support High St resurfacing was turned down. This was due to some design concerns at the east end of the Hawes area and junction with Longcraig Road. The fact that the RLNI area isn't a core section of the remaining High Street public realm upgrade makes the situation a little frustrating. However if the contentious location can be satisfactorily redesigned, the next application window is in November/December. We also held a meeting with High St residents and businesses who felt their needs or wishes weren't accurately reflected at steering group meetings. Concerns centred on parking arrangements for private cars and deliveries, with provision for around 500 non-visitor town centre car parking spaces felt necessary. The group also highlighted desire for green areas integrated into the designs, material re-use, on-street fingerpost signs for local amenities such as pharmacies, bike storage facilities and mentioned concerns over liner visit disruption. A separate workshop to explain possible design options with Ironside Farrer and CEC reps was suggested.
- 4. Public Transport** – Industrial action on railways was suspended for most of September but is due to recommence early in October with remaining service levels depending on the particular union involved. ScotRail publicity is usually available a few days



in advance and changes to the Fife Circle appear on our Facebook page. On buses, the 43 route has been frequently altered throughout September by arrangements for the Queen's coffin cortege. The planned closure of Queensferry St and temporary reopening is causing some passengers confusion although again the publicity is usually available on standard company channels and more locally. A potentially disruptive event in September was the surprise takeover of First's Livingston depot by McGill's, who will brand operations as Eastern Scottish and use the website linked here. CEC's contract services such as the 63 remain at the curtailed levels introduced earlier this month for the time being. McGill's aim is to return the business to its pre-Covid operating strength, which is difficult to interpret because the company didn't run CEC contracts pre-Covid. Together with the Almond Neighbourhood Network we'll try to obtain clarification on the plans but establishing the long-term service level is becoming a more difficult task.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

25 September 2022

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## Cllr Lang, cllr Young & cllr Younie

Queensferry District and Community Council

26/09/2022

### **Puffin Crossing – Bo'ness Road**

We have been given a new date for the long overdue puffin crossing which is due to be installed on Bo'ness Road at Echline Primary school. Works are expected to commence on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October and will take approximately three weeks, one of which is the school half term.

While the works are ongoing, there will be temporary traffic lights with a pedestrian phase. Access to the Primary School will be via Echline Avenue/Echline Rigg, with no entry/exit onto Bo'ness Road.

### **Forth Road Bridge Viaduct Resurfacing**

The current phase of the Forth Road Bridge Viaduct resurfacing works is due to be completed on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

The traffic management on the bridge will change from Northbound carriageway closure to Southbound carriageway closure overnight Tuesday/Wednesday 27/28 September. As a result of this changeover, the normal bus stop for northbound traffic at the north end of the

bridge will come back in to use and temporary bus stop for southbound buses will be provided approximately 200m north of the normal stop. The bus stops at the south end of the bridge are unaffected by the works.

This new phase is expected to complete Sunday 23 October.

### **Public Transport**

First Bus has sold its East of Scotland operations to the bus operator McGills, who will take on the 20 and 63 services. We've asked for a contact at McGills, so that we can quickly begin working together to address the extreme shortcomings of bus service delivery for Queensferry and the rest of rural west Edinburgh. We are hopeful that McGills understands the expectations of the community which they will serving and that provision of service will improve over the coming months and years.

Lewis worked with our Lib Dem colleague from Drumbrae/Gyle, Cllr Thornley, on a motion to encourage bus operators to allow for a 'hopper' ticket – one you could use within an hour on another bus. This is to prevent people paying for multiple single fares if they need to change services. The motion was passed by Council and Officers now need to engage with Lothian Buses and McGills. We believe this kind of thinking is vital to addressing the public transport issues which are facing Queensferry and other communities in the west of the City, especially as bus companies continue to operate in the current challenging economic climate. We'll keep you updated on progress.

### **Her Majesty The Queen's passage through Queensferry on her final journey in Scotland**

With the sad passing of Queen Elizabeth II, a great deal of attention was placed upon those communities through which she made her final journey on the route from Balmoral to Holyrood Palace and St Giles Cathedral. Queensferry played its part and there was a great showing from residents lining the streets as the procession made its way past the town.

Kevin was extremely honoured to take part in proceedings relating to both the Queen and His Majesty The King, and to sign the book of condolences on behalf of communities including South Queensferry.

### **St Margaret's catchment area**

At Education Committee meeting last week, Louise presented a motion asking the Council officers to formally progress negotiations to include St Margaret's Primary in the catchment for the new Catholic Secondary School, Sinclair Academy in Winchburgh. This follows extensive discussion with the Parent Association and overwhelming support shown in their parent survey. The deputation spoke very well, and the Committee supported our motion unanimously. Officers will now come back later this year with an update on those negotiations.

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## Cllr Work

### Cllr Norman Work's report for September 2022 meeting

**Almond Neighbourhood Network:** I attended the ANN meeting held via MS Teams on 31st August. Inspector Caroline Flynn covering the north west introduced herself as replacement for Inspector Elliot

**Queensferry Town Centre Project;** I attended the Steering Group meeting which took place on Wednesday 7th September via MS teams.

**McGill's Transport:** Information was hard to come by about the takeover of McGill's transport of First Bus East of Scotland operations. I eventually received a letter from McGill's which I passed on to QDCC which I have attached. Noting only addressed to councillors in Stirling, Falkirk & West Lothian which is not a good start but at least we now have contact details.

**Catchment review:** The Parent Council at St Margaret's RC PS contacted Almond Ward councillors seeking support for a catchment review. Results of a survey showed that parents would like the option of sending their children to Sinclair Academy in West Lothian rather than St Augustine's.

**Senior Award Ceremony:** I was invited as a VIP guest to attend the award ceremony at QHS which gave me the opportunity to meet the new Head Teacher Craig Downie and Deputy Head Teacher, Ben Lewis. I was impressed by the amount and variety of awards that were presented to senior pupils.

**Harbour light:** I was informed by Muir Kay that the light at the end of the east pier on Queensferry Harbour was not working. I contacted Bridges & Structures department to ask for the light to be repaired who acknowledged my request.

**Instillation of Puffin Crossing;** A start date has been provided for works to install a puffin crossing on Bo'ness Road at Echline Primary School. The provisional start date for these works is Monday 17th October. This coincides with the half term break and is expected to take approximately three weeks.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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## Other Documents



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

*To follow*

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**QDCC September Business Meeting**  
**Monday 26th September 2022 at 7.30pm**  
**(Virtual Meeting)**

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome & MS Teams Protocols
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3. Police Report
4. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (August 2022)
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**Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 19th September 2022**

## Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 22 August 2022 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer), Anne Marie Boyd, David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Muir Kay (QBC), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary), PC MacLeod (Police Scotland) Item 3.

**Guests:** Martha and Finn, QHS School Heads.

<b>1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	<p>Keith thanked everyone for attending the monthly meeting and reminded attendees of MS Teams protocols. He also welcomed Martha and Finn, the new School Heads at QHS.</p> <p>Another busy month locally with further liner visits and tourists visiting Queensferry. Congratulations were offered to the Ferry Fair Committee, and to Anne as Gracious Lady, for a very successful Fair Day back on the High Street and elsewhere during the week. Thanks also to the Youth Work teams for the Summer Fun event, very well supported with lots for young people to do and get involved in.</p> <p>He noted the recent problems at the pool, with 10 days lost swim time. And the situation with the current bin collection strike across the Edinburgh Council area.</p>
<b>2. Apologies</b>	<p>Laura Sexton, David Learmond (QHT), Jenni Meldrum (QBA), Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Lewis Younie. Re Lib Dem Cllrs, Keith noted one of the 3 elected Cllrs would attend QDCC meetings from now on, formal apologies would therefore cease to be recorded.</p>
<b>3. Police Report</b>	<p>Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting.</p> <p>PC MacLeod highlighted the main points in the report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Road safety involving speeding and complaints about 'boy racing'.</li><li>• ASB incidents at Ferrymuir and Dalmeny.</li><li>• CCTV coverage resulting in fewer reports via 101. Hard line being taken with ASBOs issued.</li><li>• Vandalism causing damage at St Margaret's PS.</li></ul> <p>He also commented that Ferry Fair week had been a great success with no calls received. Anne asked about the stacking of cruise liner excursion busses on Bankhead Road during FF week. She had heard reports of barriers</p>



	<p>being moved and stones thrown. PC MacLeod advised this had not been made known to the Community team. Graeme thought may have been related to barriers put in the wrong place, blocking an entrance. Advice had been given that they could be moved as per the TTRO.</p> <p>Keith noted damage to Guardian of the Bridges sculpture and which is to be repaired. Cause not fully known but he asked the Police team to keep a look out for any potential vandalism in the vicinity. PC MacLeod agreed to pass this onto the team.</p> <p>Keith thanked PC MacLeod for attending the meeting and updating QDCC on current activity.</p>
<p><b>4. Minutes from Last Meeting (July 2022)</b></p>	<p>Diane requested an amendment to the Planning report item on new street names in the July minutes. This should refer to the CALA Builyeon Road site, not Springfield.</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by David F.</p>
<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p><b><u>JANUARY 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>Dalmeny Park:</b> To confirm roads/pavements formally adopted. Cllr Lang checking with CEC, June 22. Area to be inspected Aug 22, and hopefully adopt thereafter.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Louise to check progress. Terry asked about waste bins at the bus terminus. Louise advised these will be provided after adoption.</p> <p><b><u>MAY 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>Queensferry Business Register:</b> Discuss number and scale of business activity within Queensferry, and potential benefits of seeking formal engagement. In progress.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – low priority</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. Further problems with email traffic reported May 22 resulting in wasted time.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – action continues via EACC.</p> <p><b><u>FEBRUARY 2022</u></b></p> <p><b>CEC Budget 2022/23:</b> Keith to arrange meeting with Ward Cllrs to discuss CEC budget allocations and implications for Queensferry.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – meeting to be agreed.</p> <p><b>CEC Comms:</b> Keith to contact Louise re CEC communication with QDCC. Done, examples provided &amp; feedback awaited. Meantime problems persist.</p> <p><b>CLOSED</b> – merged with CEC engagement action above.</p> <p><b><u>MARCH 2022</u></b></p> <p><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. Delay</p>

	<p>due to Covid, contact expected w/c 25 April. No meaningful contact in April/May period but consultation with the community now taken place, public event on Thurs 30 June.</p> <p><b>CLOSED</b> – progress included in Transport report.</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. 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><b>ONGOING</b> – further information expected for Sept 22 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>JUNE 2022</u></b></p> <p><b>Museum:</b> Adverts for Curators in place, for re-opening of Museum. Keith seeking update on progress with recruitment.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Karl Chapman to update QDCC after the Edinburgh Festival.</p> <p><b>Hopetoun Ranger Service:</b> Anne and Gillian to consider Hopetoun Ranger query on improving inclusiveness. To pick up after holidays.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Anne to action and report back.</p> <p><b>Trishaws:</b> Gillian and Anne to look into promoting Trishaws to younger people. To pick up after holidays.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – provide update on action at Sept 22 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>JULY 2022</u></b></p> <p><b>Edinburgh Winter Festival:</b> This year’s Winter Festival programme was to be Edinburgh-wide, looking to find out what people want to see included. Graeme to contact Lewis regarding Christmas in Queensferry.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – ChinQ planning meeting scheduled to discuss this year’s event.</p> <p><b>Street Names:</b> David L to meet with his colleagues regarding new street names with relevance to Queensferry heritage and history, for Builyeon Road development.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – feedback awaited.</p>
<p><b>6. QHS</b></p>	<p>Keith welcomed Michelle’s return following the summer break. Michelle noted only just back but lots of events already happening, including sponsored walk on 16 Sept, prize giving, and Parent Council meetings. She was joined by the 2 new School Heads, Martha and Finn, who introduced themselves. They were both excited to be elected and said they wished to engage with the wider community and be a voice for QHS. Keith thanked them for attending the meeting and extended a warm welcome to QDCC.</p> <p>Picking up on links with the community Graeme asked if they might submit monthly reports for inclusion alongside the Education Convenor’s reports to</p>

	<p>QDCC. It should also be possible to get some space in the Spotlight magazine circulated across Queensferry if they wished. Neil asked for their thoughts on wider community involvement and suggested getting together with Michelle to discuss the best way to take this forward.</p> <p>Keith noted QDCC's aspiration to have a 'Junior QDCC' with input from young people on topics such as planning, transport and health. Martha and Finn agreed a good thing to do. Michelle suggested the Pupil Council could gather views on specific items proposed by QDCC and feedback via school reps.</p> <p>Keith also commented on previous proposal for a QDCC award, along with QHT, and that this would now be picked up again, post Covid.</p>
<p><b>7. Chair's Report</b></p>	<p>Report from Keith circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane asked about the repainting of Hawes toilets, not quite finished and more work needed. Keith has raised their poor condition with Murray Black at CEC. Good to see included in the funding list for Edinburgh's UK Shared Growth Fund. Decision expected October.</p>
<p><b>8. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</b> Joint report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Following points discussed –</p> <p><u>Brown bins</u> expect additional collections to be added on at end to compensate for strike disruption. Noted timing issue depending on when the extra dates are added, if winter may not give much additional benefit to householders.</p> <p><u>Pool summer closure</u> understanding that issue not as publicised. Louise to check further and advise.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> Cllr Young advised closure due to lack of chemicals was caused by administrative problem in the payment process rather than a lack of arranging payment. Reported as an issue on and off, and wider than just QHS. Contract is up for tender and a reliable and straightforward payments process is a particular requirement going forward. Need for clearer communications stressed as the inference was the issue was around availability of goods rather than admin.</p> <p><u>63 Bus proposed 90 mins timetable</u> anticipated timetable to be adopted at next Transport Cttee meeting on 1 Sept. Uncertain what the provision would be between 30 Aug and 12 Sept, Louise to check.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Louise to check 63 bus timetable from 30 Aug to 12 Sept.</b></p> <p>Service level would be increased when possible, but subject to driver resources. Noted all areas affected and that contract arrangements predate Covid when things were more stable. Concern expressed that as only every 90 mins the service may not be used and so could be withdrawn. Potential impact on school pupils from Kirkliston not able to stay on for activities.</p> <p>Keith proposed helpful to have points discussed noted formally, particularly if service isn't used.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Grant to summarise points discussed re 63 bus service, and send to Louise and Norman.</b></p>

	<p><b>Cllr Work.</b> Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Norman added he had contacted Martin Duncan regarding need for a better gate/chicane at Dark Entry and understood this is to be actioned. He thanked QDCC for raising the issue and would keep members updated.</p>
<p><b>10. Forth Bridges WHMC</b></p>	<p>Karen reported progress on the signage project. Briefing for elected members prepared and permissions in train with help from North and South Queensferry organisations, including QDCC. She showed the map for SQ and a sample of the sign layout and style, the Burryman is to be the logo for Queensferry. QDCC was happy to proof read the text prior to final production if that would be helpful. Keith thanked Karen and the team for their hard work on the new signage.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Karen to forward new signs text to Graeme for final proof reading ahead of production and installation.</b></p>
<p><b>9. Treasurer's Report</b></p>	<p>Following reports circulated before the meeting.</p> <p><u>Annual Accounts 2021/22</u></p> <p>Diane summarised the main elements of the accounts, which had now been examined and signed off by the auditor.</p> <p>She noted different running costs pattern last year due to Covid, with meetings held online and not in CEC offices. The contribution to Echline Community Woodland was around a third of the CEC annual grant, other grants were available for ECW to claim if required. David F explained this related to an unexpected charge from the Lothian Conservation Volunteers group, and would be handled differently in future.</p> <p>There was no spend from the Community Facility Fund, but further interest accrued. The allocation of the CFF across a number of bank accounts was discussed, including the difficulties encountered in accessing and handling suitable accounts with the banks.</p> <p>The accounts were approved by Terry, and seconded by Anne.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Diane to send signed copy of 2021/22 Annual Accounts to the accountant and CEC.</b></p> <p><u>CEC Annual Grant</u></p> <p>The annual grant from CEC had been received. This was £703.12 which Diane queried as £100 less than previous 2 years. She thought may be due to CEC not including annual insurance payment which QDCC now arrange but CEC cover. Norman agreed to check with CEC if this has been missed by mistake.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Diane to send details of annual grant to Norman to check reduction of £100 with CEC, possibly related to insurance payment.</b></p>
<p><b>10. Secretary's Report</b></p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry queried returning to meeting in person. Keith had recently been at Transport Scotland premises at the FRB. They were keen to use their Contact &amp; Education Centre for community purposes and he would enquire</p>

	<p>if available for QDCC. Members discussed options for a mix of F2F and online, and agreed a hybrid approach was good compromise.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith to approach TS re use of their premises for QDCC meetings.</b></p>
<p><b>12. Sub-Committees &amp; Local Interest Groups</b></p>	<p><b>Transport.</b> Report submitted.</p> <p>Grant highlighted the main points covered. These included the 63 bus service discussed earlier and staffing issues also affecting trains. Difficult to organise and deliver projects as evidenced by delays to the Bo’ness Road Crossing point, and the remedial work to tidy up pavements affected by the Virgin Media roll out. The liner excursion busses ‘call off’ during Ferry Fair week had highlighted areas for improvement, as discussed. A number of points were raised and a ‘close out’ meeting was planned to review what areas needed action, including 43 bus service for Dalmeny and Station Road residents, barriers and cones, choke and passing points, co-operation from excursion staff and liner personnel, and liner scheduling during Ferry Fair week.</p> <p>David F commented on the increase in cars parked opposite QHS causing traffic movement problems along that part of Station Road. Anne Marie said these were school staff cars and that Craig Downie, QHS Head, had been advised. Norman proposed asking about yellow lines.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Norman to enquire about adding ‘yellow lines’ on Station Road opposite QHS to ease traffic congestion due to parked cars during school hours.</b></p> <p><b>Environment.</b> Report submitted.</p> <p>Neil had reported remedial work carried out with Keith on the Guardian sculpture. Intention to keep DIY approach going pending advice/help from the artist. The cost of repairing the eye on the Seal at the Hawes was £1,500, of which £500 received.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith to ask local contractors if they can contribute to funds needed to repair the Seal sculpture.</b></p> <p>CEC are to fix the dangerous steps near Dalmeny tank farm. Neil is pursuing as this requires action now. Gillian wondered if Sustrans could help as part of the cycle route. Grant advised been repaired in the past but more substantial work needed now and so others to be responsible.</p> <p>Graeme reported broken handrail at Jacob’s Ladder. Anne added may need closed off as difficult to walk up. Keith advised QDCC and Environmental Interest Groups need to be cautious and careful about what repairs they take on as they in the future could by default be taking on the liability having carried out the repair.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Neil to try and ascertain who is responsible for Jacob’s Ladder and advise them that repairs are required.</b></p> <p><b>Communications.</b> Report submitted.</p>

	<p>Graeme highlighted recent local activity - Ferry Fair week, Open All Hours scheme, Summer Fun programme. The first Christmas in Queensferry meeting following the AGM was scheduled that week.</p> <p><b>Education.</b> Report submitted. David F thanked Anne Marie for the youth programme. Anne Marie referred to the event summary and the very positive feedback from parents and carers. Over 350 young people had benefitted from the activities provided. The feedback would be used to build on future programmes. She also thanked QDCC members and supporters for their help with the Ferry Fair. Keith commented that SQUIDS had a successful holiday period as well. He was due to attend a meeting with them on future after-school services.</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing.</b> Report submitted. Anne said she would like to organise something on providing access to information on minimising fuel bills and where to get help with food locally. There is a lot of activity already but this year different people could be impacted. She asked if this would fall within QDCC’s remit. Keith confirmed it could be provided via a Health portfolio sub-group. Anne to take forward with QDCC members and local Cllrs. Graeme added a local support page could be added to the website.</p> <p><b>Planning.</b> Report submitted. Diane noted she was keeping an eye on Dundas Play Park, hoped to re-open soon. Keith reported an email from the FB Experience team, the work was now out to tender.</p> <p><b>QCCC</b> Gillian advised QDCC AGM to be held in Sept. Work ongoing on development of specification for new day service contract to be in place from April 24. She was also thrilled that QCCC was given the Burryman’s Hat this year and thanked those involved.</p> <p><b>QBC</b> Muir’s update covered QBC 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Regatta, coinciding with the Ferry Fair. A ‘sail by’ had taken place on Fair Day involving 8 boats and had gone well. No further news on the Harbour repairs which was disappointing.</p>
<b>13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Business</b>	No items raised.
<b>14. AOB</b>	None.



<b>15. Questions from the floor</b>	No questions raised.
<b>16. Date and time of next meeting</b>	Monday 26 September 2022 at 7.30pm. Face to Face meeting, TBA.