

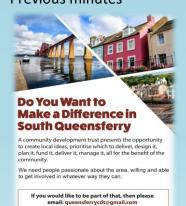
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Chair's Report ▲ Keith Giblett

Chairs report for Business meeting being held by Teams on 23rd January 23

Representing QDCC I attended the meetings noted below.

- Chaired the Almond Neighbourhood Network Meeting 30th Nov 22 held on Teams.
 Minutes attached
- Attended the Forth Bridges Forum on evening of 6th Dec 22 being held in the CEC.
 A record can be found on the Forth Bridges Forum website
- Attended the High School consultation being held on 14th Dec 22 in the Rosebery Hall.
- Attended a meeting with Community Policing and Enforcement Officers on the High St to discuss the indiscriminate parking on pavements at Bellstane.
- Attended two out of four EACC meetings held on 8th Dec '22 and 5th Jan '23. Please request notes from the Chair or Secretary.
- Along with the Treasurer and Secretary I attended a Teams meeting on 16th Jan '23 with Robbie Crockatt and Crawford McGee to discuss the holding of a workshop in Queensferry with Council officers to consult the delivery of council services and the assets needed to deliver services.

I continue to correspond with council officers and governance stakeholders supporting Convenors of the QDCC sub committees.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 22nd Jan '23

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Secretary's Report ▲ Terry Airlie

<u>CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JANUARY REPORT</u>

1. The QDCC mailbox has picked up again of late after a quiet end to 2022. As always my thanks go out to fellow Community Councillors who responded to various queries that I circulated requesting assistance to formulating responses

As before there are a number of recurring items, mostly planning related including the ongoing debate on the High Street refurbishment project – and the impact on both Station Road and High Street residents.

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

The impact of recent rain deluges has led to quite a number of complaints relating to localised flooding issues. I have reported a number of blocked drains and gulleys on Scotstoun Avenue to CEC – the third time in 2 months! The issue here is not just a combination of leaves and vegetation, but rubble coming from the road surface as it breaks up and cracks and potholes develop. The uneven surface finish certainly doesn't help.

Following on from the November Business meeting, Diane, Keith & I met with Robbie Crockatt and Crawford McGhie from CEC to discuss and plan a workshop with associated stakeholders to look at the management of local assets and provision of services on behalf of CEC and other bodies across Queensferry. Further details will be provided as we move forward.

Related in part to this we also met with Alan Stewart, a planning consultant to discuss and explore the process of developing a Queensferry Place Plan. This follows on from discussions on Local Place Plans held last spring/summer with CEC planning officials.

These initial discussions are still ongoing.

Residents continue to engage with QDCC – mostly 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 and responded to online queries from local residents on topics such as a proposed planning application, damaged bus stops, blocked drains and gulleys, overgrown pathways, local access issues, the current museum situation, office space letting availability and the future of the cemetery. Once again a couple of queries on Council Tax were also received.

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.
- 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 – 21st January 2023

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Treasurer's Report A Diane Job

December 2022 - January 2023

Money in this month:

Rotary Club South Queensferry - Donation for Ferry Elves - £300

Cala - Donation for Ferry Elves - £800

CEC ANN Grant - Ferry Elves - £2046

Money out this month:

Anne Mitchell - Ferry Elves - £300

Anne Mitchell - Ferry Elves - £800

Total CC Funds - £3319.75

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - December interest - £11.58 - £18380.96 95 Day Notice Account - Nov & Dec interest - £163.75 - £61363.52

Nationwide Building Society - - £86251.76

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - Oct - Dec interest - £179.32 - £86240.57

Charity Bank - £61221.83

Community Facility Funding Total = £398458.64

Diane Job QDCC, Treasurer

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Communications A 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.

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Education A David Flint

Happy New Year.

There have been no Parents Council meetings in QPS or QHS since our last business meeting. QPS plan to hold an AGM soon. QHS PC are holding a live meeting on Tuesday 24th Jan, which I will attend.

David Flint.

Additional updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Echline Primary School

The new Headteacher, Mr Moir, has taken up his post and is off to a great start. He attended the school's first PTA meeting of the year and introduced himself to some of the parents sharing some of his hopes and dreams for the school moving forward.

Parent information

Lifelong Learning Parent and Carer Support are delighted to launch their new Support for Families information pages on the Council website at:

www.edinburgh.gov.uk/supportforfamilies



Queensferry 2's PEEP Class

This group is open to all parents with a child aged between 2 & 3 years old.

Tuesdays 1.30-2.30pm

@ Queensferry Primary ELC, Burgess Road

We share tips, ideas and info about your child's development. Parents/carers, children & Peep-trained practitioners have fun singing, reading stories, playing, talking and getting to know other families.

These sessions are completely free!

For more info please contact the nursery on 0131 331 3594 or email dominic.donofrio@queensferry-pri.edin.sch.uk

There are lots of things on offer at Queensferry primary Early learning and childcare:

Baby and toddler group every Friday morning from 10.30am to 11.30am. It's open to all in the community.

Ferry Dads, a relaxed time for male carers to play with their child in the nursery Fridays 1 till 2pm. Those interested can contact the nursery for more information.



Youth Engagement

The youth clubs last term were extremely successful and well attended, a breakdown of numbers of sessions used and available shows just how popular they were.

The S1 youth café had 420 available spaces for the 14 weeks it ran, there were 406 spaces taken.

Open all hours had 450 available spaces for the 9 weeks it ran, there were 396 spaces taken.

The youth clubs are back up and running for this term. The p7 transition club will be starting up in the near future this will be on offer to young people who need a little bit more support for their move to the High School. Last year it was a fantastic opportunity for those who attended to have a much better transition experience.

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Environment A Neil McKinlay

QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for January 2023

Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road

I am following up with Graeme McGartland Head of CEC Estates Department following our virtual meeting back in November 2022 when we discussed the issues surrounding this parcel of derelict land. As before our priority is to secure the entrance to the site before consideration options for bringing it back into community use so we are seeking an update on these issues.

Dangerous Wooden Steps near Dalmeny Oil Tank Depot

I am pleased to report that the steps have finally been repaired .The repairs are of an interim nature but the steps are once again usable. I follow through with CEC to ensure permanent improvements are made.

Community Sculptures in need of repair

Steps are now in train to have both the seals and the Guardian of the Bridges sculptures repaired in the spring of 2023.

GreenFerry Planting

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. Cala Homes have generously agreed to fund the remaining costs of the project via their Community Pledge scheme and hopefully planting of the fruit trees can be accomplished before spring 2023.

The team have been helping the Friends of Queensferry Cemetery team with leaf clearing sessions up at the cemetery. We also organised groups of pupils from Queensferry Primary School to undertake spring bulb enrichment planting sessions in various area within the cemetery.

Community Feedback

Following a recent communication sent to Terry Airlie I undertook a "walk about" with a resident on the afternoon of the 20th January 2023 along various cycle and walking paths

across the town and identified a number of flooding and tree/vegetation encroachment issues which I will take up with CEC.

Rotary Club of South Queensferry

The Santa Sleigh programme was a great success with circa £ 3,348 being raised which will be used to support local community good causes. The club have now returned to the Hawes Inn for their regular weekly meetings. The Rotary environmental team and our Park Ranger friends planted 150 tree saplings in the Ferry Glen area known locally as "Jocks Hole" to stabilise an embankment area.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor 21/1/2023

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Health & Wellbeing Anne Mitchell

Health and wellbeing report January 2023

Focus for the health and wellbeing group since the last QDCC meeting has been on Ferry Elves. By starting with the coats and shoes in October we were able to have the gifts and food out by mid-December.

This year we supported 95 children from 45 local families. Through this we provided 69 coats; mostly new and some donated as well as 49 pairs of brand-new shoes. 80 young people were helped with as new and new gifts with an approximate value of 25 pounds. This year we were donated a lot of brand-new toys/ games therefore did not need to spend as much. Money left over from donations will be used to support these same families through the year as requested by schools and health visiting staff or St Vincent de Paul.

As ever the local community supported us well through just giving including a donation of 500 pounds that we were asked to use to support families through the current fuel crisis. We are working with St Vincent de Paul to ensure this goes to families truly in need.

We received financial donations through Just giving, Almond Neighbourhood network, Cala homes, the local Rotary, and Tescos. As well as financial donations, Scotts restaurant, Cala and Echline primary school staff undertook to provide gifts to the value of 25 pounds for several anonymised children not linked to any of the groups.

Echline primary school managed to collect an amazing amount of food which was shared amongst the families and supplemented by food collected in the High school and Scotts restaurant. Coco chocolatier added some treats to make it more festive.

Rosebery Hall staff have been invaluable – providing us with storage and acting as a drop off point for donations. We have a few keen knitters around and managed to give every child a brand-new hat. We had a great team of elves including someone doing their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award and car drivers helping collect donations and deliver items.

On Christmas day Scotts gave us main course meals for 10 families. (Names pulled out of hat). This was topped by offering an evening restaurant experience of a 3-course meal to 54 local people who would not normally get an evening out either because they live alone or have difficulty with transport. We worked with local groups and churches to identify the people who would most enjoy this and had a lovely evening. A massive thanks to Scotts for offering this opportunity.

With new year the meetings are starting up again! Voluntary sector forum had an interesting speaker sharing information about Venture Scotland who support people aged 16-30 who struggle with mental health issues or have self-esteem in small groups of 12 using physical activity to progress. They will pay bus fares. As some of this is residential it is probably not suitable for those in work or with young children.

As part of winter warmth work we held a drop in session early in December in the Priory church with the Foodbank initiative, Edinburgh cat and dog home, Y rights and Changeworks. Although we had advertised directly with ferry elves contacts and linked directly with the foodbank there was little interest, perhaps due to the very icy weather. Winter warmth centre continue to provide warm places to go but it is more the activities involved that draw people than the heat provision.

Anne Mitchell

QDCC Health & Wellbeing

Planning & Housing A Diane Job

Planning Report

December 2022 - January 2023

Applications

During the eight week period sixteen applications were received

22/05706/ADV - Flag and sign boards - Land 288 metres southwest of 10 Builyeon Road

22/05707/LBC - Minor changes to previously consented layout - 35 High Street

22/05901/FUL - Erect new boundary wall/fence - 7 Scotstoun Green

22/05925/HSC - Application for hazardous substance consent for a new whisky maturation warehousing site - Elizabeth House 31 Royal Elizabeth Yard

22/06001/FUL - The application is for a hybrid of Class 1 and Sui Generis Class 3 as an Artisan Cafe and visitor experience for onsite dining and retail areas for purchasing foods, merchandise and off sales - 23 High Street

22/06219/FUL - Enlargement of existing rear dormer and new roof lights - 42 Lawson Crescent

22/06249/FUL - Change of use from office to residential - 16 The Vennel

22/06309/FUL - Erection of a conservatory to rear and formation of new window to front of dwellinghouse - 6 Springfield Road

22/06364/FUL - Proposed alterations and extension to country house - The White House Gillerhill Winchburgh Broxburn (It does come under QDCC)

22/06449/FUL - Proposed enlargement of extension includes formation of new opening - Flat 1 15East Terrace

22/06450/LBC - Proposed enlargement of extension. Includes formation of new opening to provide access into two-level space with sleeping and storage mezzanine level with bathroom and changing area below - Flat 1 15 EastTerrace

22/06455/FUL - Demolish garage and utility room: form new porch and erect new two and single storey extensions to side and rear - 18 Loch Place

22/06457/FUL - Rear extension - 28 Clufflat Brae

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

22/05272/CLP - Proposed rear extension to existing dwelling house - 13 Rosebery Avenue

Prior Notification - Telecommunications

22/05720/PNT - Proposed telecommunications installation comprising monopole with wrapround cabinet and associated ancillary works - Proposed Telecoms Apparatus 25 Metres west of 10 Scotstoun Green - the applicant is CK Hutchison Networks (UK) Ltd

Trees in a Conservation Area

22/06380/TCO - Lawson Cypress approx 10m tall at front on right hand side of applicant's house. Application for removal - roots have lifted paving slabs, restrict access and could damage gas pipes - 2 Ashburnham Loan

Decisions

The planning authority made nineteen decisions during the eight week period 22/05086/FUL - Remove tree and erect new boundary wall/fence - 7 Scotstoun Green - WITHDRAWN

22/04987/LBC - Temporary installation of electrification equipment- Forth Rail Bridge Hawes Brae - GRANTED

22/03464/FUL - The proposal to erect a 25 place low level boarding cattery at the rear of the plot with office and storage space - Land 29 Metres East of The Old Dairy House Dundas Home Farm - REFUSED

21/05089/FUL - Development of existing farm steading building with extension to form worship hall, associated access, car parking and landscaping - Farmhouse A North Milton Milton Farm Road Dalmeny - GRANTED

22/05801/TCO - Poplar - Remove Tree - 17 East Terrace - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

22/05476/FUL - Extension to rear - 1 Stoneyflatts - GRANTED

22/05272/CLP - Proposed rear extension to existing dwellinghouse - 13 Rosebery Avenue - GRANTED

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

22/05535/FUL - Erection of two storey extension to side of existing property - 15 Long Crook - GRANTED

22/05509/FUL - Proposed velux windows - 12 Wester Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny - GRANTED

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

22/05501/FUL - Proposed extension - 37 Ashburnham Loan - GRANTED

22/05473/CLP - Change entrance door and window locations - 15 Echline View - GRANTED 22/06380/TCO - Lawson Cypress approx 10m tall at front on right hand side of applicant's house. Application for removal - roots have lifted paving slabs, restrict access and could damage gas pipes - 2 Ashburnham Loan - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 22/05707/LBC - Minor changes to previously consented layout - 35 High Street - GRANTED

22/05/07/LBC - Willion Changes to previously consented layout - 33 High Street - GRA 22/05033/FUL - Porch extension - 24 Station View - GRANTED

22/05720/PNT - Proposed telecommunications installation comprising monopole with wraparound cabinet and associated ancillary works - Proposed Telecoms Apparatus 25 metres West of 10 Scotstoun Green - APPROVED

22/05590/FUL - Replace existing windows and doorset and window, add external paving and low height fence - 25B Burgess Road (QCCC) - GRANTED

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 - 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

Currently progressing onsite with the New Mains Utilities"Water/Gas/Electric" which are required on-site

Lovell Homes are now underway on their recently purchased land parcel on the south western corner Phase 1 is being commenced by Advance construction their appointed contractor and they are acting currently as Principle Contractor until Lovell place their own management team onsite

Still awaiting SPEN to mobilise to undertake the overhead cable diversion but are getting closer to this commencement which hopefully will get underway end of February.

CALA are currently planning their house build mobilisation date to commence their house build and will be better placed over the next few weeks to confirm when this is due to get underway

Scottish Water mains diversion works have been undertaken and await them confirming when disconnection and reconnection can be completed and thus achieving another key milestone date to allow other site wide works to kick on

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

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

First phase of affordable apartments roof being erected w/c 30th January.

Looking to start internal works the first week in March

First phase affordable terrace unit kit erect booked in w/c 28th February

Private low rise units progressing as per programme

Starting the foundations to split level apartments at the bottom end of the site looking over the Forth w/c 23rd January

Toucan crossing works to Bo'ness road will commence once road permit is in place Show homes looking to open April/May

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun).

The land up towards the railway line that TW have started to fence off, TW will try to leave space for as long as possible to accommodate dog walkers etc. Eventually it will all have to be fenced off, but not for now.

Forthview Development (Corus site)

Works on site and sales still progressing. Ambassador are currently handing over the first 6 affordable houses to Link for the end of this month for their tenants to start moving in.

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.

22/05925/HSC | Application for hazardous substance consent for a new whisky maturation warehousing site | Elizabeth House 31 Royal Elizabeth Yard

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

Still awaiting a decision

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.

I had a telephone meeting with a representative from the Street Naming Team to discuss the names that I had submitted to them on behalf of QDCC for consideration to be taken forward as possible street names for the Builyeon Road housing development.

Diane Job QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport ▲ Grant Sangster

Transport Report for January 2023

- Speed Limit Consultations The consultation for extending 20 mph speed limits in built-up areas and reducing limits on rural roads continues until early February. There's a map of affected routes on CEC's <u>website</u>. Historically Queensferry's rural routes have seen some serious accidents and can be worrying for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians, which the proposals seek to address.
- 2. Winter Weather Quite a few potholes appeared in Queensferry's roads following the heavy rain and frost and these are gradually being patched. Station Road remains one of the more conspicuous streets requiring attention but it is due for complete resurfacing, which hopefully can start soon. This is slightly complicated by the High Street restrictions and ideas for mitigation to be included in its layout. Grit bins maintained by CEC should all be full again, following a mid-January refill and those in Dalmeny Park also seem full.
- 3. Active Travel Consultation and Drop-In Session Following November's QDCC meeting, the consultation summary and set of proposals for active travel were published here. Many suggestions reflect comments people in Queensferry have made for some time and will be welcomed by non-motorists. However some key links remain unaltered such as the steps at Scotmid and narrow pavement on Hopetoun Road. Proposals for Builyeon Road, Ferrymuir and Scotstoun Avenue are comprehensive plus off-road 'spine' paths through Echline and the Varneys. It's worth reviewing the drawings at leisure as the plans are quite detailed.
- 4. High Street Resurfacing A further steering group session is scheduled for the middle of next month. We hope to see updated plans in line with the discussions at previous sessions. Additionally traffic regulation and redetermination orders should be coming forward to support permanent changes in roadspace use. These can be contentious and objections from anyone affected may need to be heard by a Reporter.
- 5. Public Transport Industrial action continued to affect train services from Dalmeny, with the prospect of more strikes to come in February. A meeting was held with Jacobs and CEC to review work so far on a business case to support a Bus Partnership Fund award for Edinburgh. This comprises £0.5bn available from Transport Scotland available to all local authorities. Some measures were previously rolled out via the Bus Priority Rapid Deployment Fund during the Spaces for People campaign, such as the southbound A90 bus lane approaching Barnton. The aims are to reduce peak time bus journey times by 25% and variability by 50% by 2029, with the intention of making this mode more attractive and competitive to using private cars. An Almond Neighbourhood Network meeting was held with McGill's, primarily regarding cuts to

the 63 bus service. Their representative acknowledged that the service level fell short of typical passenger expectation. They stated the driver recruitment situation had stabilised but wasn't showing clear signs of improvement yet. Around 50-60 vehicles are being cascaded from other areas, going towards replacement of Livingston's aging stock. McGill's took an action to review wayside publicity for the 63 service as their offering pre-dates last year's timetable cuts to 90 minute frequency and can be confusing for passengers. An enquiry was received seeking to improve the bus shelters at Tesco, which is a familiar subject but we'll ask CEC for up-to-date clarification. In positive news, a new shelter should be installed later this month at the Dakota hotel. Meanwhile the Hopetoun Road location (where the stop was moved to the other side of the police station) is under review with the public transport team, as it may be more complicated than simply replanting the same shelter lifted from the old location.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Cllr Lang, cllr Young & cllr Younie

January 2023 report

Edinburgh Council Budget 2022/23

Edinburgh Council will be required to set its new budget in February. At the time of writing this report, the settlement from the Scottish Government means over £60 million of cuts will be required in this year alone. This comes on top of over £100 million of cuts over recent years.

It is inevitably getting increasingly difficult to deliver savings on this scale without eating into core council services. In previous years, we have seen the administration running the Council choosing to cut community policing in Queensferry and reduce local school budgets as a way of delivering the cuts.

As a team, we are looking carefully at how it can be possible to protect vital services whilst delivering savings on the scale required given Edinburgh Council has no choice but to deliver a balanced budget. This will not be easy.

Queensferry High School options

The consultation on whether or not to extend Queensferry High closed on Monday 16 January.

Officers consulted on two options;

- extend the existing Queensferry High School to accommodate up to 1,800 pupils. This had previously been described as not being feasible but new work has found the site could be increased with additional building on site; or
- build a new secondary school in Kirkliston or West Edinburgh for pupils from Kirkliston.

Around 850 responses were received in total and we know that officers are working their way through all the detailed feedback. A report on the results should be published in the next few months.

New local development plan signed off for examination

Edinburgh Council has now signed off a new local development plan to protect the remaining greenbelt land around Queensferry and Dalmeny from further development. It has been submitted to the Scottish Government for examination.

There was huge local concern at the potential loss of even more open land after previous decisions to concrete over a number of former greenbelt sites. We believe it is vitally important that the Scottish Government now respects local wishes and agrees this new plan so we can protect our greenbelt over the coming years.

Consultation on rural speed limits

There is still time to respond to the consultation on reducing speed limits on certain rural roads. This includes:

- The B800 to Kirkliston becoming 40mph
- Extending the 30mph from Main Street in Dalmeny to the B924

A number of residents have contacted us over the years about reducing the speed of vehicles on rural roads so we are pleased to see this consultation now taking place. The consultation closes in February.

High Street steering group

The next meeting of the steering group has been put back to 16 February. The Transport & Environment Committee is due to consider a report relating to the traffic orders for the High Street at its February meeting. While Kevin is a member of this committee, his ward member role on the steering group means he will likely need to recuse himself from the committee discussion.

Industrial action at schools

Further industrial action at schools in Queensferry and Dalmeny took place in January.

There is a chance that further action will take place over the next few weeks but this is still to be confirmed.

We know that these closures cause a lot of problems for working parents and equally understand that teachers are fighting hard for a fair wage increase.

We are working with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP to push the Scottish Government to provide the funding needed to get a proper pay agreement and end the dispute.

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Cllr Work

Cllr Norman Work's report for January 2023 meeting

Happy New Year

Future Secondary school provision for Queensferry & Kirkliston; The Council launched a consultation on the future of Queensferry High School. I received a lot of correspondence from residents regarding the consultation. The options were to extend the existing Queensferry High School from the current 1200 capacity to 1800 or build a new high school in Kirkliston or West Edinburgh to accommodate Kirkliston pupils. I encouraged residents who contacted me to make sure they submitted their comments on the consultation via the council's website. The consultation is now closed with 850 comments submitted. The council officers are preparing a report expected to come before committee in March

Queensferry Town Centre Project; At the Transport & Environment Committee on Thursday 2nd February a report will be submitted for approval. Recommendations will include to agree to commence statutory process to redetermine areas of the High Street to widen footpaths, narrow the width of the road and create contraflow cycleway.

Station Road Traffic Calming; Dave Sinclair has put forward proposals for more raised platforms and parking restrictions on Station Road. A meeting is being arranged between interested parties to discuss further.

Christmas in Queensferry; I joined helpers to take down some lights on a wet Saturday morning and I attended the debrief meeting on Wednesday 18th January at Rosebery Hall. A date for the AGM will be announced shortly.

Meeting with McGill's; another meeting was arranged by the Almond Neighbourhood Network on Wednesday 11th January with a representative from McGill's buses in attendance. McGill's have been struggling to recruit new drivers which has had an impact on bus services but have upgraded the bus fleet they inherited by bringing buses in from other depots. One action point was to make sure the timetable information at bus stops for the 63 were up to date.

Cllr Norman Work

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Other Documents

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)

Information regarding referral pathways - there are referral forms for all services on our web site which people can complete and email or post. There is also an enquiry box to complete on our web site, whereby one of the team will contact the enquirer. Or, for a day care only, people can contact Social Care Direct on 0131 200 2324 and ask for an assessment for day care.

- * Unfortunately, our Christmas appeal leaflet did not drop through letterboxes in December due to a communication error between QCCC and Royal Mail. We are therefore planning a Spring appeal.
- * This year we will continue to meet with all registered day care providers and our Health and Social Care Partners to work on a service specification for day care / opportunities. This is in preparation for a new day opportunities contract starting at the latest, April 2024.
- * Leaflets regarding the Tri Shaw, who to contact, how to book, etc. will be distributed throughout Queensferry and Kirkliston in the hope that this will generate interest this year.

Gillian

Queensferry Boat Club (QBC)

January 2023

Since the last QDCC meeting the QBC lost one of our members, at only 62 years of age, John McLeod passed away a victim of cancer. Until very recently John and his wife were residents of South Queensferry, his boat "Therapy" is still moored alongside the East wall in our harbour. His passing was a great shock to all our club members, he will never be forgotten.

The QBC winter social programme continues, the annual Christmas lunch was followed this month by a haggis night (This was not a Burns supper, maybe my fellow club members have heard my rendering of "Holy Willies Prayer" too many times"). The monthly Old Salts get togethers continue and we look forward to the forthcoming film night and music evening. The proceeds from the music evening will be donated to the RNLI.

This seasons sailing programme has been formulated. We are all looking forward to getting back out on the water although the thought of a necessary preliminary boat maintenance schedule is probably not so keenly anticipated. Cleaning and anti fouling a boat in April can be a chilly business and not for the faint hearted!

Harbour Maintenance: The granting of the necessary Marine Licence to commence repair work seems to have stalled somewhere in the application process. Meanwhile the condition of our harbour continues to deteriorate. I earnestly request that the QDCC along with our local councilors continue to bring pressure to bear on the City of Edinburgh council officials and on whosoever may be involved in the approval of the above licence application.

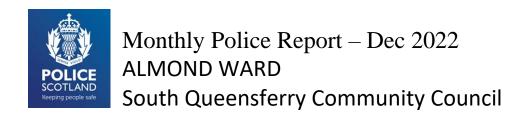
As the maintenance work may involve the temporary movement of some boats a few berths have been left unoccupied to allow for such movement. This will have a detrimental effect on the QBC finances I therefore suggest that communication between the QBC, the relevant contractor and the CEC engineers be established at the earliest opportunity.

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year,

Best regards,

W. Muir Kay,

QBC Representative



Road Safety

Complaints of dangerous/careless and anti-social driving remain a priority. As previously detailed, our Road Traffic Initiative will continue into the New Year, with further dates identified for specific traffic checks to be carried out along with our colleagues in the Road Policing Team. Said checks will be carried out utilizing the UNIPAR device (speed gun) to combat speeding and the Alcometer to identify drivers driving whilst under the influence of alcohol.

Thus far, a number of charges have been brought against drivers across NW Edinburgh, including fixed penalty tickets, anti-social behavior warnings against vehicles and reports detailing careless and dangerous driving.

Boy Racers/Anti-Social Driving – No reported incidents

Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: 5 x reported incidents

- 1 x incident relates to youths playing 'knock knock run' in the area of Lang Rigg
- 1 x incident relates to youths causing a nuisance whilst within Burger King, Ferrymuir
- 1 x incident relates to youths climbing on a shipping container in the area of Newhalls Road
- 2 x incidents relate to youths stealing wheelie bins from Plewlandcroft/Morrison Gardens

Regular patrols of known 'hotspots' continue to be included within the patrol matrix of the Local Community Policing Team to deter reports of anti-social behavior.

Vandalism/Damage: No reported incidents

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

<u>Incidents of note</u> During December, there were two housebreakings within South Queensferry, in the areas of Station Road and Bankhead Grove. Police Scotland would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the community to ensure they make every effort to keep their property and gardens as safe as possible.

Below is a link to the Advice & Information section relating to Home and Garden Security on the Police Scotland website. Please read through the information provided to prevent and deter criminals from targeting your home. If you wish any further information, please contact your local community Officers, PC's Donald Macleod and David Campbell via the email address provided who are happy to discuss any issues via phone or, where operational requirements allow, attend in person at a time that suits you.

Your home - Police Scotland

CONTACT US

Email (for all ward areas): 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).

 $\textbf{Twitter:} \ @ \ Edin Pol NW \ \textbf{Facebook:} \ https://en-gb.facebook.com/Edinburgh Police Division$

Local Community Officer: PC Donald Macleod/PC David Campbell

Agenda

QDCC January Business Meeting

Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.30pm

(Virtual Meeting)

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

Terry Airlie, Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary

15th January 2023

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 28 November 2022 at 7.30pm

MS Teams - Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer), Anne Marie Boyd, David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Muir Kay (QBC), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Lewis Younie, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Miles Wilkinson (CEC Active Travel Officer), Robbie Crockett (CEC Schools Estate Planning Manager).

1. QDCC Chairman's	Keith welcomed everyone to the last meeting in 2022. He congratulated
Welcome & Opening	Christmas in Queensferry organisers for their successful event on Thursday 24
Remarks	Nov.
	Two guest speakers were attending the meeting, Miles Wilkinson and Robbie
	Crockett from CEC, to discuss active travel and school planning respectively.
2. Apologies	David Learmond (QHT), Jenni Meldrum (QBA), and Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting.
	Keith extended QDCC's thanks to the local Community Police team for their
	reports and communications during the year. Questions on the November
	report to be sent to Terry.
4. Active Travel	Keith welcomed Miles to the meeting and asked him to update QDCC on the
	outcome of the active travel community engagement exercise linked to the
	LDP, and next steps. Miles summarised the actions taken over the summer
	including leaflets, social media, press releases, stakeholder meetings and
	drop-in sessions.
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	Areas covered –
	Existing path network. Lightness Read grossings
	Hopetoun Road and Bo'ness Road crossings. Ruilyoon Road now development including better access to Formulis.
	 Builyeon Road new development including better access to Ferrymuir Tesco.
	New development traffic levels.
	20-minute neighbourhoods.
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Feedback was 60-70% supportive, with 12-17% disagreement.

Next steps -

- Application to Sustrans for design and engagement funding, decision expected before Christmas.
- Define scope, agree with LDP Board, revisions to Action Plan for agreement with Cllrs.
- When funding and scope agreed, award contract after Christmas and prepare programme of works.

Report with engagement feedback on realigning Builyeon Road, Echline interchange, new linear park, walking and cycle route, plus quicker 'wins' eg path improvements,

would be available on the consultation hub next week. Miles to let Terry know when live.

Grant queried if there was an interim report, as this had been QDCC's understanding. Miles said not, only the engagement report which had taken longer to produce. Plus wanted to link timing to other exercises across CEC. Keith added QDCC had expected to have initial sight of proposals. Terry asked if the report required further feedback from QDCC or was for information only. Miles confirmed for information, as based on community engagement and feedback, and the LDP. Further opportunity to comment on schools and the new park area would be provided at a future date.

Neil asked how the improvements, realigning Builyeon Road for example, would add to active travel. Miles referenced the detail on this in the Cala planning permission, providing route(s) for walking and cycling to Dalmeny Station and QHS. Traffic calming and improved junctions would address the LDP action point(s) for these routes.

Keith commented on next steps and timing, specifically when would improvements be in place and how they fitted with the 20-minute neighbourhood team. Miles confirmed detailed design work and preparation of traffic orders next year for Echline junction and Ferrymuir Road. Would be a year and half to implement. May also be scope to do some work earlier, eg resurfacing paths, Hopetoun Road.

Robbie noted the LDP and active travel engagement exercise link to future school provision, discussed below. Any changes to schools will affect travel across Queensferry. The current schools consultation therefore included questions on impact of movement across and within the town. The 20-minutes initiative included seeing schools in a wider context, as community assets providing range of services as well as education, he and Miles working with the 20-minutes team on this.

5. School Planning

Robbie outlined the current consultation on addressing secondary school capacity.

Options were -

- New school at Kirkliston
- Kirkliston to attend elsewhere, eg Winchburgh.
- Extending QHS.

Process involves -

- Four public meetings planned, starting Wed 30 Nov,
- Consultation closes 16 Jan, healthy response so far.
- Stakeholder group to assess points arising, and recommendations.
- Report due Feb 23.
- Share ahead of Committee meeting, March 23.
- Then more involved engagement with Queensferry if decision is extend QHS.

Will be direct links to active travel, and may prioritise LDP work if there are issues around timing, funding etc.

CEC looking at primary school provision separately from the High School, with consultation starting Jan/Feb 23, ie after the QHS exercise closes. Report to Committee in May and then bring together outcomes across both exercises. Will address catchments, focussing on Builyeon Road new school, but also existing primaries to ease the pressure on them. Catchment changes will also overlap with Active Travel needs.

Diane asked if certain that Builyeon Road primary will be built. Cllr Younie referred to recent Committee meetings where updated capital spend strategy implied Builyeon Road could be removed from plans as 30% increase in building costs affecting ability to deliver projects. Robbie acknowledged this but said as long as the housing planned is built will go ahead as this provides basis for school full business case.

Terry had written to Crawford McGhie about the wording 'removal' in the Committee strategy paper. There was concern that, as had happened with QHS, delays in proceeding with Builyeon Road primary would result in significant capacity issues in 5/6 years' time. Robbie noted Builyeon Road is also needed for South Scotstoun development, as well as Ferrymuir Gait and Springfield housing. The site is there with s75 funding, and is to be delivered as part of Builyeon Road housing 1st phase. Business case already done, but F&R Committee has asked for this to be revisited when contractor appointed.

In the meantime existing capacity needs being met at Echline PS via temporary classrooms. Plan is to provide 2 additional classrooms, and a larger dining hall to accommodate SG expansion of free school meals. At QPS looking at 21 classes, ie 3 per year, to absorb the pressure from South Scotstoun, though catchments changes may impact on that. Working with QPS management and after school clubs to address short and long-term needs. The consultation is addressing this via catchments review.

Keith noted school buildings are more than classrooms, ie halls and other facilities, but priority is education. Funding was a concern. Robbie referred to earlier comments on making better use of existing facilities and spaces, where not used all the time. CEC looking at range of community buildings, not just schools, and assessing where they are, effectiveness and efficiency, and potential for wider use. Regarding the current exercise the Stakeholder Group would look at the feedback. Keith asked for QDCC to be included in discussions on this and other next steps. Robbie proposed setting up a workshop after the consultation closed on 16 Jan, looking at strategic thinking across Queensferry. This would include all areas – travel, 20-minute neighbourhood, planning, library, museum etc. Keith thanked Miles and Robbie for their time discussing the above issues with QDCC. ACTION: Robbie Crockett to set up stakeholder workshop, including QDCC, to discuss strategic and other CEC planning/service related areas across Queensferry. Date to be after 16 January 23. 6. Almond Ward Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting and **Councillors' Reports** presented by Cllr Lewis Younie. Following on from the schools discussion Lewis encouraged all to write in with views on options for QHS etc. He also noted that he'd been privileged to attend Queensferry's Remembrance Day ceremony on 13 Nov. Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. Norman added that Muir had confirmed the Harbour light is now working. Grant queried Loony Dook cancelled from this year's Edinburgh's Hogmanay programme and whether CEC could put it on separately. 7. Forth Bridges Karen referred to report circulated before the meeting. This included new WHMC signs now in place, Forth Bridges website overhaul, new walking Trail, online Film. Trail being launched next day, with Tourism Minister and local businesses. To be covered by STV. Next Forth Bridges Forum meeting on Tues 6 Dec, QDCC invited. **8. QHS** Michelle thanked QDCC for helping set up visit to Cala construction site. This had been very useful for the young people involved. Keith suggested feedback from the visit might be helpful to pass onto other businesses. Michelle would ask Kevin to look into this. Other community and school related activity included -ChinQ, help from seniors. • QHS Christmas Fair on Sat 3 Dec. • First P7 engagement on Tues 29 Nov. Ferry Elves, QHS contributing.

Website update launching soon. Staffing, 2 pupil support officer posts advertised. Keith thanked Michelle for her update. 9. Minutes from Last Minutes proposed by Anne and seconded by Diane. Meeting (Oct 2022) 10. Matters Arising **JANUARY 2021 Dalmeny Park:** To confirm roads/pavements formally adopted. **ONGOING** – Cllr Work reported CEC to adopt within next couple of months (ie end Jan 23) **MAY 2021** Queensferry Business Register: Discuss number and scale of business activity within Queensferry, and potential benefits of seeking formal engagement. **DEFER** – due to other priorities. **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. Action continues via EACC. Keith leading on this and written to Paul Lawrence. **CLOSE** – discussed with CEC officials at meeting on 31 October. Actions recorded and Terry to follow up early 2023. **APRIL 2022 School Provision, West Edinburgh:** Concern with CEC progress to resolve primary and secondary school provision in Queensferry, and Kirkliston. CLOSE – Robbie Crockett attended Nov 22 meeting to update QDCC on CEC plans and actions. Stakeholder workshop being organised early 2023. **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** – meeting held 10 Nov, museum subject to further consultation. **AUGUST 2022 63 Bus Service:** Action now with Almond Neighbourhood Network (ANN). Also impacts Ratho, Kirkliston, Turnhouse, Maybury. **ONGOING, via ANN** – service taken over by McGills, attending ANN meeting 30 Nov. Keith will report back. 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. **CLOSE** – lines to be added this week, delayed due to weather.

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

CLOSE – funding obtained, order being paced for repairs.

SEPTEMBER 2022

St Margaret's PS: Education Sub Committee to consider proposal to include St Margaret's PS in catchment for new Sinclair Academy, Winchburgh.

CLOSED – see agenda item 14. Agreed no further action re QDCC.

EE Mast: Laura to draft complaint to EE on loss of service, and invite them to make a compensatory payment to Queensferry community. Letter sent by Keith, response awaited.

Laura noted Facebook comments on EE loss of service being gathered by Christine Jardine MP, and suggested QDCC pass on their complaint letter to her.

ADDITIONAL ACTION: Keith to forward QDCC complaint letter re EE, to Christine Jardine MP.

OCTOBER 2022

Shell Garage: Cllr Work to check content of licence variation submitted by Shell garage and advise Diane.

CLOSED - Done.

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

ONGOING - in hand to do.

Partnership Groups: Laura to contact Keith to obtain further information should she wish.

CLOSE - ANN meeting Wed 30 Nov, Laura invited to attend.

EACC AGM: Terry to forward QDCC nominations to EACC. **CLOSED** – Done.

EACC: Keith and Laura to discuss EACC accountability, governance and funding.

ONGOING – in hand to do.

CDT: Terry to initiate work on taking forward CDT proposal in early 2023. **ONGOING** - not yet due.

Dropped Kerb, Shore Road: Cllr Younie to look into dropped kerb request at Castle Rock sheltered housing on Shore Road.

CLOSED - Done.

	ChinQ: Terry to send outstanding ChinQ matters to Cllr Younie to pursue with
	CEC.
	CLOSED – actioned via Paul Lawrence.
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11. Chair's Report	Report from Keith circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Keith
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12. Treasurer's	Report circulated before the meeting.
Report	Any questions to be forwarded to Diane.
13. Secretary's	Report circulated before the meeting.
Report	Any questions to be forwarded to Terry.
14. Sub-Committees	Planning Papart submitted
& Local Interest	Planning. Report submitted. Diane noted Taylor Wimpey update awaited.
Groups	Keith advised Forth Bridge Experience feedback would be provided at the next
Стоирз	QDCC meeting. Diane to notify FBE of next QDCC date.
	Transport. Report submitted.
	Grant advised Martin Duncan had confirmed CEC were willing to make repairs
	to the steps near the tank farm. Neil added this was a short-term repair, due
	to the dangerous state, steps would then be rebuilt later via Paths for All and
	in consultation with the caravan storage owner.
	Environment. Report submitted.
	Neil noted funding for guardian sculpture repairs, and for the seal.
	Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted.
	Nothing further to add.
	Education. Report submitted.
	David F advised no response from St Margaret's PS re proposal to include in
	the new Winchburgh secondary school catchment. Follow-up discussed and
	agreed no further action to be taken.
	Anne Marie and David F to liaise on Parent Council meeting(s).
	Youth Development. Report submitted.
	Nothing further to add.
	Communications. Report submitted.
	No questions raised.
	QCCC. Report submitted.
	Nothing to add.
	QBC. Report submitted.

	Muir advised no response, yet, on request to CEC for replacement lifebuoy.
15. CEC/EACC/QDCC	No additional matters raised.
Business	
16. AOB	Neil reported a trailer tent dumped near the Honeypot and asked who would
	be responsible for removing it.
	ACTION: Keith to contact Murray Black, CEC, about removing dumped trailer
	tent near the Honeypot.
17. Questions from	None raised.
the floor	
18. Date and time of	Monday 23 January 2023 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.
next meeting	
	Keith thanked all present for attending the meeting and wished everyone a
	Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.