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Do You Want to Make a Difference in South Queensferry

A community development trust presents the opportunity to create local ideas, prioritise which to deliver, design it, plan it, fund it, deliver it, manage it, all for the benefit of the community.

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If you would like to be part of that, then please email: queensferrycdt@gmail.com

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Thank you

Warm Welcome

We all will be affected in some way by rising fuel prices and may want a bit of help/advice this winter

There will be several places open in the area for a wee bit warmth. This timetable will be regularly updated and displayed in Rosebery hall, Queensferry library and Queensferry and Dalmeny churches as well as online as more venues are identified.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning	QPC Connections 10-2 (starts 31/10)	QL 10-5 DAL 10-2 Tea and tots, café	Mens shed community centre 10.30 -2.30 QPC 10-12	QL 10-5 Priory church 10-3 DAL 10-2 cafe	QL 10-5 DAL 10-12, café QPC 9-11.30	QL 10-5	QPC 9.30-12 DAL11-1 Priory 10-12
Afternoon	Connections QL 2-8	Library-5 DAL -2	QL 1-8 Mens shed -2.30	Library	Library	Library	
Evening	Library		Library				

Key QPC = Queensferry Parish church, DAL = Dalmeny Parish church hall QL = Queensferry Library

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Chairs report for October Business Meeting

I have attended the following meetings on behalf of QDCC.

EACC Meetings 29th Sept 13th & 20th Oct

I have attended three EACC meetings, discussing the format of the AGM to be held on the Thursday 24th November. Two presentations have been to EACC members (obtain for Kens notes).

Notes from 29th Sept meeting

Andrew Field (AF); CEC; Director of Community Engagement and Empowerment (CE&E).

Community partnership planning; some thoughts on the way ahead.

Andre Field is leading a new service, due to emerge in next few months; staff of 12 (incl. 3 Grade 9 Managers, 8 Grade 7 Officers); set within Culture & Wellbeing Service (Joan Parr, Director) as part of the Place Directorate (Paul Lawrence, Executive Director).

Mandate: Ensure community engagement and consultation is embedded within the planning and delivery of core council services, across the spectrum.

Clients: Communities, Community Councils, the Third Sector, CEC itself.

External focus:

The operational development of (boost to) Neighbourhood Networks (NNs) and Local Community Planning Partnerships. Evaluate how well NNs are working; what could be improved in delivery of council services at local level; what is wanted / needed; engage with NNs directly.

Strategic responsibility for Community Centres in Edinburgh; work with their management committees to shape their future. There is a degree of funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund to that end.

CE&E will also have direct responsibility for the Community Grants Fund.

CE&E will work to foster the development of Community Councils in areas where the roots are slim (e.g., Wester Hailes) and will look to EACC for help in that endeavour.

Central Message: 'Partnerships' and good working relationships with communities will be at the heart of everything CE&E looks to do. Will work to embed those principles across the full range of CEC delivery arms

The next meeting is planned for the 27th Oct at 7pm a Virtual meeting. Please contact me if you are interested. The agenda is:

- Tony Harris, Planning Lead at Grange Prestonfield CC, on 'Caravan structures in residential gardens'.

- Kenny Wright, Chair at Drumbrae CC, on 'Local initiatives in the face of the cost-of-living crisis'

Liner Visits Meeting 3rd Oct

A virtual TEAMS meeting was facilitated by Gavin Brown Head of Network Management & Enforcement at the request of QDCC. The focus was to discuss Liner Visits during Ferry Fair week. I'm pleased to report that there will be no visits from '24 onwards. Two liners are booked in in the early part of the week of '23 and it has not been possible to cancel them. This re-instates the agreement that QDCC had with The City of Edinburgh Council. Stacking and queuing of coaches and the freeing up of the Hawes Car park will be the subject for a second meeting.

High St Infrastructure meeting 11th Oct

Following from the meeting with the High St Resident's Group that has recently been formed, as reported by the Transport Convenor QDCC facilitated a workshop session with the Steering Group. The points raised as previously reported were discussed; car parking spaces, signage, road layout and materials to be used. The priority for Officers is to work up the traffic orders to accommodate the changes in road layout which would satisfy Sustrans and is required before any work commences with changes to the layout.

On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC Officials and Councillors and other Community Councils. For example, I have corresponded with Paul Lawrence Executive Director of Place in arranging a meeting on 31st October to discuss ongoing business that has been subject of discussion with CEC for some considerable time and features in Convenors reports and the QDCC monthly meetings. A few examples are Scotstoun Ave traffic, Hawes Toilets, Car parking study etc. A meeting date has been set for discussing Queensferry Museum business.

Keith Giblett

Chair, QDCC

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Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – OCTOBER REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has been fairly steady this past month. My thanks go out to fellow Community Councillors who responded to various queries whilst I was on holiday

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, FerryMuir Gait and Builyeon Road housing developments.

Some queries once again were received relating to the ongoing Virgin Media works and more recently OpenReach who have been active in and around Scotstoun of late.

Last month I wrote 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. No response was received and so I have followed up this week. However, once again this is an indication of emails to CEC not being received directly. I have also written to CEC on behalf of Christmas in Queensferry and a similar pattern is emerging, also leaving some voicemails as yet not responded to. I will follow up as we had been assured that this issue had been resolved.

Residents continue to engage with QDCC via social media although I still continue to receive some 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 few calls from local residents with various queries, again relating to the availability of social housing and one in particular questioning the lack of availability of CEC officials in Queensferry.

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 deal with what seems to be a never ending number of planning matters on behalf of QDCC, to 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 as requested.

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 – 23rd October 2022

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Treasurer's Report ▲ [Diane Job](#)

October 2022

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - Keys cut for office - £24.00

Total CC Funds - £1350.15

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - Quarterly Interest £11.57 - £18369.38

95 Day Notice Account - September Interest £72.75 - £61117.97

Nationwide Building Society - £86251.76

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - July - September interest £86.70 - £86061.25

Charity Bank - £61221.83

Community Facility Funding Total = £398022.19

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.

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.

QHS Community Facilities

Some alterations to the swimming pool access schedule have been made following an established working pattern of usage and staff practicalities. The pool remains extremely well used by local clubs and for lessons. Edinburgh Leisure's lessons demand alone for 2yrs to adult covering Queensferry and Kirkliston is running at 97.83% occupancy with 304 participants. Although many open public slots are scheduled as lane swimming, where possible staff will alter the pool configuration according to demand at the time.

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](#)

Ed/Rec report. October 2022. From David Flint...

To date, I have received no information regarding the Parents Councils at Queensferry Primary School or Queensferry High School.

On 3rd October I met with the Rosebery Hall Management Committee to sign the documents regarding the registration of the Community Centres with SCIA.

Echline Woodland. Four of the volunteers met on Saturday 22nd morning and, despite the poor weather, we managed to carry out routine maintenance work but the rain was too much for the bonfire. It was disappointing that none of the people who had volunteered earlier in the year turned up.

Education updates from Anne Marie Boyd.....

Echline Primary School have appointed a new head teacher, Mr Jude Moir. Over the next term Miss Purcell will be working with Mr Moir to ensure a smooth handover. The portakabins situated in Echline primary school playground are now being used as classrooms and also provision for the after school club Squids have the use of one.

New P1 families are invited to come and see the school on Wednesday 2nd November between 9.15-10.15am and 1.30-2.30pm.

Queensferry Primary School held a very successful 'meet the teacher' event in September which was very well attended by parents and carers. At the end of last term they also received their bronze award for their work on Children's Rights. Well done QPS who also had a very successful harvest festival and all of the donated food was passed to the North Edinburgh Food Bank.

Primary one enrolment for new pupils next session takes place this term. This session registration is online and will be open from Monday 31st October until Friday the 18th of November.

[HTTPS://www.Edinburgh.gov.uk/school-places/start-primary-school/1](https://www.Edinburgh.gov.uk/school-places/start-primary-school/1)

Queensferry High School pupils had the roll out of the iPad deployment at the beginning of October for all young people in the school who had signed the agreement. The high school returned to its in person parents evenings for s2s and held a very successful open evening for the S1 parents which gave parents a view of the school and to meet some of the staff. The evening was very well attended. There will be a Headteacher drop in session on Wednesday 26th October. This is a session for anyone who would like to meet Mr Downie to discuss any aspect of the school. The school also launched its new School Video which you can view here <https://Vimeo.com/759563018>.

Youth Engagement

Open All hours is now up and running and last month saw our biggest number of young people attending, 58 young people. The club will run until its last evening December 2nd. On December 9th we have the Blew Light Disco which will be held at Queensferry High School. The last Blew light disco had 155 young people attending.

The Tuesday evening **S1 youth café** is going from strength to strength, the numbers have risen from 9 young people to 29. Each week there are different activities on offer from arts and crafts to making and decorating cakes/ biscuits. We offer a mix of activities and games indoors and outdoors. We have an S5 student who volunteers every Tuesday at the youth café which is a great asset as she is building up some nice relationships and rapports with the young people who attend. It also helps with some of the young people who have someone they know at high school. We are hoping to be able to put her through her Saltire award to gain an award in youth work.

The **S1 Girls Group** will be starting on October 26th, this will primarily be run by She Scotland with support from Anne Marie and Christine from S1 youth café. She Scotland helps young girls develop confidence, increase awareness of issues which may affect girls and young women, support employability skills and learning about themselves and others.

Anne Marie Boyd
QDCC Education sub-committee & Youth Work Organiser

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Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for October 2022

Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road

Contact has been made with CEC Estates Dept. and an online meeting is being arranged to discuss the issues surrounding this parcel of derelict land.

Dangerous Wooden Steps near Dalmeny Oil Tank Depot

I have received a follow up e mail from the CEC officer dealing with this issue. The update was a very general “matters are being progressed” one so I have requested some additional detail on what exactly are the next steps following his meeting with the proprietor of the caravan park.

Land opposite the High School

McKenzie Construction have committed to reinstate this ground by respraying and reseeding it which has now degenerated into a weed strewn eyesore. Before this work starts however I have

contacted CEC to enquire about the possibility of creating some form of wildflower meadow within this area of ground, perhaps a joint CEC/Mackenzie Construction initiative.

Community Sculptures in need of repair

We are now in correspondence with the artist who created “Guardian of the Bridges” sculpture as she has offered to undertake repairs for a reasonable fee. We must ensure however that any repairs also incorporate additional “people proof” measures to avoid subsequent damage and resultant expenditure arising again.

Keith is once again awaiting responses from local contractors to seek adequate funding to repair the Seal sculpture.

Other

Rotary Environmental Team

Two further flower planters on the north side of Dalmeny Village green have been constructed and have added greatly to the look and feel of the village green. Again these planters will be maintained by local residents.

Work has commenced on the refurbishment of the area of overgrown ground adjacent to the side entrance to the Rosebery Halls Community Centre.

GreenFerry Planting.

High School Community Programme

A programme of work is being drawn up to enable the eight 5th and 6th year pupils who receive some additional support from the Enable Works group to become involved in community activities which will commence on the 31st October . One indoor task will be to help to reorganise some of the shelves at the Charity Bookshop. If anyone can suggest other indoor community related tasks the young people could be involved in, suitably supervised, please let me know.

Community Orchard

Matters are progressing in developing a project plan for this initiative. A site meeting will be held on the 31st October with the local park ranger and a member of the CEC grounds maintenance team to decide on the most suitable fruit tree spacing pattern which will enable grass cutting between the trees to be continued.

Queensferry Primary School Community Programme

A successful “brain storming “ meeting was recently held at Queensferry Primary School with representatives from a number of local environmental groups including our park rangers team to discuss opportunities for the pupils to become involved in community initiatives as part of their “Learning for Sustainability” programme. I have prepared an initial outline/high level programme of initiatives for the school to consider.

New Flower planters

The 5 new large square “granite appearance” flower planters which have been funded by CEC should be arriving during the week commencing the 21st November 2022. These will replace the existing

smaller planters situated in front of the Priory Church and Queens Spice restaurant which will be moved to the "Top Shops" precinct in South Scotstoun.

Friends of Ferry Glen and Back Braes

Nigel Hutchison

Sadly one of the stalwarts of my Friends of Ferry Glen team, Nigel Hutchison, passed away suddenly on the 17th October 2022. Nigel was a tireless volunteer who dedicated significant time and effort to my group and to many other local community groups including the Parish Church and the Food Bank. In recognition of his tireless efforts Nigel received a well-deserved Rotary Community award earlier this year. A true gentleman who will be sadly missed by all.

Neil McKinlay, Convenor, QDCC Environmental Committee

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Health & Wellbeing [^] Anne Mitchell

Health and wellbeing report October 2022

Ferry Elves have started their Christmas activities with the help of Rosebery hall as a drop off point, we have had a successful weekend collecting enough clothing to support families who may request this. We will start collecting as new toys from Monday. We have asked the schools and health visitors to refer children who would benefit from warm jackets and shoes. We are also in the process of sourcing funding as well as initiating this year's just giving page.

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ferryelves2022 . If you need some help please contact; ferryelves@gmail.com . Linking with Kirkliston who are considering starting a similar venture.

We are also lucky enough to have help with the manual labour from a local boy doing his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Winter warmth is now called **Warm Welcome** and posters will be printed along with a pull up banner to share information around Queensferry. Primarily 4 places are offering free warm spaces at different times so that most of the week is covered. Priory church, library, Queensferry parish church and Dalmeny Kirk. It has been a great opportunity to have people doing similar work meet each other and discuss how to join these efforts up. With the help of Rosebery hall team again we will be collecting blankets to be handed out as needed.

Voluntary sector forum continues to meet regularly across west Edinburgh with all areas focusing on similar issues such as winter warmth.

Vaccines; most of our area seem to be getting invitations for Ocean Terminal – remember if this does not suit, please go on line and change it to somewhere you can get to easily. Strathbrock although it also needs a car is nearby with plenty parking.

Anne Mitchell

QDCC Health & Wellbeing

Planning & Housing [▲ Diane Job](#)

October 2022

Applications

During the four week period two applications were received

22//04612/FUL - Remove existing timber windows and install new rosewood uPVC windows within a conservation area - Flat 1 6 Rose Lane

22/04689/AMC - Approval of matters specified in conditions 1D, 1J, 1L, 2, 4 & 8 of planning permission in principle 16/01797/PPP for approval of Phase 3 residential development and associated infrastructure and landscaping - Land 288 Metres Southwest Of 10 Builyeon Road

Decisions

The planning authority made six decisions during the four week period

22/04051/FUL - Roof and frames replacement to unheated extension to side of semi-detached dwelling - 19 Echline - NOT DEVELOPMENT

22/03970/FUL - 2 Storey extension - 28 Society Road - GRANTED

22/02717/FUL - Erection of service building adjacent to Port Edgar Marina, existing hard and soft landscaping within Port Edgar Marina (In retrospect) - Port Edgar 3 Shore Road - GRANTED

21/00518/FUL - Residential development comprising 16 flats with associated car and cycle parking, infrastructure and landscaping (as amended) - Former Agilent Technologies Scotstoun Ave - REFUSED WITH LEGAL AGREEMENT - Please note: There will be no affordable flats built on this site and Mackay and Stenhouse Ltd who are the the owners of this land have had their application 22/01153/FUL for the building of 3 residential houses on this site minded to grant in June 2022 subject to the legal agreement being completed. This has to be completed by December this year.

20/03618/FUL - Demolition of existing building and erection of 5x terraced townhouses with associated works - 2 Stoneycroft Road - GRANTED WITH LEGAL AGREEMENT

22/03916/LBC - Alterations are to be made to the underdeck access system on the Forth Road Bridge in the form of additional access points - Forth Road Bridge - GRANTED

Planning Matters

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 with the earthworks programme. The earthworks will be 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. There has been no further update given.

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 traffic works are 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. There has been no further update given.

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun).

Nothing to report this month

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)

Any local/contractor issues are dealt with immediately when reported. QDCC received a query from a resident regarding the height of the affordable flats as they looked like 5 storeys it was confirmed by Ambassador that the flats were 4 storeys as was consented in the planning application.

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.

QDCC submitted consultee comments on this application these can be viewed in the planning portal when added by the planning officer.

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

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport ▲ **Grant Sangster**

Transport Report for October 2022

- 1. Road and Pavement Closures** – Despite advance publicity, closure of the southbound M90 for repairs to the bridge over the railway line at Kirkliston led to long delays on diversion routes near Queensferry during the weekend of 15-16 October. Delays on the following weekend's northbound closure are likely to take place further afield. Some in the community suggested a contraflow might operate better, although this would take time to set up and introduce other issues. However we can mention at the next regular meeting with BEAR reps. 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. Still no resolution on the wooden steps next to the railway line near Dalmeny tank farm and we didn't hear any more from a Dalmeny resident clarifying the repairs they felt were necessary on Standingstone Rd. They probably mean the pavement which is affected by an accumulation of soil dropping from a nearby property banking, which we can pass on to the authorities.
- 2. Active Travel Consultation and Drop-In Session** – As discussed at last month's meeting there hasn't been anything back from Atkins yet following the sessions held over the summer period. I followed up with the Atkins rep who is on holiday at present. While school catchment decisions are certainly one factor in mapping out active travel routes, these shouldn't necessarily be a critical gateway to drafting a set of proposals.
- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – A workshop session was held with reps from Ironside Farrer, CEC and a group of local residents/businesses to review High Street plans in detail. The tabled plans were those recently rejected for Sustrans funding, although at present the designers aren't minded to make radical changes soon. QDCC's role was mainly listening to the dialogue, which centred on parking arrangements for private cars and deliveries. Other topics included material choice (sets, tarmac & paving slab recycling), potential for green areas and finger post signs. Allocating space to cycle lanes in the Hawes car park area seemed particularly contentious, although maybe partly due to the lanes being indicated by bright colours on the map key. A request from one group member was to reinstate citybound A90 road signs at the Burnshot slip road to show Kirkliston (where there is potential for making a U-turn towards Perth and alleviating Station Road traffic). This has now been actioned by CEC.

- 4. Public Transport** – Industrial action on railways recommenced in October with varying 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 is still terminating at George St to maintain schedule with roadworks delays and diversions around the West End. Lothian Buses recognise the service shortfalls and are making cuts in West Lothian to recover network stability and protect their business. A change to the [43](#) timetable takes effect from 20 November. Sunday daytime schedules will align with Mon-Sat equivalents and increased running time. Regular disruption to the 30-minute frequency on Sunday afternoons was something we identified to Lothian over the summer, so it's reassuring to see corrective action being taken. The Almond Neighbourhood Network intend holding a meeting with McGill's managing director later this month to confirm the company's commitment to re-establish the depleted services where they receive financial support from CEC. This includes the 63 route from Queensferry to Balerno via Kirkliston and Gyle.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Cllr Lang, cllr Young & cllr Younie

October 2022 report

Queensferry High School options

We expect the informal consultation on options for accommodating Queensferry High's expanding school pupil numbers in the next few weeks.

As previously covered, feasibility work has been undertaken on whether capacity at the existing site can be delivered without adversely impacting on education standards.

Alternatively, Kirkliston could be taken out of the QHS catchment although there remains no clear or firm solution as to where alternative high school would be delivered. The informal consultation is intended to ascertain community preference so more detailed work can be undertaken and moved forward.

Builyeon Road housing development phase 2

We have been contacted by some residents living to the north of Builyeon Road, concerned at the phase 2 detailed planning application. Specifically, the height of the proposed buildings and a worry about loss of privacy. The last date for comments on the application is 4 November.

Lothian Buses 43

There have been a number of concerns over recent weeks about the reliability of the 43 as well as the city centre diversion and early turnaround at George Street.

Kevin recently met with the senior management of Lothian Buses. They admitted driver recruitment had continued to be a major challenge which meant some individual services had not run or were withdrawn at short notice. However, they were more optimistic about the position going forward following a major recruitment campaign.

The diversion and George Street termination comes from the ongoing road and footway resurfacing works at Queensferry Street. These have been confirmed as due to finish in early December, at which point the 43 will return to its normal route.

High Street steering group

The next meeting of the steering group is to take place on 3 November where a revised set of plans are expected to be tabled. This follows a number of concerns by residents living on the High Street relating to a loss of parking.

Bo'ness Road crossing

We are pleased to see the works on the new pedestrian crossing on Bo'ness Road have, at long last, getting started.

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Cllr Work

Cllr Norman Work's report for October 2022 meeting

QCCC; I attended the Queensferry Care AGM on Wednesday 28th September held in the South Queensferry Medical Practice.

Cala Homes; On Thursday 29th September Almond Cllrs met with Derek Lawson from Cala Homes via MS Teams for updates on the Builyeon & Springfield developments.

Consultation; Edinburgh Licensing Board are consulting on their Statement of Licensing Policy. The Board is interested to hear views on the following, current licensing hours, extension of licensing hours, children & young person's access, temporary licences & overprovision. Check out the council's consultation hub; <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cg/licensing-board-policy-consultation/>

Lothian Buses; Visited Lothian Buses depot in Annandale Street on Friday 7th October to meet the new Managing Director Sarah Boyd and her team. This was organised as part of the Transport & Infrastructure Committee, and this gave me the opportunity to mention the Lothian Country 43 and the problems with retention and recruitment of drivers.

Queensferry Town Centre; attended a meeting with High Street Residents on Tuesday 11th October. Mainly to discuss the proposed parking. A further meeting is planned for November.

Parking in Rosebery Avenue; I have been receiving a lot of complaints about parking at pick up & drop off times on Rosebery Avenue which has increasingly been a concern after the more recent restrictions were implemented outside Queensferry Primary School on Burgess Road. I contacted Andrew Eason, Road & Safety Active Travel Manager who informed me that he was very much aware of the problems, having already received communications on the subject from residents and with it being the most commonly raised issue in the parents' travel survey for Queensferry Primary School's Travel Plan Review. His team are currently awaiting a date to meet with the school management and Parent Council to discuss the best way to tackle this and other issues arising from the survey. Introducing double yellow lines with loading restrictions at the 2 raised crossing points, by the dentist's surgery and the fire station, and at all junctions in the vicinity is currently being considered. Your suggestion of introducing a single yellow line along one side of the road, with loading restrictions between 8.00 and 9:30pm and 2:30 to 4.00pm, is also something we can consider.

Queensferry Harbour; Two issues to report. I was informed the Harbour Light raised by Muir Kay has been fixed. The latest information I have about signs warning of uneven surface is that the council have agreed to display signs on the harbour railings & information post at the bottom of Gote Lane. However, they need to identify which budget will cover the work. I'll now take forward chasing up with finding out who will cover the costs.

Willie Hardie; 1930-2022. Saddened to hear of the passing of local resident and former councillor Willie Hardie. Willie died in the early hours of 11th October 2022, aged 92 and was involved in many local groups including Queensferry Care who paid a fitting tribute to Willie on their Facebook page. Willie's funeral is being held on Wednesday 26th October at Warriston Crematorium.

Cllr Norman Work

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Road Safety

High Visibility patrols continue to be conducted throughout the area in an effort to deter drivers committing any driving offences with speed checks planned at roads at an increased risk of speeding, including The Loan, Station Road and Builyeon Road.

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

Ferrymuir: 3 x incidents – all relate to speeding and racing within car park at Tesco

Newhalls Road: 2 x incidents re cars speeding/playing loud music/sounding horns

Hewlett Way: 1 x incident re three cars racing

Regular patrols are conducted by both local Police and Roads Policing throughout South Queensferry given the ongoing issue with 'boy racers', whereby drivers are regularly spoken to and warned regarding their driving. Further, local Officers are in regular contact with residents and the QDCC regarding this issue.

ASB/Youth Disorder: 2 x reported incident

1 x incident relates to youths in the area of Queensferry High School

1 x incident relates to youths setting fire to bins within grounds of Queensferry Primary School – crime recorded, enquiries ongoing

Damage/Vandalism: 1 x reported incident

Incident relates to damage to glass within door at Echline Drive – Enquiries ongoing

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

Please find below a link to 'The Little Book of Scams' created to raise awareness of 'the ever-evolving ways criminals use to scam members of the public out of hard earned money'

[The Little Book of Big Scams – 5th Edition \(sbrcentre.co.uk\)](http://sbrcentre.co.uk)

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Local Community Officer: PC Donald Macleod/PC David Campbell

QDCC October Business Meeting
Monday 24th October 2022
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Queensferry Crossing Contact and Education Centre
(Face to Face Meeting)

Agenda

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (September 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. QDCC Nominations to EACC AGM
12. Any Other Business
13. Questions from the floor
14. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 17th October 2022

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 26 September 2022 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer), Anne Marie Boyd, David Flint, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Muir Kay (QBC), David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Lewis Younie, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks	<p>Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting. He noted a quieter month business-wise but a historical one following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Edinburgh and its residents had played a significant part in subsequent arrangements, including the service and associated ceremonies at St Giles and Holyrood, and the opportunity for individuals to view the coffin during its journey to and from Edinburgh, and whilst at St Giles Cathedral. He expressed a wish for a successful reign to HM King Charles III.</p> <p>At a local level Keith noted the impact of the increase in the cost of living, fuel and food poverty, mortgage rises etc and that these were covered in the Heath & Wellbeing Convenor's report.</p>
2. Apologies	Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Neil McKinlay, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Jenni Meldrum (QBA), PC Campbell (Police Scotland).
3. Police Report	No report submitted this month, due to illness.
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (August 2022)	Minutes proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Anne.
5. Matters Arising	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park: To confirm roads/pavements formally adopted. Cllr Lang checking with CEC, June 22. Area to be inspected Aug 22, and hopefully adopt thereafter. Cllr Young to check status, Sept.</p> <p>ONGOING – Cllrs Work and Younie not aware of current position, will pick up with CEC.</p> <p><u>MAY 2021</u></p>

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. Further problems with email traffic reported May 22 resulting in wasted time.

ONGOING – action continues via EACC. Keith to write to Paul Lawrence, other CCs also affected.

FEBRUARY 2022

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

CLOSED – superseded.

APRIL 2022

School Provision, West Edinburgh: 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. Further information expected for Sept 22 meeting.

ONGOING – Terry written to Robbie Crockart requesting meeting.

JUNE 2022

Museum: Keith seeking update on progress with recruitment of Curators to allow re-opening. Karl Chapman to update QDCC after the Edinburgh Festival.

ONGOING – Keith has resumed with Karl, response awaited.

Hopetoun Ranger Service: Anne and Gillian to consider Hopetoun Ranger query on improving inclusiveness. To pick up after holidays.

CLOSED – Done.

Trishaws: Gillian and Anne to look into promoting Trishaws to younger people. To pick up after holidays.

CLOSED – Gillian building into plan for next year.

JULY 2022

Edinburgh Winter Festival: This year's Winter Festival programme to be Edinburgh-wide, looking to find out what people want to see included. Graeme to contact Lewis regarding Christmas in Queensferry.

CLOSED – ChinQ to review with Cllr Younie as appropriate.

	<p>Street Names: David L to meet with his colleagues regarding new street names with relevance to Queensferry heritage and history, for Builyeon Road development. CLOSED – Done, David L to discuss with Diane in due course.</p> <p><u>AUGUST 2022</u></p> <p>63 Bus Timetable: Cllr Young to check proposed interim 63 bus timetable from 30 Aug to 12 Sept and advise Terry. CLOSED – superseded.</p> <p>63 Bus Service: Grant to summarise points discussed re 63 bus service, and send to Ward Cllrs. ONGOING – Action is now with Almond Neighbourhood Network (ANN). Further info due early Nov. Also impacts Ratho, Kirkliston, Turnhouse, Maybury.</p> <p>Annual Accounts: Diane to send signed copy of 2021/22 Annual Accounts to the accountant and CEC. CLOSED – Done.</p> <p>CEC Annual Grant: Diane to send details of annual grant to Cllr Work to check reduction of £100 with CEC, possibly related to insurance payment. ONGOING – for October meeting.</p> <p>New Signage: Karen to forward new signs text to Graeme for final proof reading ahead of production and installation. CLOSED – Done.</p> <p>Meeting Venue: Keith to approach TS re use of premises for QDCC meetings. CLOSED – Done.</p> <p>Station Road Parking at QHS: Cllr Work to enquire about adding ‘yellow lines’ on Station Road opposite QHS to ease traffic congestion due to parked cars during school hours. ONGOING – Cllr Work to check.</p> <p>Seal Sculpture: Keith to ask local contractors if they can contribute to funds needed to repair the Seal sculpture. ONGOING – in hand.</p> <p>Jacob’s Ladder: Neil to try and ascertain who is responsible for Jacob’s Ladder and advise them that repairs are required. ONGOING – difficult to ascertain.</p>
6. Chair’s Report	Report from Keith circulated before the meeting.

	Nothing to add, and no questions raised.
7. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports	<p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Norman noted a full Council recall on Friday 23 Sept for a special motion of condolence regarding HM Queen Elizabeth II, moved by the Lord Provost. Muir asked if there was any progress fixing the street light at the Harbour, he was uncertain if this had been dealt with due to his current immobility. Norman to check and advise.</p> <p>Graeme also asked about the new warning sign(s) and if there was any update regarding the lady who had fallen and suffered injury.</p> <p>ACTION: Norman to ascertain latest position on - warning signs at Harbour; the complainant who had been injured; and broken light.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting and presented by Cllr Lewis Younie.</p> <p>Grant commented on the proposal to include St Margaret's PS in the catchment for the new Sinclair Academy at Winchburgh. The Cllrs report stated this had followed extensive discussion with the Parents Association and a parent survey. The motion submitted to CEC Education Cttee by Cllr Young to progress this had been supported unanimously. CEC to report outcome of formal negotiations later in the year. QDCC raised a number of points including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CEC position as regards impact on St Augustine's - Parents have right to choose which school - Don't have to be within own council boundary - St Margaret's has Catholic and non-Catholic pupils - West Lothian has different term/holiday dates, and a different weekly half-day - Support for change may include possible easier transport to Winchburgh - Transport to Winchburgh may suit Kirkliston pupils better than Queensferry <p>Graeme asked about next steps, including any formal consultation. Lewis advised QDCC should write to Cllrs summarising their thoughts and views.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to meet with QDCC members on response to proposal to include St Margaret's PS in catchment for new Sinclair Academy, Winchburgh.</p>
8. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be sent to Diane.
9. Secretary's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be sent to Terry.
10. Forth Bridges WHMC	Karen advised the new information signs at Port Edgar and Dalmeny Station should be in place w/c 17 Oct. The existing signs elsewhere would be refreshed by the same date. The signs at North Queensferry were on the same timeframe, pending current maintenance works being finished. She

	<p>had written further regarding visit to the Museum, reply awaited. A 'writer in residence' event had taken place in NQ on 25 Sept, another was planned at SQ Library in Nov. The FRB had participated in Doors Open Day on 24 Sept, raising funds for the SSPCA.</p>
<p>11. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups</p>	<p>Transport. Report submitted. Grant observed the Active Travel tie-in with the Queensferry school catchment review. No feedback yet from the recent drop-in sessions, he would chase. Keith commented change in personnel at Atkins might mean not being progressed by CEC.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted. Anne advised good representation at the initial Winter Fuel Community Support Group meetings. Lots of good ideas and enthusiasm for the initiative been received. Starting focus was on keeping those in need warm. A 'pull up' poster was planned, plus leaflets, advising on help with heating etc. This would be sited in Church Halls and other relevant venues. Dalmeny Kirk and Queensferry Parish Church were concerned may not have enough volunteers. Laura was happy to be involved and would liaise with Anne on venue and times. Keith added that neighbouring CCs were interested in QDCC's approach and had found it difficult to get information from CEC. The subject was included on the EACC agenda for Thursday's meeting.</p> <p>Education. Report submitted. David F was in touch with QHS and QPS on next Parent Council meetings. Also had contact with Mary Giblett on the Rosebery Hall change of status to SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) and registered as Queensferry Community Association. Documentation for this to be signed on Monday 3 Oct.</p> <p>Anne Marie had included a section on youth engagement work and interface with the local schools. Keith and David F noted the range of activities reported and thanked her for her work on all of this.</p> <p>Communications. Report submitted. Graeme advised last cruise liner of the season due next day, 27 Sept. He, Grant, and Keith were to meet with CEC next week for a debrief on liner visits, this would include the call-off arrangements; impact on bus routes; and Ferry Fair week.</p> <p>Planning. Report submitted. Any questions to be sent to Keith meantime.</p> <p>Environment. Report submitted. Any questions to be sent to Neil.</p>

	<p>QHT David L reported Doors Open Day taken place on Sat 24 Sept. Numbers down from previous years, due to lack of publicity across Edinburgh & Lothian area following Cockburn Association withdrawal, and perhaps some reticence from the public. However, 65 people had visited the Vennel Churchyard. Hawthorn Bank Gardens and the newly refurbished Masonic Hall were also involved, and Queensferry History Group. QHT talks to resume in Oct, programme to be issued shortly. Support given to the Briggers, local community group, at Barnardo's recent event at the Forth Bridge, which over 3 days welcomed 750 people and raised £50k For Barnardo's Scotland Hardship Fund.</p> <p>QCCC Gillian noted AGM on Wed 28 Sept, 7.00pm at the Health Centre, all welcome. The garden area at Ferryburn needed attention, particularly hedges and grass. Intention is to have a gardener sort it out and then look to adopt and improve it as a benefit for those attending the centre.</p> <p>QBC Muir confirmed monthly meetings had resumed. The AGM date was 28 Oct and a change in Committee membership is anticipated. Boats to stay in the water and not be brought up onto the Harbour wall, in case CEC start the repairs. Keith had messaged Stephen Knox in early Sept for an update but no reply yet. He would pursue.</p>
<p>12. CEC/EACC/QDCC Business</p>	<p>Keith asked Local Interest Groups (QBC, QCCC, QHT) to consider preparing a short written summary of activity for circulation as part QDCC meeting papers. This would also provide benefit by increasing their profile to the wider Queensferry and District community via the monthly online Newsletter.</p>
<p>13. AOB</p>	<p><u>EE Mast</u> Laura asked about the new EE mast and the ongoing service interruptions. Not known when mobile service is to be restored, communication from EE very poor. Several complaints from residents, some received compensation but not satisfactory for the whole community. Graeme understood full coverage should be in place that week, so live by end Sept. Laura suggested that QDCC writes to EE to complain about loss of service and invite them to make a compensatory payment to Queensferry community for detrimental impact on local economy. Laura to liaise with Keith on this.</p>

	<p>ACTION: Laura to draft complaint to EE on loss of service, and invite them to make a compensatory payment to Queensferry community.</p> <p><u>High Steet Parking</u> Muir commented increase in cars parking at East Terrace shops causing problems for cyclists travelling east to west. Keith understood the traffic restrictions by these shops were to be removed and the area would shortly revert to Pay and Display.</p> <p><u>Jacob's Ladder</u> Muir referred to earlier item regarding responsibility for repairs at Jacob's Ladder. QDCC discussed how this had been handled for previous work carried out.</p>
14. Questions from the floor	No questions raised.
15. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 24 October 2022 at 7.00pm with finish by 9.00pm. Face to Face meeting at Transport Scotland FRB premises. Keith to confirm.