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Chair's Report

Keith Giblett

Liner Visits

I attended a meeting called by QDCC to discuss liner visits TRO arrangements for a revised call down arrangement for the coaches to free up use of the Hawes Promenade for visitors parking from 10.30 a.m.

QDCC reluctantly agreed to three liners visiting on Ferry Fair week on the understanding that this will be the last year we accommodate such arrangement. The agents had booked these liners in to visit Queensferry and we felt it wasn't a good image for Edinburgh and Queensferry to be seen by the liner industry to be cancelling liner visits.

QDCC Exec meeting Burial Grounds

Following from the QDCC January business meeting when concern was expressed about future proofing of burial grounds I facilitated a meeting to discuss what steps QDCC could take. In the first instance I was asked to write formally to our ward councillors raising a number of questions. I have received replies from all of our ward councillors but none of the questions have been answered. The replies I received focused on the challenges of providing a new cemetery in the current climate of cuts to the council's budget and that land would need to be purchased for a new cemetery. Councillor Younie is speaking with council officials. Councillor Work suggested QDCC raise the matter at the Asset Workshop. Ward councillors did not indicate whether they would be raising the question of cemetery provision for Queensferry with CEC on behalf of the community.

Sea cadets Lease

I was contacted by the Sea Cadets and asked to assist them resolving outstanding matters with the lease they hold with CEC for the hall and adjacent land. I'm pleased to report that after contacting Paul Lawrence Exec Director of Place, papers have been received from CEC that are being reviewed by the Sea Cadets and it is looking promising that this will conclude this business after a nine months' delay.

High St Steering Group Meeting

The main news is that after two years of procrastination Sustrans will not be funding any of the High St improvements. We were informed that they would only fund or part fund the work if parking was removed from the High Street.

I contest that if this is the criteria then we could/should have been informed of this at an earlier juncture. We were advised previously that Sustrans were positive about the proposed layouts and plans.

Another meeting was held primarily to listen to the views of Spokes about some minor changes to the street scape that they were proposing, to make cycling safer.

EACC Meetings

I attended the EACC Business meeting and board meeting held in month of February notes and agenda attached.

Asset Workshop

Terry and I have spent considerable time working with council officers on the plans for the asset workshop held in QHS on Wednesday 22nd Feb 23. The event was well attended by council officials as well as the community. The City of Edinburgh Council should be well informed about the Council's assets, how they are used and what is required to deliver council services that will meet the future demands of the town. My thanks to Terry and Robbie Crockatt and his team for the hard work put in delivering this event. A report will follow.

Hawes Promenade – Boy Racers

The Hawes residents have over the last month seen an escalation in the anti-social behaviours from boy/girl racers fraternity, report below; -

“The 7th Feb. was about the worst I can remember with several cars taking part in regular racing around the car park “circuit” accompanied by excessive revving of engines, tooting of horns and loud music! The police were contacted by phone and reported what was happening (incident no 2588

Then on Friday (10th) I also reported excessive noise and racing between 11.20 and midnight to the Police (incident no 4383

Whilst these were the worst incidents, a fair amount of dangerous driving, excessive revving of engines and tooting of horns occurred on other days over the week, often late at night and sometimes waking up some residents”.

Police Scotland Community Officer followed up on these crime reports and met with the residents.

Keith Giblett

26th Feb '23

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Secretary's Report

Terry Airlie

1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained fairly steady since the last business meeting. Several telephone calls and website queries have also been dealt with.

Once again my thanks go out to fellow Community Councillors who continue to respond to the varied questions that I circulate requesting assistance in formulating replies.

There continues to be a number of ongoing items of interest with local residents - 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 continue to feature in correspondence.

One further notable piece of business needs to be reported.

I was contacted by a CEC Governance Officer requesting a phone call to discuss a complaint that had been raised by a local resident who had reached out to one of the Almond Ward Councillors highlighting a lack of response by QDCC to an email he had sent. I had asked about but was not informed by CEC which Councillor was involved. The Councillor had passed the complainant onto CEC Governance.

Without going into too much detail the resident had contacted QDCC asking for a piece of information to be publicised but subsequently felt he had not received a (timely) response.

The reason for the delay was due to the jumbled and at times incoherent nature of the aforementioned mail and as a result it was under discussion internally by QDCC before formulating a response when the complaint was made.

I explained the situation to the CEC Governance Officer and as a result it was agreed he would write back to the individual concerned informing them of the discussion held with QDCC and that in essence what he was asking for was not under the remit of The Community Council.

In turn I agreed to respond to the complainant explaining the reason for the delay and seek clarification on what was being asked.

At the time of writing this report further correspondence has taken place but we remain no further forward and as such the matter will be held on file.

Further to the January Business Meeting, I arranged a further meeting to discuss burial ground provision. As a result of this, Keith agreed to contact the Almond Ward Councillors on behalf of QDCC seeking answers to a number of questions and concerns that were raised. Some responses have been received but we await a commitment to support the QDCC position moving forward.

Also following on from the January Business Meeting, I held further discussions with Robbie Crockatt, Crawford McGhie and Julie Duncan from CEC to discuss and finalise both details and attendees of the Queensferry Buildings and Facilities Workshop

The Workshop was held on 22nd February and an agenda is circulated with this report for context.

My thanks go out to fellow Community Councillors, CEC Officials from Strategic Asset Planning, Transport, Lifelong Learning, Community Empowerment, Facilities Management, Museums, Edinburgh Leisure, as well as local interest groups stakeholders, and representatives from local schools, churches, NHS, Rosebery Hall and Police Scotland who participated in what was both an interesting and informative evening.

There were approximately 50 or so attendees.

We await initial feedback from CEC Officials and look forward to receiving the resultant report with interest.

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 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 Universal Benefit and Council Tax, potholes, road surfaces and pavements, general support services including assistance with an elderly persons heating, the closed public toilets at Forth Road Bridge, an issue on Bo’ness Road with litter, debris and road cleanliness associated with the CALA Springfield development, a request for assistance with the placement of a memorial bench, the 43 bus service, the police station, “boy” racers and the CEC Offices/Registrars Office.

I also received and circulated a letter from NHS Lothian detailing proposed changes to the practice boundaries of the South Queensferry Medical Practice.

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. 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.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 26th February 2023

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Treasurer's Report

Diane Job

February 2023

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - Keys cut - £16.00

Total CC Funds - £3303.75

Community Facility Funding

Clydesdale Bank

Cash Management Account - £18380.96

95 Day Notice Account - January interest - £95.16 - £61458.68

Nationwide Building Society - - £86251.76

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £86240.57

Charity Bank - £61221.83

Community Facility Funding Total = £398553.80

Diane Job QDCC, Treasurer

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Communications

Graeme McKinley

Community Engagement

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

Spotlight Magazine

Publication will now be quarterly with online then print distribution. Distribution will now mainly be through key static dispensers in the area. This is a non-profit community magazine by Words & Pictures which only covers costs, please support by submitting relevant content or making use of the advertising opportunity.

Liner Visits

There are 34 cruise ships booked for Queensferry in 2023. Coaches will be managed in a way which frees up the promenade car park to the general public from 10:30am on liner visit days. Between 10:30am and 1pm coaches will stack on Bankhead Rd and be drawn down to the promenade to pick up/drop off as required. Although a section of Bankhead Rd will be closed to general traffic between the Station Rd junction and the start of the houses in Dalmeny between 10:30am-1pm, the bus service (43) will be maintained as normal throughout. This was partially trialed last year during the Ferry Fair week and various adjustments have been implemented, most importantly no bus service diversion. CEC officers will liaise with coach operators to encourage coach traffic entry to Queensferry from the east via B924, using the Burnshot bridge if approaching from the north or west. The freeing up of the car park has been long called for by local businesses and residents, hopefully this will facilitate a more positive result for local trade with far less deterrence for regular visitors.

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Education

David Flint

I attended the Queensferry High School Parents Council meeting on 24th January. We received an update report from the Head teacher. There was considerable discussion regarding the future provision of schools in the area but we now await the result of the consultation held recently. No date yet fixed for the next PC meeting.

Queensferry Primary School parents Council have not decided on a date for their AGM.

On 23rd February the Rosebery Hall committee organised an afternoon tea in remembrance of Moira Cunningham. Among her many activities, she was treasurer for the Rosebery Hall. It was an opportunity to say farewell and to share our thoughts about Moira.

The next Team around the Cluster meeting has been postponed until 6th March, because of the teachers strike.

Following from our last Business meeting we have arranged a meeting with Jude Moir, the new Head Teacher at Echline Primary School, on Thursday 2nd March.

Echline Woodland group are organising their spring clear-up on Saturday 11th March from 10.00 am.

David Flint.

Additional updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Youth Engagement

I, along with Graeme, met with Karen Dickson (QHS head of PE), and staff from Edinburgh Leisure, Ryan Cramb (Current EL Schools Manager), Joanne Kesterton (incoming EL Schools Manager), Billy Dempster (EL Schools Supervisor) and Andy McIntosh who is the EL Active Communities Development officer to review Open All Hours over its first year and to introduce us to the new team who we will liaise with in future. Overall feedback was positive, OAH in Queensferry is the busiest, most successful OAH club in the city. Discussion over potential collaboration between OAH and QHS over the progression of some young people, particularly ASN young people which enables us to offer the support and consistency that is needed to make sure we are getting it right for the young people who attend.

Issues relating to the cleaning and maintenance of the Leisure Centre were also discussed, there are ongoing discussions at a higher level between CEC, EL, QHS and building contractors.

Open All Hours (OAH) is a physical activity youth work provision delivered in partnership between Edinburgh Leisure and City of Edinburgh Council. The provision aims to provide young people with fully inclusive, accessible and affordable opportunities to take part in sports and physical activities at weekends. Sessions are free!

The programme targets High School aged young people (aged 11 to 17), encouraging them to make positive and healthy choices on Friday evenings. Youth Workers, Coaches and Volunteers work in small teams to deliver activity programmes which are fun and engaging. Focusing on..

- ✚ making sport and physical activity enjoyable,
- ✚ providing appropriate pathways for young people to learn and develop,
- ✚ bringing young people into contact with youth & community workers and talented coaches,
- ✚ offering the chance to try new things in a supportive environment
- ✚ opening up facilities to young people on Friday evenings.

OAH has been running at capacity of 50 young people this month. Friday 24th February saw a lower number of 37 young people attend, a common trend directly after a holiday break.

S1 Youth café has had a slight drop in numbers to on average 15 young people attending. A few young people who did come along now have football training on the same evening. Some new flyers will be heading into school to hopefully gain some more interest. We were very lucky this month to have Anne Mitchell come along and show the young people how to correctly perform CPR. Thank you very much.

Over the next month the **P7 Transition youth group** will be starting up, this is a group for young people who are felt to need a little bit more support for the move to high school. Last year this ran and the young people who attended felt it made the transition nicer and they were better equipped.



Echline Primary School

The school have recently reintroduced whole school assemblies which has been really well received by all the children where there are opportunities for the children to share their achievements in and outside of school.

Mondays 10-10.30am Together Time has been introduced. All the staff and children go into the playground and play together lots of activities on from drawing, mud kitchens to dodgeball.

The next PSA meeting is scheduled for March 14th.



Queensferry Primary School

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.



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

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Environment

Neil McKinlay

Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road

Despite a follow up communication no response received from Graeme McGartland Head of CEC Estates Department regarding securing the entrance to the site or outlining how we might progress options for bringing the land back into community use. I will continue to press.

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

We are hopeful that the tree planting will take place during March or early April with support from the Cala Homes landscape contractors, a number of Rotary volunteers and with some engagement with Queensferry Primary School pupils.

Plastic Free Queensferry

A successful Eco Bazaar was held at the Parish Church on Saturday the 18th February where information on plastic reduction was available and stalls marketing plastic free alternative products.

I helped to organise a litter blitz on the morning of the event and with the help of Greenferry and Rotary volunteers 5/6 large sacks of rubbish were uplifted from the paths and verges just beyond Longcraig Pier.

School Engagement Activities

Rotary have been approached by St Margaret's Primary School to help build vegetable growing raised planters in their grounds and with Friends of Ferry Glen volunteers a request to run some more vegetable growing sessions for the pupils. The school will now look to raise funds via their PTA to pay for the materials.

A meeting with Queensferry Primary School has also been scheduled to discuss environmental related activities for the pupils including participation with the new orchard at Hawthorn Bank and vegetable growing. Finally a meeting has been scheduled with Jude Moir the new Head teacher of Echline Primary School to discuss community engagement. This is all very positive.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor

26/2/2023

Health & Wellbeing

Anne Mitchell

Health and wellbeing report February 2023

Health and well-being continue to work with St Vincent DePaul supporting vulnerable families in the area.

Received request from GP practice to ask if anything can be done to lessen current risk for patients crossing from Scotmid. The crossing markings have faded and cars / vans regularly park on double yellow lines cutting visibility.

Ferry elves finance records being checked by chair and secretary. We have met to discuss moving forward in a more formal way for this group including accessing a dedicated bank card.

Anne Mitchell

QDCC Health & Wellbeing

Planning & Housing

Diane Job

Planning Report

February 2023

Applications

During the four week period ten applications were received

22/06250/FUL - Application for Section 42 for condition No 3 in regards to the cycle provision. during the application process the consultee guidance provided, stated the following in respect of the cycle parking for the apartments: be in accordance with Cycle Parking Cycling by Design 2010 (Revision 2, July 2020) & Cycle parking spaces for the

apartments to be provided as follows; 16 spaces for each of 137-151 and 162-176; 12 spaces for each of plots 13-24, 47-58, 59-69, 70-80, 81-91 - Land bounded by M90 Echline
23/00132/FUL - Extension to rear and carport to side - 12 Burgess Road
23/00318/TCO - Silver Birch - looking to reduce four Silver Birches in height by approx 6ft and reshape the crown - Flat 1 21 Hopetoun Road
23/00498/PA - The installation of a 15m monopole with antenna within a GRP shroud and 1 equipment cabinet - Telecoms Apparatus 6 metres East of 29 The Loan (on the pavement outside East Coast Tyres)
23/00565/FUL - Construct a single storey rear extension - 57 Stoneyflatts Crescent
23/00569/FUL - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey extension in the rear garden - 165 Lawson Crescent
23/00584/PND - Prior notification for demolition of buildings - Dolphington West Craigie Farm Road
23/00640/FUL - Proposed new timber decking and glazed balustrade to the side elevation - 28 Springfield Lea

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

23/00389/CLP - To increase the number of children registered to care for as a childminder from 6 to 8 - 9 Queen Margaret Drive

Trees in a Conservation Area

23/00619/TCO - Mature Pear approx. 9m to 10m in height - prune the mature Pear, all over crown reduction by approx. 1m max in places and deadwood - 7 Ashburnham Gardens

Decisions

The planning authority made nine decisions during the four week period

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

23/00405/LBC - Internal alterations to layout and the addition of an electric fire in the living space. Existing en-suite to be removed and relocated to back up onto existing bathroom. Removal of shared wall between bedroom three and four to create a larger primary bedroom - 32 High Street - PERMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED

23/00318/TCO - Silver Birch - looking to reduce four Silver Birches in height by approx. 6ft and re-shape the crown - Flat 1 21 Hopetoun Road - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

23/06457/FUL - Rear extension - 28 Clufflat Brae - GRANTED

22/06309/FUL - Erection of a conservatory to rear and formation of new window to front of dwellinghouse - 8 Springfield Road - GRANTED

22/06249/FUL - Change of use from office to residential - 15 The Vennel - GRANTED

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

22/05706/ADV - Flag and sign boards (as amended) - Land 288 metres Southwest of 10 Builyeon Road - GRANTED

22/04689/AMC - Approval of matters specified in conditions 1D, iJ, 1L, 2, 4 & 8 of planning permission in principle 16/01797/PPP for approval of Phase 3 residential development and

associated infrastructure and landscaping - Land 288 metres Southwest of 10 Builyeon Road
- APPROVED

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 Development - Bridgewater Village

The current work programme is as follows:

Multi Utility works are ongoing to lay new Water/Gas/Electricity with Offsite works being laid from the Western edge into site and currently the Electric sub stations nr's 1 and 2 have been prepared with foundation and Nr 1 has been formed with its enclosure landed along side the Gas Governor at the western edge of the development SUDS Basin

New mainslay works are progressing towards the school parcel and reinstatements are underway as mains are laid within and out with site

Lovell have commenced works on their Land Parcel Phase 1 with Phase 2 likely to be handed over April for further development by them

Lovell have appointed Advance Construction to undertake their groundworks package and are currently onsite as PC so from a H/S/E prospective obligations are with ACS until Lovell officially take on their role of PC contractor and we are working close with Ineos due to the close proximity to their pipeline

All being well the overheads will be removed by mid march which allows IH Brown to commence upfilling site voids which were held back to due SPEN stand off directive

All drainage and future drainage tails are completed throughout the Spine road for future proofing further connections

Still await final disconnection and reconnection of the existing Scottish Water trunk main but this is fairly imminent whereby notifications have been put out around the vicinity to make residents aware including commercial/retail units and Scottish Water are coordinating this with a view to having this diversion concluded by early march

CALA are working up to taking possession of their first parcel and with all being well should be getting under way with site establishment mid April where we will then commence our development works

The "Lovell Marketing Suite" has been located in the western edge and this is a temporary location until they complete their show home where this will then be removed and area made good as per contract finish plan

Generally across the board there have not been many issues from residents or members of the public but as any arise Cala will work towards resolving in a timeous manner

Representatives from I&H Brown and Cala will be attending our February meeting to give an update on the site.

Use the following link <https://www.cala.co.uk/builyeonroad> to access Cala's website which gives information on the development, this is updated regularly and also gives I & H Brown's phasing plan with dates and how they intend to deliver the groundworks and infrastructure across the site. You can also contact Cala by e-mail if you have additional questions customerserviceteameast@cala.co.uk

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

Site is progressing

Affordable units - apartment roof construction well under way. Brickwork looking to start in March and internal trades to start in April. Terraced units timber kit will be erected 28.2.23

Show homes - launching April/May

Site entrance looking to be formed and complete April

Private low rise units progressing as programme. Currently 13 kits erected

First legal completions May/June

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun).

Nothing to report this month

Forthview Development (Corus site)

No further update other than site is progressing

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 this application has been granted

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

Still awaiting decisions on these applications

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport
Grant Sangster

1. Road & Pavement Conditions – EACC arranged presentations from CEC officers on the challenges of maintaining the adopted road and pavement network. The consequences of historical decline in investment, high labour rates, cost of setts, council travel policy and questionable utility reinstatements are becoming apparent. About 35% of Edinburgh’s roads require attention and a recently announced £11m injection this year alone may not reduce this significantly. Legislation to extend utility company responsibility from 2 to 6 years may offset the issue. Around 90% of potholes occur at seams of previous utility excavations. Allocation between road and pavement repairs still follows a 70/30 split in favour of roads, but the 30% should go much further on pavements. Some recent carriageway dressing work (stone chips) across Edinburgh and Glasgow has been found defective and CEC hope the contractors will rectify affected streets over the summer period.
2. Medical Centre Crossing – The practice manager highlighted difficulties experienced by pedestrians walking between the medical centre and Bamboo. Zebra stripes on the road have become faded and vehicles parking inconsiderately can compromise visibility. As a privately maintained area with customer access rather than a formal zebra crossing or street with waiting restrictions, the observation was passed to Scotmid’s head office facilities team for review. Maybe the white stripes could be repainted but the yellow lines to discourage parking are already quite clear and are still ignored by drivers.
3. High Street Resurfacing – A further steering group session was held in mid-February. The Sustrans element of finance now looks unlikely due to the design of the High Street section including significant provision for car parking. In any case there is presently a

transition in the way that active travel funding is sourced, with control moving to council discretion. The TRO reflecting a settled design for the High Street & Edinburgh Road (not Newhalls Road) is expected to progress during 2023, however objections from the public are still expected due to disputes over the detailed implementation. Rough projections indicate surface replacement might take place over the 2024-26 period. The group heard a review of the scheme from Spokes representatives, who had submitted a scheme appraisal to CEC. They wished to see floating parking introduced and priority signs at pinch points to protect cyclists using the contraflow. They were firmly opposed to investing in cycle facilities on the disused railway line for the purpose of easing vehicle movements and parking on the High Street. Karen also addressed the group, mentioning developments in street signs intended to help tourists (for interpretation and orientation) and how these could fit with the High Street plans.

4. Public Transport – Slightly fewer disrupted days on the trains in February due to industrial action, although the various disputes haven't been resolved yet. No significant changes to Queensferry's bus network over the past month, and McGill's continue to run the depleted 63 bus frequency without any obvious signs of the improvements mentioned in January to the ANN. A new bus shelter has been installed by CEC at Young Drive (outside the Dakota hotel, citybound stop on the 43 route). Following last month's query about dilapidated bus shelters at Tesco there hasn't been a response from CEC. Evans raised the matter with Tesco's Property Team, as Evans feel liability for upkeep here rests with their tenant. Meanwhile the Hopetoun Road location (where the stop was moved to the west side of the police station) remains under review with the public transport team, as it may be more complicated than simply replanting the same shelter that was lifted from the old location.

Grant Sangster
Transport Sub-Committee Convenor
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Cllr Lang, cllr Young
& cllr Younie

Edinburgh Council Budget 2022/23

On Thursday 23rd February, the City of Edinburgh Council set its annual budget, with the Liberal Democrat proposal being voted through by most councillors. We are delighted that Council agreed with our proposals, especially given the £11 million additional spending on roads, paths, and footpath maintenance, which will help repair surfaces throughout the City that are in such a dire state. The budget will also protect education, with over £4m of proposed cuts from officers being rejected in our budget. And while all the budgets proposed an increase in council tax, our budget had the smallest increase of 5%.

However, while a balanced budget has been voted through, it still necessitated cutting £76 million from the City's budget (5.5%). This will have a material impact upon the Council's capacity to deliver services, and more impacted services expected next year as additional cuts are almost certain.

High Street steering group

Louise and Kevin joined members of QDCC at the recent High Street steering group which heard a presentation from Spokes on their preferences and requests as part of the redesign. There was a detailed discussion on location of cycle lanes and providing cycle storage. The group also received an update on the challenges over funding and the next stages for progressing traffic regulation orders to secure the required permissions to move forward.

Queensferry Asset and Services Workshop

Kevin and Louise attended the Queensferry Asset and Services Workshop, organised between QDCC and Council officers. This proved a great success, with all involved stakeholders reviewing the benefits and challenges of important community buildings in Queensferry, and getting a clearer understanding, both of expectation from residents and resource capacity from officers. We're looking forward to further meetings of this group in the future which can build on these discussions.

Industrial action at schools

Further industrial action is scheduled for 28th Feb - 1st Mar, with additional dates expected between 13th and 21st March by the EIS. We understand the strain this has on families and would strongly encourage concerned parents and carers to get in touch with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP to add their voices to the need for resolution and explain the pressures this is putting on families and children's education. We are working with Alex to press the Scottish Government to settle the dispute in a manner which recognises the value of educators and thus get young people back in the classroom.

Ongoing school matters – St Margaret's and High School consultation

At the last Education Committee there was a strong deputation on the High School consultation and the important issues to consider when councillors look at expanding QHS or securing a new site for Kirkliston. There was also a brief update on the negotiations taking place with West Lothian Council on altering the secondary catchment for their Catholic high school, to incorporate children from St Margaret's. Both of these are ongoing and further information is expected at the next Education Committee and will be included in our next report following that meeting.

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Adoption of Roads; I can provide an update from an ongoing action point from previous meetings. I received information from Karl Ivanov, Senior Engineer that they had held a meeting with Barratt Homes to go over paperwork for adoption of the roads in the Dalmeny Park estate and is hopefully done within a month. I have asked to be kept updated

Steering Group Meetings; I attended two meetings of the steering group in the Rosebery Hall, one was to hear a deputation from Spokes.

Queensferry Asset & Services Workshop; I attended the workshop held at Queensferry High School on Wednesday 22nd February. This was organised in order to gain a better understanding of the local communities needs and priorities. A very good representation from stakeholders in Queensferry were present including, Council departments, Police, NHS Lothian, Edinburgh Leisure, Local schools, churches, community groups and from QDCC. I asked that cemetery provision is included in the local communities needs and priorities

Council Budget; The council budget was set at Full Council on Thursday 23rd February. The minority Labour administration failed to get their budget passed, instead the Liberal Democrat budget was backed to block a joint SNP/Green budget. The Greens and an independent councillor tactically voted against Labours budget in one of the rounds so the administration's budget did not progress to the next round of voting. The Lib Dem budget passed by 29 votes to 32. Council tax is set to increase by 5%

Traffic Light Safety Concerns; I asked BEAR Scotland to check the lighting sequence after receiving several complaints from Queensferry residents about safety concerns as vehicles come off the south bound slip from the Queensferry Crossing heading west. Residents waiting on the Builyeon Road to proceed to the roundabout reported near misses as vehicles either ignored or do not see the traffic lights at red. I received the following response from BEAR Scotland; Upon receiving your email, a member of our Road Safety team and Network Team drove the route and found no issues with the lights. They are clearly visible and positioned with correct alignment for drivers on the Queensferry roundabout. Queensferry roundabout has never appeared on the list of accidents cluster sites. Since the opening of the Queensferry Crossing in 2016 there has been no personal injury accident at this location.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

Other Documents

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)

The Pensioners Group are now meeting at Dalmeny Kirk Hall on the second Thursday of each month, from 2-3.30pm. The group enjoys a variety of activities including games, quizzes, and refreshments are provided too. Cost is £2 per session.

QCCC are in discussions with the new Coordinator at Shore Road regarding restarting the Friendship Club too.

QCCC are working with People Know How to address digital poverty for older people. The hope is that this will be achieved via a community-led approach – training volunteers, to share their digital knowledge. We will share more info as this project develops.

Gillian

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Talks

Hugh Walker & James Gentles provided fascinating personal insights with **The Story of Hewlett Packard in Queensferry**. They have kindly donated a hard copy of their 3 volume Book to Queensferry Museum which has been placed in the care of Queensferry History Group until the museum re-opens.

Next Talk: Ian Shearer – **Kinneil House**. 19.30 Wednesday 8 March, Queensferry Masonic Hall.

Other activities

QHT attended and contributed to **Steering Group Queensferry High Street Refurbishment Project & Queensferry Asset & Services Workshop**. Both meetings were organised by City of Edinburgh Council.

Queensferry Buildings & Facilities Workshop Agenda

Wednesday 22nd of February 2023, 7-9pm Queensferry High School

Facilitator:

Robbie Crockatt, Strategic Asset Planning Manager will co-ordinate this participatory event:

1. Welcome & Table introductions 5 min
2. Short presentation – setting context 10 min
3. Questions for Group Discussions (20 min discussion; 10 min feedback) x 3
4. Summarise feedback and next steps 10 min

Objectives:

To provide an open and creative forum for a small group of community representatives to meet service providers directly and discuss the service needs in their growing community:

- share ideas and aspirations for the future use of buildings and services in and around Queensferry;
- share any challenges/issues they face delivering or accessing services from existing buildings;
- identify what new investment projects such as; a new Builyleon Road Primary School or new housing developments can offer to address any unmet needs;
- initiate a dialogue to help inform the development of the communities own Local Place Plan.

Output

1. A report from the workshop summarising group discussions, capturing the key themes raised and any challenges identified or ideas/opportunities generated.
2. Provide useful content for the Local Place Plan being developed by the QDCC
3. Contribute to the Council's Corporate Property Strategy and future investment plans.
4. Recommendation areas/topics for more further discussion.

Format

An open space format, of up to 6 tables to discuss existing buildings/facilities and services based around an asset map of Queensferry:

Key Questions:

Q1 - Buildings: *From your own experiences what are the key challenges delivering or accessing services from existing assets in Queensferry?*

Q2 - Location: *As a rapidly changing and growing community where would services be best located and why /does location matter/ what other services could / should also be co-located?*

Q3 - Future investment: *What potential opportunities are there for pipeline projects – such as the new school at Builyeon Road - or housing developments to address any unmet community needs?*

Attendees will be allocated a specific table to ensure an appropriate mix of service providers and community representatives are at each table. A scribe will be nominated for each table to collate feedback in a consistent format.



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward QDCC – January 2023

Road Safety

Complaints of dangerous/careless and anti-social driving remain a priority with regular speed/traffic checks carried out on roads most susceptible to driving offences or most at risk of accidents.

The recent initiative resulted in numerous charges against drivers across NW Edinburgh, including fixed penalty tickets, anti-social behavior warnings against vehicles and reports detailing careless and dangerous driving, with the most recent formal action taken this past week. Efforts will continue, with particular attention directed towards Builyeon Road, Station Road and The Loan.

Boy Racers/Anti-Social Driving – 9 reported incidents

Incidents primarily relate to vehicles acting in an anti-social manner sounding horns/revving engines/playing loud music etc.

This is a notable rise in call volume following a relatively low number of calls to Police during previous months. As a result, Community Officers prioritized the area during a recent initiative, in an effort to reduce the issues faced by residents. Considerable resources were utilized, both divisional and specialist, including Roads Policing Officers when available. The initiative was conducted with both marked and unmarked vehicles.

During the initiative, several drivers were warned regarding their manner of driving, with a number additionally issued with anti-social behavior warnings against their vehicles. CCTV footage from CEC was also requested regarding incidents reported to Police relating to acts of careless or dangerous driving, however, to date, no formal charges have been brought against drivers.

Call volume has significantly reduced since the commencement of the initiative and this has continued since its conclusion. The area remains a priority for the Community Policing Team who will continue to make every effort to tackle this ongoing and long standing problem.

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

1 x incident relates to youths causing issues in the area of Scotstoun Park

4 x incidents relate to a group of youths causing issues in the area of the bus stop next to QHS on Station Road – Police attended however youths had boarded a bus prior to arrival

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: 1 x reported incident

Incident relates to a group youths causing issues within Tesco, stealing items and damaging property – Youths traced, cautioned and charged with relevant offences

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

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

Local Community Officer: PC Donald Macleod/PC David Campbell

Agenda

QDCC February Business Meeting

Monday 27th February 2023 at 7.30pm

(Virtual Meeting)

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. I&H Brown/CALA – Builyeon Road Development update
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (January 2023)
6. Any Matters Arising
7. Chair's Report
8. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Secretary's Report
11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports
12. CEC/EACC/QDCC updates
13. Any Other Business
14. Questions from the floor
15. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 19th February 2023

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 23 January 2023 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, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Muir Kay (QBC), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Jude Moir, Headteacher Echline PS, and one local resident.

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks	<p>Keith welcomed everyone to the first meeting in 2023, noting been a busy festive period across Queensferry. He congratulated ChinQ on the return of their Christmas lights event; Ferry Elves for another successful year; the Rotary's Santa Sleigh; and local volunteers at this year's Loony Dook. The local community and businesses had all been very generous in their support of these and other recent events.</p> <p>He was sad to report the sudden death of Moira Cunningham, owner of the Ravenous Beastie on the High Street. Moira was a 'well kent' face, involved in many community-led activities over the years and would be sorely missed.</p> <p>Two guests were also attending the meeting.</p>
2. Apologies	<p>Neil McKinlay, David Learmond (QHT), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Jenni Meldrum (QBA), and Police Scotland.</p>
3. Police Report	<p>Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting.</p> <p>Keith extended QDCC's thanks to the local Community Police team for their reports and communications during 2022. He summarised the key items highlighted this month including ASB driving, traffic checks, a small number of youth related incidents, and 2 house break-ins. Muir commented on the burglary at Bankhead Grove which had left other residents shocked and concerned.</p> <p>Any questions on the January report to be sent to Terry.</p>
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (Nov 2022)	<p>Minutes proposed by Muir and seconded by Terry.</p>

<p>5. Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park: Roads/pavements formally adopted. Cllr Work previously reported adoption to be completed by end January 23. ONGOING – Cllr Work to check and confirm adoption now in place.</p> <p><u>MAY 2021</u></p> <p>Queensferry Business Register: Discuss number and scale of business activity within Queensferry, and potential benefits of seeking formal engagement. CLOSED – deferred due to other priorities. To pick up at future date.</p> <p><u>JUNE 2022</u></p> <p>Museum: Keith pursuing progress with re-opening the Museum. Meeting held 10 Nov, Museum subject to further consultation. CLOSED – included in proposed QDCC/CEC stakeholder workshop.</p> <p><u>AUGUST 2022</u></p> <p>63 Bus Service: Action via Almond Neighbourhood Network (ANN). CLOSED – discussed at ANN on 30 Nov, actions agreed. Outcomes included in Transport Convenor’s report.</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2022</u></p> <p>Community Orchard: Diane to check with Planning/Building Control on potential impact of Stoneycroft Road development on Community Orchard plans. ONGOING - in hand.</p> <p>EACC: Keith and Laura to discuss EACC accountability, governance and funding. CLOSED – to be actioned outwith QDCC.</p> <p>CDT: Terry to initiate work on taking forward CDT proposal in early 2023. DEFER – pending outcome of planned discussion with CEC.</p> <p><u>NOVEMBER 2022</u></p> <p>Stakeholder Workshop: Robbie Crockett to set up stakeholder workshop, including QDCC, to discuss strategic and other CEC planning/service related areas across Queensferry. ONGOING – initial planning meeting held 16 Jan.</p> <p>Dumped Trailer Tent: Keith to contact Murray Black, CEC, about removing dumped trailer tent near the Honeypot. ONGOING – Reported to MB, Keith to check with Neil if item now removed.</p> <p>EE Mast: Keith to forward EE complaint letter to Christine Jardine, MP. CLOSED – Reply from CJ advising EE working hard to resolve.</p>

<p>6. Echline Primary School (EPS)</p>	<p>Keith welcomed Jude Moir new Headteacher at EPS to the meeting. Jude thanked QDCC for the opportunity to introduce himself and engage with the local community. He had only just taken up post but had previously worked at EPS and was delighted to return. Keith commented on past positive liaison with EPS, including Christmas lights, environmental work involving Neil McKinlay, and links to QHS. He looked forward to these, and other local activities, continuing. Anne referred to the Ferry Elves project and would be writing to EPS children thanking them for their input.</p>
<p>7. Sealscraig Planning Application</p>	<p>Keith introduced a local resident who wished to discuss their planning proposals for the Sealscraig rocks area. The resident explained the background to this, including the site purchase and plans for a new building. The initial planning application had been subject to a number of objections and had been rejected by CEC. They had since worked with their architect taking the comments made on board and prepared a new design to better fit with the Conservation area. Now seeking help and guidance on how best to proceed before submitting revised plans formally, to avoid wasting time and money unnecessarily. They had tried to contact the planners about this but weren't getting any response. QDCC had advised its role in the planning process and suggested they contact Ward Cllrs about this which they had done. Cllr Lang said he'd emailed the planning dept the previous week on the re-application, requesting they send pre-planning advice form. This was awaited and would be reviewed by the resident on receipt. QDCC also suggested the CEC Committee report wording on the previous application regarding the Conservation area, and the LDP, was unclear and should be clarified with the planners.</p>
<p>8. Chair's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Keith.</p>
<p>9. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports</p>	<p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. Norman added he'd received copy email on the Harbour repairs, via Muir, and would take forward as appears the project has stalled again.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting and presented by Cllr Lang. Diane queried reference to the Ferrymuir business site being used for housing in the new City Plan 2030 and asked if this contradicted 'saving green spaces' as well as preserving local employment. Kevin commented that current owners could propose change of use to housing and this would be considered by CEC. However, he agreed with QDCC that there would be concern about job losses and increased commuting if this happened. Anne asked who to contact for assistance on resolving housing matters for local families. Kevin advised any of the 4 local Ward Cllrs should be approached about this. Keith asked both Cllrs about plans for Craigiehall becoming affordable housing. Kevin understood this is a likely intention at some future stage.</p>

10. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Diane.
11. Secretary's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Terry.
12. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Planning. Report submitted. Diane advised a number of applications received since last meeting. Main developments also in full swing, Port Edgar less so pending application approval. Street name proposal circulated separately to QDCC for information. Team working with new CEC officer. Terry asked about the Taylor Wimpey site and fencing at Dark Entry. Access for dog walkers to be maintained for as long as possible.</p> <p>Transport. Report submitted. Grant referred to the Active Travel report, concentrated on 3 areas – Builyeon Road, Ferrymuir, Scotstoun. Keith noted his disappointment that nothing included for Hopetoun Road, this may need revisiting.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted. Anne commented on the 'Winter Warm' spaces, the Church groups were working well together. Keith added support from individuals, schools and businesses had been very good.</p> <p>Education. Report submitted. David F noted QHS Parent Council meeting to be held next day. Waiting for future secondary school survey results, responses from Kirkliston been seen and concern expressed.</p> <p>Communications. Report submitted. Graeme advised 32 cruise liners expected in 2023, exact dates to be notified shortly. Arrangements for TTROs, 43 bus diversions etc will be based on length of stay, if less than 3 hours no diversions required. Keith asked about timing of Station Road resurfacing. Cllr Lang confirmed to be done in school holidays.</p> <p>ACTION: Meeting to be arranged with CEC/Ward Cllrs/QDCC to discuss Station Road resurfacing.</p> <p>Environment. Report submitted. Diane referred to concerns raised on lack of available space at the Cemetery. It was understood there are only 20 graves available which will allow for 2 years based on current data. The Friends group have been told any CEC cemetery can be used, eg Kirkliston, Edinburgh. Ward Cllrs were asked for views on how to resolve this and why no future plan exists. QDCC aware this had also been raised a number of years ago. Possible local sites suggested at the meeting but not suitable. Land previously available now given over to</p>

	<p>housing contributing to the additional need. Agreed further discussion was required.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to organise separate meeting on QDCC position for future Cemetery provision.</p> <p>Youth Development. Report submitted. Nothing further to add.</p> <p>QCCC. Report submitted. Gillian highlighted key points from her report. These included referral pathways, negotiations with CEC on next year's day-care contract, and Trishaw promotion via leaflet placements.</p> <p>QBC. Report submitted, circulated post meeting. Muir reported main issue is Harbour repairs. Marine Licence needed to commence work stalled somewhere in the application process. Meanwhile the harbour continues to deteriorate. Ward Cllrs and QDCC asked to investigate why licence not yet issued and ascertain when work will commence as boats being kept out of the water meantime is impacting on QBC financially.</p> <p>ACTION: Ward Cllrs/QDCC to check with CEC on delay in issuing Marine Licence re Harbour repairs, and ascertain when work due to start/complete.</p>
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	No additional matters raised.
14. AOB	<p>Muir noted recent resurgence in complaints about Lloyds chemists. Keith asked Cllr Lang if there was any update from Alex Cole-Hamilton's work on this.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Lang to request update on Lloyds chemists from Alex Cole-Hamilton, and circulate to QDCC.</p> <p>Cllr Work asked about the Tesco bus stop, the shelter needs maintenance and the area around it tidied up. Grant understood ownership/responsibility is unclear.</p> <p>ACTION: Grant to check with James Pitt from Evans, site owners, on responsibility for Tesco bus stop maintenance/upkeep.</p>
15. Questions from the floor	None raised.
16. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 27 February 2023 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.