

# QDCC

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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.

We need people passionate about the area, willing and able to get involved in whatever way they can.

If you would like to be part of that, then please email: [queensferrycdt@gmail.com](mailto:queensferrycdt@gmail.com)

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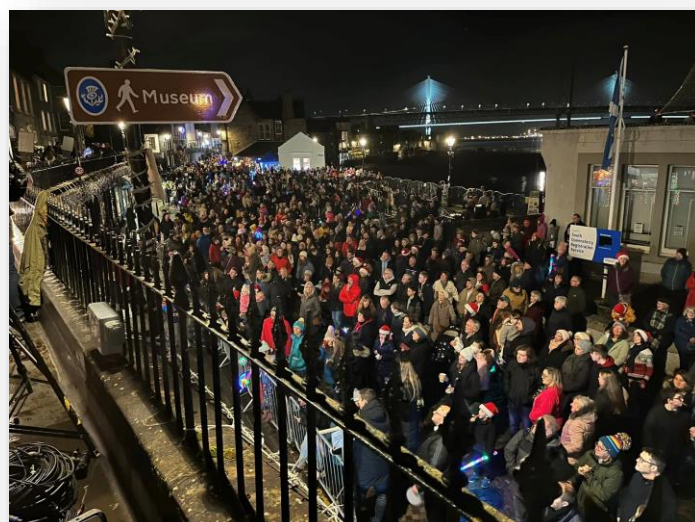
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## QDCC Chairman's Report for Virtual Business meeting 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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

I attended virtual meetings held on 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

The topics discussed were the pending agm held on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov which unfortunately I couldn't attend.

### **Meeting with Chief Executive Director of Place**

A follow up meeting from 12 months ago with Paul Lawrence and Gareth Barwell to discuss I'm grateful to QDCC Minute Secretary for attending this meeting and taking notes. A copy of the minute will be made available to you.

### **Burgess Rd Council Site**

I attended a meeting facilitated by The Environmental Convenor with Graeme McGartland Property Services to raise our concerns about the unsafe condition of the former Burgh Council nursery site at Burgess Rd. QDCC is seeking to have the site made secure. Mr McGartland took away an action to secure funding for installing a fence and gate on the entrance lane to make the site secure and stop fly tipping of waste materials.

### **Christmas in Queensferry 2022**

I attended an events planning meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov in preparation of the switching on of the lights event. Leading up to the lights switch-on I have been coordinating installing Christmas Lights by the volunteer teams and contractors.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

I attended Remembrance Sunday service held on the High Street and laid a wreath on behalf of QDCC. The service was well attended by the local uniformed organisations and elected members.

### **Station Rd residents meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November**

I attended a meeting in QHS called by Dave Sinclair with Station Rd and Roshill representatives to discuss potential mitigation of impacts from additional traffic using Station Road from the introduction of the High Street one-way system. It was agreed that a street plan would be produced of ideas and proposals for consideration at a meeting to be arranged prior to the year end.

### **Queensferry Town Centre Meeting**

As reported by the Transport Convenor, I attended a High Street Steering Group a meeting held in the Rosebery Hall. Attending were representatives for a newly formed High Street

Infrastructure Group. Some minor changes to the layout were discussed as well as phased options of carrying out the works as funding becomes available.

### **Forth Bridge World Heritage Virtual Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> Nov '22**

The quarterly meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov '22 at 2pm. A copy of the minutes will be circulated to you when they become available likely in early January '23.

Keith Giblett  
Chair QDCC 25<sup>th</sup> November.

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## Secretary's Report [▲ Terry Airlie](#)

### CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – NOVEMBER REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has once again been fairly steady this past month. As always my thanks go out to fellow Community Councillors who responded to various queries that ended on our doorstep.

As with last month there are a number of recurring items, mostly planning related namely the ongoing debate on the High Street refurbishment project – and the impact on Station Road, and a number of associated meetings have taken place with various stakeholders.

South Scotstoun, Springfield, FerryMuir Gait and Builyeon Road housing developments also featured.

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.

Since then an update in terms of the High School project have been received, including details of the forthcoming public consultations.

Robbie will attend this month's meeting, along with Miles Wilkinson who will provide an update on Active Travel.

Following a meeting of the CEC Finance and Resources Committee and the discussions that followed on the Sustainable Capital Budget Strategy document, on behalf of QDCC I raised concerns relating a section of the report which outlines the future of the proposed primary school at Builyeon Road with the Almond Ward Councillors.

Thus far I have had some feedback from Councillor Younie, but further discussion on this is topic is required.

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.

One query was received seeking permission to scatter ashes in Queensferry Harbour.

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. Along with fellow Community Councillors I attended a meeting with Paul Lawrence and Gavin Barwell from CEC as a follow up to a session held last year where a number of items relating to communications with CEC, improvements, repairs and outstanding matters of interest were discussed.
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

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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### November 2022

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - Condolence Flowers Delivery - £44.00

Keith Giblett - Remembrance Wreath - £32.40

**Total CC Funds - £1273.75**

Community Facility Funding

#### **Clydesdale Bank**

Cash Management Account - £18369.38

95 Day Notice Account - October interest - £81.80 - £61199.77

**Nationwide Building Society - £86251.76**

**Barclays Bank - £85000.00**

**RBS - £86061.25**

**Charity Bank - £61221.83**

**Community Facility Funding Total = £398103.99**

Diane Job QDCC, Treasurer

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### **Community Engagement**

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

please do so through our website <http://www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.co.uk/>, where all communication channels are explained.

### **Spotlight Magazine**

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

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## Education ▲ [David Flint](#)

### **QDCC Ed/Rec report. November 2022**

On 1st November Karen MacGregor (HT) gave me a conducted tour of the new classrooms in QPS. I was very impressed by the classrooms but, even more so, by the enthusiastic and imaginative work being carried out in them.

I attended the 'Team around the Cluster' on 'Teams' meeting on 15 November. The support being provided to needy families, in particular with food & clothing, was reported.

An update was given on the facilities available for young people.

The transition arrangements from P7 were discussed.

School attendance was seen as a priority and much work is being done in this area.

### **QHS Parents Council. 22nd November, live meeting in QHS.**

Claire Whyte and Steven Budge have agreed to co-chair the PC.

Minutes of PC meetings will be displayed on the school website, which is presently being reconstructed.

Craig Downie. HT. report.

CD talked through the recent attainment figures. These are looking promising in most categories, up to 8% improvement. He is expecting further improvements next year.

He stressed the need to encourage aspiration among pupils.

The school is anticipating that a school inspection may be due soon.

They are looking at the lowest 20% and under achievers will be a priority, mentors will be used.

Parents evenings are now being held in person and most people far prefer these to in line meetings.

There have been several successful events held in response to requests.

Celebrations of success are planned, eg in assemblies.

Class charts are in use and are preferred to the class app, more information available in one place.

They are looking at course choice arrangements, supplying pathways information.

There was a discussion about plans for future schools in the area.

DONM. Tuesday 24th January.

### **QPS Parents Council.23rd November. Teams.**

This was chaired by Jennifer Veitch. Unfortunately only 5 parents attended.

Karen MacGregor. HT. Gave her report.

Pupil numbers. 18 classes, 2 team teaching. Total roll 527.

Very glad to be able to have parents back in the school for parents evenings, assemblies etc.

Next term there will be a new focus on anti-bullying.

Workshops are in place for outdoor learning.

Partnerships with local activities are being developed, Neil McKinlay was thanked for his input here.

Ipads are being issued to (very excited) P1 classes and training is being supplied.

The school is very aware of increasing costs to parents, in particular for residential trips.

They are looking at possible funding opportunities.

There are plans for 2 Christmas concerts, a sing along and the p7 Ceilidh.

The use of PC funds was discussed but no decisions taken yet.

Mark Symonds (Active Travel) and Cllr. Lewis Younie joined the meeting at 7pm.

Traffic, roads and parking problems were discussed. Road crossings are a real concern.

After the guests left there was a discussion about future schools in the area.

An AGM will be held early next year.

### **David Flint**

For 28th November 2022.

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

**Echline Primary School** Headteacher Anne Purcell is into her last three weeks as headteacher before Mr Moir takes up his post as Headteacher.

The school welcomed children and families who are starting to attend P1 in August to an Open Day, they were guided around by some of the P7s. There was also a very successful open afternoon where all parents and carers could come and have a look around the school, this was very well attended. A group of young people from the school also went and did a beach clean with clean ferry.

The school have started a reverse advent calendar and all food collected will be donated to The Ferry Elves.

**From the Edinburgh Parent and Carers Support Team:**

**Parents Mind Well Roundup**



We are delighted to share the first edition of our new Parents Mind Well Roundup. This quarterly newsletter shares the latest mental health news, activities and support available for children, young people, and their parents and carers in Edinburgh. All of the new Parents

Mind Well support sessions will be listed in each edition. The newsletter will be sent by VOCAL (Voice of Carers Across Lothian) and parents who still wish to, can sign up by visiting the following page on their newsletter platform: Sign up to receive the Parents Mind Well Roundup Newsletter You will see in the Roundup, information about or next Parents Mind Well Sessions. These sessions have been planned in partnership with VOCAL, Health in Mind and The City of Edinburgh Council Parent and Carer Support Team. They provide an opportunity for parents and carers who are caring for a child or young person with emotional or mental health issues to meet other parents and supportive professionals in a safe and relaxed environment.

### 3-10 year old behaviour Edinburgh Winter 2023



We have free courses for parents and carers of 6-10 year olds that can help you.

Since PoPP has been implemented in Edinburgh we have had a huge success delivering over 100 groups in various locations across Edinburgh.

During the Covid 19 pandemic all our courses were delivered online. We are very much looking forward to seeing you face to face again but will continue to deliver some courses online to offer parents a choice of how they would like to access support. To apply for a place visit <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parentingcoursesform>

Incredible Years Courses for parents with children aged 3-5 years

Gate 55  
55 Sighthill Road EH1 4PB  
Starts Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am -11.30am

Royston Wardieburn Community Centre  
11 Pilton Drive North EH5 1NF  
Starts Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 9.30am - 11.30am

North East Edinburgh (venue to be confirmed)  
Starts Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 9.30am -11.30am

Online Group  
Start Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Incredible Years Autism Course  
Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre  
5 Moredunvale Place Eh17 7LB  
Referral only please speak to your Health Visitor, GP or nursery/school to discuss this further  
Starts Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am -11.30am



Triple P Courses for parents with children aged 6-10 years

Castleview Primary School  
2d Greendykes Road, Edinburgh EH16 4DP  
Starts Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January – 15<sup>th</sup> March  
9.30am – 11.30am

Carrickvale Community Centre  
Saughton Mains Street EH11 3HH  
Starts Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
9.30am – 11.30am

City centre Evening group  
(Venue and dates to be confirmed)

All courses are listed on [www.joininedinburgh.org](http://www.joininedinburgh.org)



### Sessions:

**Family conflict – reflect and respond (Fri 11 Nov, 9.30am – 11am, Online).** Delivered by Scottish Centre of Conflict Resolution. Reflect on your relationship with your pre-teen/teenager, explore triggers that can escalate difficult situations, understand how emotions drive behaviours and gain insight into managing responses to relationship conflict. Register on VOCAL's website.

**Emotional wellbeing for parents (Mon 5 Dec, 7pm – 8.30pm, Online).** This session from Health in Mind and VOCAL will help you consider the impact of caring for a young person experiencing mental health difficulties on your own mental health and explore techniques which can enhance your emotional wellbeing. Register on VOCAL's website.

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## Centre for Psychological Therapies

Do you have a child with emotional difficulties such as anxiety or low mood?  
The Centre for Psychological Therapies may be able to help you.

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The Centre for Psychological Therapies is based at the University of Edinburgh. Our aim is to help children and young people (up to age 26) improve their mental health, and we do this by offering evidence-based psychological therapies to children and young people in the community.

**Our therapists**  
We are a training and research centre and our therapy is delivered by experienced psychological therapists and therapists in training who are supervised by Clinical Psychologists.

**Can we help you?**  
We offer therapy to:

- children and young people with an emotional difficulty, such as low mood or depression;
- children and young people experiencing anxiety

**How our therapies can help**  
We offer time-limited course of a psychological intervention namely Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT). CBT is a talking therapy that aims to break negative cycles of thoughts and feelings. It focuses on current problems, rather than issues from the past and looks for practical ways to improve your mental health on a daily basis.

**How much does it cost?**  
There is no set charge for our therapies. Our Centre is a charity and we welcome donations for sessions, but the amount is entirely at the discretion of the individual.

We are not part of the NHS, but you must be registered with a GP in Edinburgh or the Lothians to come to us.

If you think the Centre may be able to help, please email [CPT@ed.ac.uk](mailto:CPT@ed.ac.uk)

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## Youth Engagement

**The Tuesday youth café club** is currently being attended every week by 29 young people. On 15<sup>th</sup> November 23 young people attended a session at The Honey Pot Creative café, where they had the opportunity to make a Christmas decoration. The trip was free for all of the young people who attended making sure that there was no barrier in place for those who wanted to attend. All of the young people had a fantastic evening. The last session of this term will be December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**The Wednesday p7 and S1 club with She Scotland** is full. There is a waiting list of 8 young people who are eager to attend. The club is doing regular issue-based sessions this past month we have discussed female hygiene products, social media and the world of advertisement. All of the young people who attend engage in the sessions great. The last session will be December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Open All Hours** is the busiest club across the city with on average 45 young people attending every week. There has been a big increase and uptake of the young people using the chill out area for games and arts and crafts. So, the club isn't only for those young people who are into sports or attending the gym. OAH offers a variety of exciting and fun opportunities in a safe environment.

**The Blew Light disco** will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> for S1s. This will be held in Queensferry High School in Partnership with the local school liaison officer Gill Young. This will be the last session until the new term.

**Anne Marie Boyd**

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Environment ▲ Neil McKinlay

### QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for November 2022

#### **Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road**

Attended a virtual meeting with Graeme McGartland Head of CEC Estates Department and Keith Giblett to discuss the issues surrounding this parcel of derelict land. Our priority is to secure the entrance to the site before consideration options for bringing it back into community use.

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

Still chasing the CEC manager who is trying to ascertain the land ownership/responsibility for repairs issues and will escalate if no further progress is evidenced.

### **Land opposite the High School**

In diary to review again in the spring 2023 to ensure McKenzie Construction follow through on their undertaking to make good the ground

### **Community Sculptures in need of repair**

Debbie Ryan the artist who was instrumental in the design and construction of the “Guardian of the Bridges” sculpture has provided a firm quotation to repair the sculpture and a grant application to cover these costs has been submitted to the North West Edinburgh Community Grants Funding team.

Keith Giblett has after considerable effort been successful in obtaining adequate sponsorship from I H Brown, the contractors preparing the infrastructure for the new housing development on Builyeon Road which will be adequate to cover the cost of the repairs needed to the Seal sculpture. We are awaiting a start date from the specialist contractors; Graciela Ainsworth Sculpture Conservation.

### **Other**

#### **GreenFerry Planting.**

#### **Primary School Community Programme**

In conjunction with the Park Rangers team we have held six spring bulb planting and educational sessions for Queensferry Primary School pupils with bulbs being planted in Station Road Park and the grass embankment opposite the school. Two more bulb planting sessions are scheduled to plant bulbs up at Queensferry Cemetery.

#### **High School Community Programme**

We continue to provide community outdoor work opportunities on a Monday afternoon for a group of 5<sup>th</sup> year students. I will be shortly providing some “workshop” type sessions for these pupils on CV preparation, Interview Skills and some additional guidance on how to transition to the world of work and manage the sort of issues that they will encounter.

#### **Community Orchard**

North West Localities have provided a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of the new community orchard planned for the land adjacent to Hawthorn Bank Community Gardens. We have a meeting planned with one of Cala Homes contractors to ascertain what support with the ground preparation they might provide.

#### **New Flower planters**

The 5 attractive new square flower planters which have kindly been funded by CEC have arrived and have been planted up with plants kindly supplied by the Inch nursery team. The

Men's Shed team also helped to get the planters placed in their desired locations. The planters are looking great and enhance the recently refurbished paved areas in front of the Priory Church and the seating area in front of the Queens Spice restaurant.

### **Friends of Ferry Glen and Back Braes**

We have cleared out all the old annuals from the various tubs and plants and have undertaken more bulb enrichment planting

### **Friends of Queensferry Cemetery and the Vennel**

As well as the Primary school children I am organising some additional spring bulb planting sessions at the cemetery with the support of the Sea Cadets.

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

### **Health and well-being report November 2022**

I wish to start with a massive thankyou to the Christmas in Queensferry team who organized an amazing evening and both Queen Jessica and myself as gracious lady thoroughly enjoyed the experience of switching on the Christmas lights.

**Winter Warmth** campaign is working well although with the milder than expected weather there are perhaps less than expected people just popping in. There is a large pull up banner advertising the spaces available each day which is spending about a week in each are; Dalmeny Church, Rosebery Hall, Priory Church have hosted so far and St Margaret's church, the library and the leisure centre are due to have it soon. A3 posters are also in the community with small trifold being printed. These are being left in each area along with benefits and mental health information.

I was invited to declare the Connections Corner open at the parish church and it is now open 2 days a week for drop in chat and coffee. This opportunity is one aimed at reducing social isolation as well as providing winter warmth

Foodbank and the winter warmth team have organised a session on 8th December in the Priory church from 11-2 including benefits advice, Cat and dog home (your pet needs fed too) Y home and Changeworks. You do not have to be attending foodbank to benefit from this as we all are affected by soaring costs.

**Dalmeny church** has been successful in accessing 3 major groups of funding- They are now able to purchase a fridge freezer for use as part of a community pantry and are support the parish church to replace their much older fridge. They are starting a help yourself style pantry for anyone who needs help. The other major achievement has been to get accepted

as a part of Fareshare allowing them to run a café on Thursdays at minimum cost and being able to provide soup for local families who need it. There will be a supply of fresh vegetables each Monday. Through the winter warmth group this provision is being shared with both QPC and St Vincent de Paul. Through QDCC contacts at Tesco St Vincent de Paul now have regular access to fresh vegetables for their families.

**Ferry Elves** are working hard in the back ground! We have now got 75 requests. All the coats and shoe request have been filled with a mixture of as new and new coats but new shoes. We have been incredibly lucky with the quality of the coats being donated. As part of the winter warmth we have been lucky enough to be successful to gain a grant from the Almond Area Network on the proviso that any unused funds will be returned. The local Rotary team have also very kindly donated to this expensive part of ferry elves. Tescos donated 200 pounds to be spent on toys which is much appreciated. The just giving page remains active and heading towards our target. [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ferryelves2022](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ferryelves2022)

Maintaining anonymity, Cala homes have taken 10 **gift tags** to fulfill as have Scotts. restaurant and Echline Primary school staff. Cala homes have also promised a significant donation. Scotts restaurant has promised a full Christmas dinner available for the elves to deliver to families who may not otherwise celebrate together. We will put appropriate names in a hat and draw for the lucky ones.

ANN next meeting 30th November

EVOC unable to attend 1st Nov meeting.

**Anne Mitchell**

QDCC Health & Wellbeing

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

**November 2022**

### **Applications**

During the four week period fourteen applications were received

22/05203/FUL - Alterations to existing building. Replacement of windows, doors etc - 14 Rosshill Terrace

22/05262/FUL - Demolish existing horse stables and derelict house, then build new upgraded horse stables - Westmuir Riding Centre, Westfield, Totlely Wells, Broxburn (Totlely Wells is within the CEC and QDCC area)

22/05290/FUL - Rear and side extension, installation of roof lights - 1 Rosshill Terrace

22/05434/FUL - Proposed single storey rear extension, two storey side extension and internal alterations - 17 Ashburnham Loan

22/05033/FUL - Porch extension - 24 Station View  
22/05475/FUL - Extension to rear - 1 Stoneyflatts  
22/05476/FUL - Build over garage and extension to rear - 28 Stoneyflatts Crescent  
22/05501/FUL - Proposed extension - 37 Ashburnham Loan  
22/05509/FUL - Proposed velux windows - 12 Wester Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny  
22/05532/FUL - Part take-down existing front gable projection and remove roof. Form new external walls and fit new roof as per plans and elevations - 12 Branders Place  
22/05535/FUL - Erection of two storey extension to side of existing residential property - 15 Long Crook  
22/05086/FUL - Remove tree and erect new boundary wall/fence - 7 Scotstoun Green  
22/05590/FUL - Replace existing windows and doorset and window, add external paving and low height fence - 25B Burgess Road (QCCC)

### **Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed**

22/05473/CLP - Change of entrance door and window locations - 15 Echline View

### **Decisions**

The planning authority made seven decisions during the four week period

22/03692/PNA -To upgrade the existing farm track for improved access - Dolphington Burn Standingstone Road Dalmeny - PERMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED

22/03659/FUL - Application to renew existing planning permission per 18/01560/FUL.

Demolition of existing bungalow to form two new houses - 22 Kirkliston Road - GRANTED

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

22/05526/LBC - New obscure glass brick window formed - 58 High Street - PERMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED

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

22/04216/FUL - Change of use from garage lock-up to residential unit (as amended) - 16 the Vennel - WITHDRAWN

22/01153/FUL - Erection of 3 No. dwellings with associated parking and hard and soft landscaping (as amended) - Former Agilent Technologies Scotstoun Ave - GRANTED WITH LEGAL AGREEMENT

Legal Agreement

Education - The delivery of three housing units on this site does not require a developer contribution towards education.

Healthcare - The CEC Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Delivery Supplementary Guidance indicates that contributions are required towards the South Queensferry Medical Practice Contribution Zone. At the established cost of £210 per dwelling, this would equate to a total contribution of £630 to mitigate the impact of the proposed development on local healthcare infrastructure. A Section 75 Legal Agreement will be required to secure the above contributions. Subject to a legal agreement being concluded to secure the necessary mitigation, the proposal is in compliance with LDP Policy Del 1 and Hou 10.

## **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**

#### **November Update**

#### **Ground works to year end**

Bulk earthworks will be complete on Phase 1&2 with material temporarily stockpiled for remaining sections of Phase 3&4

Topsoil will have been spread over Phase 1&2 and temporarily stockpiled for Phase 3&4

Phase 1 of the Spine Road will have been surfaced and we will be working on Phase 2&3

Drainage works will be complete

#### **Phase 3 Planning Application**

Cala have now submitted their Phase 3 planning application

You can find all of the relevant information on the Council's Planning Portal ([link here](#) Plan Ref 22/04689/AMC).

Key points:

327 units of which 83 will be affordable

Site start Q2 2023

Target determination date was the 2nd December, however Cala have flagged CEC they shall need an extension as they are not going to make this date.

#### **Phase 1 & 2 Planning Application**

Lovell Homes Planning Application has been approved. You can find all of the relevant information on the Council's Planning Portal (Ref 22/02935/AMC)

398 units of which 100 units will be affordable

As part of the PPP and Masterplan, each phase will bring forward it's own affordable housing to ensure it is delivered in line with the private developments

#### **Commercial/Care Home & School Site**

Cala are working towards having all of the main construction/infrastructure finished before works on the commercial, care home and school site commence

The Commercial & Care Home Sites will be going on the market in the coming weeks

The school site will be handed over to CEC during early 2023

#### **Drone Images**

<https://cala.sharefile.com/d-s3302c99ce70d46eaaa73e1e64fa554d9>

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**

Off site works – works were stopped on Bo’ness Road to allow Edinburgh Council to complete their works. Awaiting for road permit and resources to become available to complete works.

Cycle footpath to Bo’ness Road is underway and will be complete February/March

Manor Estates – phase 1 of affordable apartments and terrace units are under way. Works are progressing as per programme and on course to deliver these units early 2024.

Private low rise plots – works are progressing on programme and by the Christmas holidays they will have 10 timber frame structures erected. The aim is to have plots 1 and 2 (showhomes) scaffold dismantled by 16.12.22 to allow work to start on their plot works first week in January. Show homes are looking to be open April/May along with their first legal completions May/June. This is all weather permitting etc.

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

No 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.

### **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. Still awaiting a decision

### **Forthview Development (Corus site)**

The development is progressing well

### **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

The decision on this application is taking longer than LAR had hoped but there has been a change of planning officer and the new officer is getting up to speed and reconsidering the information produced. The change in the elevation drawings is to incorporate some requests from the previous planning officer - nothing significant: a note on the officers mess building to say that the wooden windows will be retained there (west part of the site) and also a small change to make it clearer that in the barrack buildings facing the sea, one of the windows on each of the ground floor flats will be converted to a glazed door.

### City Plan 2030

Schedule 4 summary of representations and council responses has now been published. I haven't read this document in full yet it has 1500 pages.

Diane Job  
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport ▲ Grant Sangster

### Transport Report for November 2022

1. **Road and Pavement Closures** – A slightly quieter month for road closures, although some journeys just outside Queensferry proved difficult, especially with a couple of flooding incidents. Leaf fall can lead to inhibited drainage at this time of year and Terry raised an enquiry with CEC regarding Scotstoun Avenue leaves/drains. A meeting with BEAR reps remains outstanding from recent months. Virgin Media work continues around Queensferry with disruption similar to previous months. Still no resolution on the wooden steps next to the railway line near Dalmeny tank farm. The pavement on Standingstone Road, affected by an accumulation of soil dropping from a nearby property banking, hasn't yet been identified to CEC but we can do so shortly.
2. **Active Travel Consultation and Drop-In Session** – Nothing back yet from Atkins following the sessions held over the summer period but hopefully a representative will attend tonight's meeting to give an update. School catchment uncertainty has been a discussion topic over the past month and relative locations of schools to pupils is a factor in mapping out active travel routes. However we'd like to think that sensible

desire lines that might apply for several decades can be established even in the absence of decisions on school catchments which could be at risk of modification at short notice.

- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – A further steering group session was held with reps from Ironside Farrer, CEC councillors and a group of local residents/businesses to review High Street plans in detail. Some minor changes were made to plans previously circulated but the overall principles remain the same. Further approaches will be made to Sustrans this year and a TRO promoted reflecting the new High Street layout. Repeated difficulties have been experienced in satisfying Sustrans on some design details around the Hawes area. There are prospects for council access to sustainable transport initiative money outwith Sustrans, which could make things easier in future. Given limited interest in radically changing the Hawes area, a parallel exercise is being investigated to progress only the High Street section as the next phase. Any associated compromises aren't yet clear as this partly depends on prevailing market conditions, however the starting point for this exercise would be the existing proposals. Some loosely related topics were raised by local resident/business reps, including ideas for cycle storage, electric vehicle charging facilities and orientation signage. Following recent introduction of interpretation boards, there is a subsequent phase planned for orientation signs and it might be useful for steering group members to have visibility of these plans.
  
- 4. Public Transport** – November railway journeys were affected by weather events and industrial action (actual & planned). Data on station usage from ORR was released this month covering the period April 2021 to March 2022. This quotes entries & exits at Dalmeny around 270,000, which is less than half pre-Covid demand although similar to figures around 2002. Ticket types with the most significant drop were peak and season type, with off-peak journeys at a similar level to pre-Covid. On buses, the 43 schedule was changed last week with Sunday daytime frequency enhancement particularly welcome. Publicity sheets in bus shelters, a subject of regular grievance, were updated in good time giving passengers an opportunity to prepare. The route was extended back to cover Princes St shortly before the timetable change, although the last of the West End roadworks weren't completely lifted in coordination. A meeting was held with Currie, Ratho & District and CEC regarding the situation with contract routes including the 63. This gave reassurance of continuity until the McGills contract expires however the longer term position remains uncertain due to wider industry concerns.

**Grant Sangster**

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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**Cllr Lang, cllr Young & cllr Younie**

## November 2022 report

### Remembrance Day Service

We were privileged to join the community of Queensferry on Remembrance Sunday, with Kevin laying a wreath on our behalf. As always, it was a moving and profoundly affecting service, which demonstrated the depth of feeling and commitment to remembering those who gave, and continue to give, so that our society has all the freedoms it does today.

### Queensferry High School options

The consultation for the options around this is now live with a few different options to give your views on what you consider the best course forward is:

- Visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/kirkliston-queensferry](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/kirkliston-queensferry)
- Email your views into [schoolsreview@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsreview@edinburgh.gov.uk)
- Write to West Edinburgh Learning Estate Strategy, 1.7 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8DG.
- There will also be the following drop in sessions
  - o Wednesday 30th November 4-8pm at Queensferry High School.
  - o Monday 5th November 3-7pm at Kirkliston Primary School.
  - o Wednesday 7th December 11am-5pm Kirkliston Leisure Centre
  - o Wednesday 14th December 1pm-7pm Roseberry Hall, Queensferry

Please do submit your views before the deadline of 5pm Monday 16th January.

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.

### Bo'ness Road crossing

The Puffin Crossing at Bo'ness Road has now, finally, been commissioned and activated.

We look forward to hearing feedback from the community, especially around the benefits delivered for young people getting to school safely.

### Builyeon Primary School

Due to the pressure on the Council's capital budget, with costs rising by over 30% across the board, there has been a reallocation of the budget to ensure that items closer to their start time have complete funding. This, however, means that partially funded projects for the future, such as the proposed primary school at Builyeon Road, will need a new business case designed and approved. This will be developed as we move closer to the start of delivery. This is not a cancellation of the project but rather a realistic response to a sudden and unexpected funding gap of £123 million for the capital budget.

Saying that, we are keeping an extremely close eye on this commitment to increase the Learning Estate in Queensferry and will continue to press officers for an updated funding and business case.

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## Cllr Work

### **Cllr Norman Work's report for November 2022 meeting**

**Willie Hardie**, I attended the funeral service for Willie Hardie on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at Warriston Crematorium. It was good to see a fair representative from Queensferry residents and organisations.

**Hawes Longcraig Pier Users Committee**, Meeting held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Cllr Younie and I have agreed to be co-chairs. Discussions still ongoing about Cruise Liner visits during Ferry Fair week.

**Queensferry Town Centre Steering Group**, I attended the latest meeting held in Rosebery Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Parking again was the main topic up for discussion with some minor changes being proposed.

**Remembrance Sunday**, it was a privilege to join the community in the parade and wreath laying ceremony on Queensferry High Street.

**Ferry Fair AGM**, I was invited to chair the and election office bearers at the Ferry Fair AGM on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November in Rosebery Hall. Tracy Guyan announced that she was standing down as Chair. Congratulations to Jane Harkin as newly elected Chair.

**Light Switch on event**, I attended the Christmas in Queensferry light switch on event on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Well done to everyone involved. I also joined a team at the Quiz Night in aid of funds for C1Q held in Queensferry Bowling Club on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

**Dalmeny Park**, I asked Karl Ivanov, Transport official for any news on when the roads in Dalmeny Park are expected to be adopted. Karl said that hopefully this development will be adopted within the next couple of months.

**Alcohol deliveries**, Action point from last meeting. I forwarded on details to Diane Job. The application is for several Shell Petrol Stations including Ferrymuir Gait to include alcohol in deliveries. These are classed as major variations to their licence which is the reason for the notice. The premises will offer a delivery service which may include alcohol via a third-party delivery service provider. All deliveries which include alcohol will be made within the permitted times to deliver alcohol. The premises licence holder will take steps to ensure that the delivery partner operates a Challenge 25 age verification policy. These applications will be considered by the Licensing Board on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. There are not any concerns in the Police and LSO reports.

**Boe Gin**, I was contacted by Andrew Richardson, Director of Boe Gin who is appealing against an instruction from the City of Edinburgh Council to return the colour of their property to grey. An anonymous complaint was made to the council after the outside of their premises were painted a shade of purple. After visiting the premises and speaking to Andrew, I agreed to write a letter supporting his appeal.

**Loony Dook**. I was disappointed to learn that the Loony Dook was dropped from this year's Edinburgh Hogmanay celebrations. I have asked that the council considers putting the Loony Dook back on the official programme for next year through a motion to Full Council.

**Cllr Norman Work**

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## Other Documents

### **Rotary Club of South Queensferry**

The club participated in the Christmas in Queensferry lights switch on evening and encouraged Santa to make a guest appearance in his sleigh.

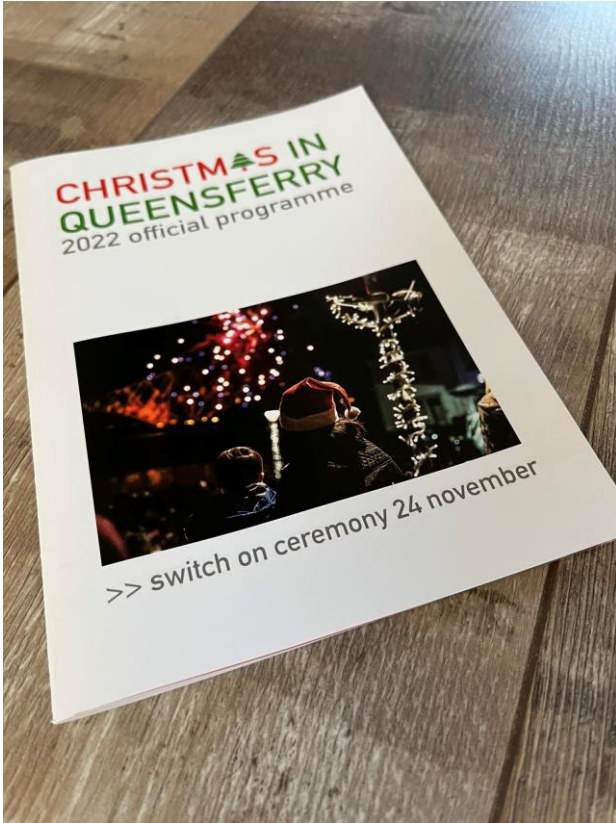
The schedule for the Santa sleigh tours will be communicated shortly. We are pleased to say that it will be "business as usual" for Santa and his helpers this year.

**Neil McKinlay**



## Christmas in Queensferry

The first public event for the lights switch on since 2019 was held on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov with a new format making use of the natural elevations of the High St on East Terrace. Public attendance



was high and feedback has been very positive, despite technical issues on the night with sound and lighting. However, the ChiQ team, additional volunteers and the performers all worked together to make it work as best possible. It was great that primary school children who had been enthusiastically rehearsing were able to perform as community choirs after the strike called their school performances off. All credit to those in the community who took the lead to facilitate that.

A number of obstacles and difficulties were experienced on the day and leading up to the event but the ChiQ team have now cut the paths for the future. I hope all enjoyed the evening, or at least what you could hear of it.

Thanks to our sponsors for their support and enthusiasm.

Graeme McKinley

Chair, Christmas in Queensferry

<http://www.christmasinquensferry.org/programme.html>



Also special thanks to Rosebery Hall Management committee, Joyce Paton, Sea Kist, Clare & Mark Meredith, Rotary Club of South Queensferry, QDCC, Police Scotland, CEC, Sea Cadets, all our show performers and of course everyone who supports the events.

## Forth Bridges Tourism Update

Congratulations on Christmas in Queensferry launch! Looked like there was a great turnout. Onwards to Festive Ferry this week.

It's been busy at my end too with the Forth Bridges Trail.

All 16 signs from phase One are now in place, including the Forth Road Bridge. The new website is also live.

### [The Forth Bridges](#)

#### [The Forth Bridges](#)

The official website for the Forth Bridges: Queensferry Crossing, The Forth Road Bridge & The Forth Bridge - Scotland's iconic bridges spanning three centuries.

[www.theforthbridges.org](http://www.theforthbridges.org)

And the Trail page

### [Forth Bridges Trail \(theforthbridges.org\)](#)

#### [Forth Bridges Trail](#)

The Forth Bridges Trail is a circular walk that takes in the iconic Forth Bridges and the distinctive historic communities of North and South Queensferry.

[www.theforthbridges.org](http://www.theforthbridges.org)

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The pretty former Royal Burgh of Queensferry sits on the shore on the outskirts of Edinburgh. It is linked to the ancient Kingdom of Fife by three bridges over the River Forth.

[www.theforthbridges.org](http://www.theforthbridges.org)

There is a short trailer film on the homepage of the website and a longer version on the Trail page

<https://youtu.be/CGKseLAXANU>

Karen Stewart  
Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy Manager



# Monthly Police Report – October 2022

## ALMOND WARD

### South Queensferry Community Council

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#### Road Safety

Complaints of dangerous/careless and anti-social driving remain a priority for both the Local Policing Team and our colleagues in the Road Traffic Teams. We have recently planned and implemented a road traffic initiative across the Almond Ward, whereby various traffic checks, including speed checks have been conducted, utilizing the UNIPAR device (speed gun). License endorsable fixed penalty tickets have been issued along with additional formal action where offences were identified.

Officers have also carried out patrols at both South Queensferry Primary School and Echline Primary School to target issues re vehicles at drop off and pick up times.

This initiative will continue on various dates over the coming weeks in an effort to deter drivers committing any driving offences or driving in an anti-social, careless or dangerous manner.

#### Boy Racers/Anti-Social Driving – 4 x incidents reported

3 x incidents relate to cars speeding/racing and sounding horns in the area of Newhalls Road/Hawes Brae

1 x incident relates to 'boy racers' speeding towards Hopetoun House along Society Road

Regular patrols continue to be conducted by both local Police and Roads Policing throughout South Queensferry given the ongoing issue with 'boy racers'. An initiative is planned for the start of 2023 to target careless and dangerous driving by young drivers, focusing on South Queensferry in particular

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

1 x incident relates to youths in the area of Morrison Gardens stealing a wheelie bin

1 x incident relates to youths walking on garage roofs

#### Damage/Vandalism: 3 x reported incidents

1 x incident relates to youths damaging wall at Ferrymuir Cemetery – Enquiries ongoing

1 x incident relates to graffiti to property at Stewart Clarke Avenue – Suspect traced, cautioned and charged with Vandalism

1 x incident relates to damage to window of property at Hopetoun Road – Enquiries ongoing

#### Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

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#### CONTACT US

**Email (for all ward areas):** [EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Email address is not monitored 24/7 or for reporting crime or ongoing incidents. These should be reported by calling 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency).

**Twitter:** @EdinPoINW **Facebook:** <https://en-gb.facebook.com/EdinburghPoliceDivision>

**Local Community Officer: PC Donald Macleod/PC David Campbell**

QDCC November Business Meeting  
Monday 28th November 2022 at 7.30pm  
(Virtual Meeting)

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome & MS Teams Protocols
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Miles Wilkinson/Robbie Crockatt - CEC Active Travel/School Update
5. Builyeon Road Primary School / QHS Update
6. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (October 2022)
7. Any Matters Arising
8. Chair's Report
9. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
10. Treasurer's Report
11. Secretary's Report
12. QDCC Sub Committees Reports
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC updates
14. Any Other Business
15. Questions from the floor
16. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 21st November 2022

## Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 24 October 2022 at 7.00pm

Queensferry Crossing Contact & Education Centre

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer), Anne Marie Boyd, David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Muir Kay (QBC), David Learmond (QHT), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Lewis Younie, PC MacLeod (Police Scotland), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

**Guest:** Member of the public.

<b>1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	<p>Keith welcomed everyone to the FRB offices, noting first in-person meeting since Feb 20, and thanked Transport Scotland for use of their premises. He reminded everyone of the need to conclude business by 9.00pm and asked for relevant succinct questions in relation to reports submitted.</p> <p>It had been another busy month both nationally following further change in Prime Minister, and locally with QDCC continuing to represent and support the community via Ferry Elves, Youth Development, and Ukraine for example.</p> <p>He was also sad to report the recent death of Willie Hardie and extended formal condolences from QDCC to Betty. Willie had been both a local government Councillor of long standing and a QDCC member, as well as his involvement in the Ferry Fair and other Queensferry activities.</p> <p>Keith also welcomed a member of the public from Shore Road who wished to discuss road safety and Police contact arrangements.</p>
<b>2. Apologies</b>	<p>Graeme McKinley, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Jenni Meldrum (QBA).</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 including further speed checks.</li><li>• Boy Racers/Anti-Social Driving at Tesco, Newhalls Road and Hewlett Way.</li><li>• ASB incidents at QHS and QPS.</li><li>• Damage to property at Echline Drive.</li></ul>

	<p>Operational planning was in place for potential ASB activity across NW Edinburgh from Halloween to Bonfire Night. Anne Marie noted Queensferry youth club meetings on Tuesday and Friday and extended an invitation to Community Officers to attend.</p> <p>A member of the public raised concern about cars speeding along Shore Road past the sheltered housing site, and also on Hopetoun Road from the Police Station to the Library junction. They explained had almost been hit 3 times and that it was rare for cars to keep to 20mph limit. They had tried to report these incidents at the Police Station but found it difficult to make contact when the Station is unmanned. PC MacLeod said complaints are received about nearly every road, but will come out and speak to those involved if details are reported. Car registration details will help, but aware not always possible for the public to record these. Hopetoun Road was a difficult one to handle, needed speed gun, and an initiative was being planned.</p> <p>A second point was made about the Police Station being unmanned and difficulty reporting incidents via the external phone. Keith explained the background on the Station and that it provided a base for the Community Officers and others. PC MacLeod noted the comment on phone instructions and would check this out.</p>
<p><b>4. Minutes from Last Meeting (Sept 2022)</b></p>	<p>Minutes proposed by David F and seconded by Anne Marie.</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> – Cala approached re adoption. CEC officials have on list to action.</p> <p><u>Note</u> - Factor responsibility part way along Burdock Road.</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.</p> <p><b>DEFER</b> – due to other priorities.</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. Action continues via EACC. Keith leading on this and written to Paul Lawrence.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – to be discussed with CEC officials at meeting on 31 October.</p> <p><b><u>APRIL 2022</u></b></p>



**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 to CEC. Terry written requesting update(s). KCC also chasing re QHS expansion.  
**ONGOING** – Cllr Younie advised CEC still considering options. He will chase Robbie Crockett for response to QDCC correspondence.

#### **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 resumed with Karl, meeting set for 10 November.

#### **AUGUST 2022**

**63 Bus Service:** Grant to summarise points discussed re 63 bus service, and send to Ward Cllrs. Action now with Almond Neighbourhood Network (ANN). Further info due early Nov. Also impacts Ratho, Kirkliston, Turnhouse, Maybury.

**ONGOING, via ANN** – Service taken over by McGills, attending ANN meeting 28 November.

**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.

**CLOSED** – ascertained £100 related to when QDCC meeting(s) held elsewhere, ie Dalmeny.

**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** – in hand.

**Seal Sculpture:** Keith to ask local contractors if they can contribute to funds needed to repair the Seal sculpture.

**ONGOING** – in hand.

**Jacob's Ladder:** Neil to try and ascertain who is responsible for Jacob's Ladder and advise them that repairs are required.

**CLOSED** – No-one taking responsibility for this area. Keith proposed QDCC exercise caution regarding follow up, matter closed meantime.

#### **SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Harbour:** Cllr Work to ascertain latest position on - warning signs at Harbour; the complainant who had been injured; and broken light.

**CLOSED** – Covered in Cllr Work report. Muir and Norman to check light is fixed.

	<p><b>St Margaret's PS:</b> Education Sub Committee to consider proposal to include St Margaret's PS in catchment for new Sinclair Academy, Winchburgh.  <b>CURRENT</b> – Keith to discuss with Education Convenor in due course.</p> <p><b>EE Mast:</b> Laura to draft complaint to EE on loss of service, and invite them to make a compensatory payment to Queensferry community.  <b>CLOSED</b> – Letter sent by Keith, response awaited.</p>
<b>6. Chair's Report</b>	Report from Keith circulated before the meeting. Nothing to add, no questions raised.
<b>7. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports</b>	<p><b>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</b> Joint report circulated before the meeting and presented by Cllr Lewis Younie.  In relation to QHS future capacity Lewis said that CEC officials were working hard on options, informal consultation is planned and feedback wanted.  Keith referred to previous QDCC/CEC discussions on concerns over capacity and catchments. QDCC and KCC have both questioned whether CEC have got it right. Lewis advised that Queensferry is not unique, there are other schools within CEC in a similar situation. Terry acknowledged this but the decision was that Kirkliston pupils would not be included from 2022/23 and the new QHS had gone ahead on that basis. Meanwhile more housing was being built. David F agreed and added that information on future needs had been known for last 10 years. Lewis acknowledged current situation not satisfactory and that action needs to be taken.</p> <p><b>Cllr Work.</b> Report circulated before the meeting.  Diane queried a licence variation submitted by the Shell garage. She was uncertain what this related to. It was thought may be sale of alcohol, Norman to enquire further and advise.  <b>ACTION: Cllr Work to check content of licence variation submitted by Shell garage and advise Diane.</b></p>
<b>8. Treasurer's Report</b>	Report circulated before the meeting. Diane advised a quiet month, finances currently healthy.
<b>9. Secretary's Report</b>	Report circulated before the meeting. Terry had messaged Miles Wilkinson at CEC for update on Active Travel. Miles to attend QDCC to discuss, possibly November meeting.
<b>10. Sub-Committees &amp; Local Interest Groups</b>	<p><b>Planning.</b> Report submitted.  Diane noted reduction in applications. However, there was still lots ongoing via the various new developments and other current proposals. Laura asked about time limits for planning approvals and referenced the Sealscraig.  Diane and Norman confirmed 3 years from approval to starting work. David L queried the Stoneycroft Road development (British Legion site) first requested around 2 years ago. Keith advised where legal issues are involved</p>

can become protracted and deadline dates extended. Keith also asked Neil if this development might impact on the proposed orchard. Diane suggested this could occur at demolition. Also dealing with individuals not a company. She would make enquiries.

**ACTION: Diane to check with Planning/Building Control on potential impact of Stoneycroft Road development on Community Orchard plans.**

**Transport.** Report submitted.

Grant advised still awaiting feedback on Active Travel, and that this should not necessarily be subject to the school catchment review. Discussions on High Street work, bus operators and timetables ongoing.

The member of the public asked about the 43 bus service and if anything can be done about the one/two daily services being withdrawn without notice due to driver shortages. Grant commented that operators are addressing this via revisions to timetables which include reduced services. Lewis added a recent recruitment drive had produced good results but bus companies are also facing other challenges.

**Youth Development.** Report submitted.

Anne Marie noted QPS Open Day on 2 November for parents to register prospective pupils. Details were available online. She also commented on the Library 'Rivet Boy' book event. This would include activities for children, competitions etc.

**Health & Wellbeing.** Report submitted.

Anne provided an update on this year's Ferry Elves. Started a little earlier regarding clothing, including coats for colder months. 34 referrals so far, via schools and health visitors. Tesco giving £200 gift card to spend on clothes and toys. Scotts at Port Edgar donating part of their Santa Grotto fees. Funding application also lodged with Almond Neighbourhood Network. Big drive coming weekend, issuing bags to families. Neil also commended Anne and the team on 'Warm Welcome' initiative.

**Environment.** Report submitted.

Neil advised lots going on, all in train or being pursued.

**Education.** Report submitted.

David F noted no Parent Council meetings yet at QHS and QPS. Anne Marie commented that QHS had met to appoint a Chair, but this was unresolved.

**Communications.** Report submitted.

Any questions to be sent to Graeme.

**QHT.** Report submitted.

David L reported talks programme restarted in the newly refurbished Masonic Hall. One so far, good turnout 40 attendees. Next on 9 November

	<p>on pathways to net zero and community involvement. Keith asked about QHT membership. David reported doing alright, trialling payment online. Some were reticent about meeting up but others in favour and welcomed being able to get together again.</p> <p><b>QBC</b> Muir advised AGM on Friday 28 October. He said while not appropriate for QBC to install the warning signs, they may be able to fund the wording for these. Regarding the Harbour repairs he had checked the current CEC 'list', there are 90 items mostly Granton/Leith but Queensferry not included. Keith asked if he could provide a contact number for the Coastguard, to pass onto Cramond.</p>
<p><b>11. CEC/EACC/QDCC Business</b></p>	<p><b>Edinburgh Partnership</b> Laura raised a question on partnership groups and community planning. Keith asked Laura to contact him separately on this.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> Partnerships were rescinded in 2017 and replaced with Neighbourhood Networks. The link below explains Edinburgh Neighbourhood Networks. <a href="https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/neighbourhood-networks">https://www.edinburghpartnership.scot/community-planning-family/neighbourhood-networks</a>.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Laura to contact Keith to obtain further information should she wish.</b></p> <p>She also mentioned demographics and impact on number of QDCC Cllrs, something to keep aware of for 2024 QDCC election. Terry had written to CEC pre last election on number of elected members QDCC was entitled to. Had thought with increasing population in Queensferry the representation would increase but response was no change. To be followed up after Census numbers are published.</p> <p><b>EACC AGM 25 November</b> Keith explained nominations would be sought for the 4 executive positions – Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary. Plus Board of Representatives – 12 positions drawn from the 43 CCs. Currently QDCC has 2 members, designed to help better represent rural communities within CEC. These are himself as Vice-Chair and Graeme as Board member, both intend to re-stand. Keith noted that only one can vote and that he does this for QDCC. Laura queried whether EACC has a budget. Keith advised not, but had received a grant though stopped when Edinburgh Partnership formed. EP now providing resource. Keith and Laura to discuss accountability, funding and governance separately. Keith added need for strong representation on issues arising, as previously discussed. Terry added EACC not previously interested in rural matters but improved with Keith as exec member.</p>

	<p>QDCC voted unanimously in favour of Keith and Graeme re-standing as Vice-Chair and Board member respectively. Terry to forward nominations to EACC.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Terry to forward QDCC nominations to EACC.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith and Laura to discuss EACC accountability, governance and funding.</b></p>
<p><b>12. AOB</b></p>	<p><b>Community Development Trust (CDT)</b>  Neil queried the latest position on the CDT proposal. Keith reported initial publicity seeking members to take forward, but without success. Had been 3 well-qualified individuals interested but unable to commit to taking forward. He proposed QDCC representatives meet to discuss further. Laura suggested a small steering group and was happy to be involved as need is there given stretched budgets. Keith proposed picking up again early 2023.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Terry to initiate work on taking forward CDT proposal in early 2023.</b></p> <p><b>New Tourism Signage</b>  Anne commented on new signs in place from Hawes along to the Council offices, looking good. Keith had also received positive feedback from a member of the public, as well as on the new Traffic Lights at the Loan.</p> <p><b>Scotmid Notice Board</b>  Anne Marie queried ownership of this Notice Board. Keith confirmed belongs to QDCC, gifted by FCBC. Keys with Keith and Graeme (TBC).</p> <p><b>Dropped Kerbs</b>  The member of the public asked who to approach regarding dropping kerbs for wheelchair users etc at Castle Rock sheltered housing on Shore Road. Lewis offered to take this forward.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Cllr Younie to look into dropped kerb request at Castle Rock sheltered housing on Shore Road.</b></p> <p><b>Remembrance Sunday</b>  Terry asked if wreath to be organised for Remembrance Sunday. Keith confirmed yes arrangements as per previous years.</p> <p><b>Christmas in Queensferry (ChinQ)</b>  Terry reported finding it difficult to engage with CEC in his ChinQ Secretary role. Lewis would pursue.</p> <p><b>ACION: Terry to send outstanding ChinQ matters to Cllr Younie to pursue with CEC.</b></p> <p><b>Forth Bridge Experience</b>  Keith reported tenders received and being reviewed by Project Team. Meeting on 23 November will hopefully include update on progress with this.</p>

	<p><b>Defibrillator</b></p> <p>Muir offered to pick up the placement of the Masonic Lodge defibrillator and get it installed on an external wall.</p>
<p><b>13. Questions from the floor</b></p>	<p>No questions raised.</p>
<p><b>14. Date and time of next meeting</b></p>	<p>Monday 28 November 2022 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.</p> <p>Proposal for 2023 to have 3 in person meetings – Spring, Summer, Autumn. Remaining 8 meetings online via Teams.</p>