

QDCC

Monthly News Report

March 2023

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Chair's Report

Keith Giblett

Almond Neighbourhood Network Meeting

I chaired a meeting of the Almond Network held on Wednesday 1st March. Minutes can be made available should you wish a copy.

Edinburgh Partnership Board Meeting

I attended a pre-workshop meeting held on the morning of Tuesday 7th March at Gilmerton Faith Mission Hall where voluntary groups were given the opportunity to discuss the cost of living crisis and how communities might be better supported.

EACC Meetings

I attended a Board meeting held on 16th March.

QHS - Construction Classes

I facilitated a meeting with QDCC and depute head teacher Kevin Thomas to discuss how best the school can be supported by local business with work experience. Presently Cala homes have offered support with construction classes and there are other opportunities from the Forth Bridges World Heritage agenda and potentiality from other businesses trading in the town.

Harbour Repairs

Following from my request to CEC officers back in January an update has been issued in the form of a newsletter which was emailed to QBC and QHT.

Echline Spinal Path

QDCC received complaints from residents about the poor condition of the footpath. I wrote to CEC Senior Managers in Roads and Active Travel enquiring about the council's position on carrying out repairs. As the path has never been adopted and is in poor condition then CEC wouldn't adopt in its present condition. QDCC had asked that the path be brought up to a standard for adoption during the active travel consultation.

The reply received undertakes to survey the path condition;

Under Section 14 of the Roads Scotland Act 1984, " (1)A local roads authority may, if they think fit, pay the whole or any part of any expenditure incurred by a person in making up or maintaining a private road; and may, without prejudice to section 15 of this Act, at their own expense carry out any repair which they consider necessary in relation to a private road after giving such notice as is reasonable in the circumstances.

(2) For the avoidance of doubt—

(a) a local roads authority do not incur responsibility for making up or maintenance of the private road by reason only of their acting under subsection (1) above;

authority for the purposes of section 16(1)(b) of this Act.”

Consequently, the Roads Operation team has been asked to inspect and survey the path. Depending on the findings of this work and the number of actionable defects found we may be able to undertake some limited temporary repairs.

I continue to support executive members and convenors by corresponding with governance officers and our community by email, telephone and verbal. The activity generally will be reported by the convenor.

My main involvement this month is with the work of Ferry Elves, the repairs to the Seal and Guardian of the Bridges, supporting the Sea Cadets with outstanding matters with their lease for the land and property at Port Edgar and Forth Bridge World Heritage business jointly with NQCC as well as a couple of meetings with the Secretary and Treasurer.

Keith Giblett
Chair 26th March '23

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Secretary's Report

Terry Airlie

1. The QDCC mailbox has again been quite busy since the February business meeting. Also, a few telephone calls and website queries have also been dealt with. My thanks go out to fellow Community Councilors who continue to respond to the varied questions that I circulate requesting assistance in formulating replies.

There continues to be several ongoing items of interest with local residents - mostly planning related with the South Scotstoun, Springfield, FerryMuir Gait and Builyeon Road housing developments all featuring in correspondence.

There has been no further correspondence with either CEC Governance or the local resident with respect to the complaint raised against QDCC so for now I consider the matter to be closed.

At the time of writing this report we await formal feedback from CEC on the outcome of the Queensferry Buildings and Community Workshop but in the meantime an invitation has been received from Jane Iannarelli (Senior Planning Officer at CEC) to discuss how a Local Place Plan for Queensferry could be developed. A suggestion of an initial meeting between

Scottish Government, CEC and QDCC has been mooted. This will be followed up and any updates communicated accordingly.

On behalf of QDCC I wrote to Paul Lawrence and Gareth Barwell at CEC requesting an update on the actions agreed at our meeting last October. An acknowledgement has been received and as soon as responses are returned, I will share these.

Residents continue to engage with QDCC – mostly via social media although I 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 potholes, road surfaces and pavements; “boy racers” and anti-social driving around the Hawes Car Park and Newhalls Road, specific concerns associated with Phase 3 of the Builyeon Road development, complaint(s) on pharmacy provision/services, a follow up on the request for a memorial bench to be located at the harbour, a request for assistance to locate a former resident of Sommerville Gardens, a request for an update on the outcome of the High School consultation, a query from Kent Police for assistance in access to a marriage license issued by Queensferry Registrar’s Office, a request for permission to scatter ashes in the Forth and a request to QDCC for feedback to proposed changes to an ongoing planning application.

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. In my role as Secretary, I met with the Chair and Treasurer to discuss several outstanding and ongoing QDCC business matters.
3. Along with Keith & Neil, I attended a meeting with the Deputy Headteacher at QHS to discuss business partnerships and Skills Academies and what subsequent role QDCC can play in and facilitating these.
4. Along with Keith and Diane I met with Anne Mitchell to discuss outstanding Ferry Elves business, to consolidate finances and agree next steps forward - including plans on formalizing the group and developing a constitution and office bearers.
5. On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councilors, and 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 March 2023

Treasurer's Report

Diane Job

March 2023

Money in this month:

I & H Brown - Donation towards the repair of the seals at the Hawes - £1500.00
CEC - Funding towards the repair of the Guardian of the Bridges Sculpture - £1420.00

Money out this month:

Debbie Ryan - Expenses for visit re the work required for the Guardian repair - £200.00

Total CC Funds - £6023.75

Please note the above total includes Guardian of the Bridges repair funding, Seal repair funding and Ferry Elves funding

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18380.96
95 Day Notice Account - February interest - £99.01 - £61557.69

Nationwide Building Society - £86251.76

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £86240.57

Charity Bank - £61221.83

Community Facility Funding Total = £398652.81

The end of our financial year is the 31st March if any changes in the above an updated report will be sent out after this date

Diane Job
QDCC Treasurer

Communications

Graeme McKinley

Community Engagement

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

Spotlight Magazine

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.

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Education

David Flint

2nd March. **CAP meeting.** Reports on the Community Alcohol Partnership activities.

I did report that we had recently had few problems with ASB, unfortunately, the following day there was a local problem reported but the police were able to deal with it.

Isla told us that future Blue Light Discos are planned for the p7s.

The police will put resources into schools, on request.

6th March. **TAC meeting.** There has been a lot of work put into the P7-S1 transfer.

School attendance issues were discussed. Graeme reported on the 'Open all Hours' project, very successful.

The use of space and available facilities were discussed.

11March. **Echline Community Woodland.** Spring clear up. Thanks to Neil for his assistance.

14th March. Neil and David met with Jude Moir, the new Head Teacher at **Echline P.S.** We had a very meaningful and positive discussion because Jude wishes to work closely with the community. The use of Echline Community Woodland was discussed and several projects

proposed, David will follow these up. Neil has offered to support the re-development of the enclosed school garden. We would also like to re-establish contact with the Parents Council.

14th March. **QHS Parents Council** meeting. The treasurer asked for suggestions for the use of money in hand.

The Head Teacher reported on Staffing, events, S6 graduation plans, and awards. There are plans for a business breakfast, spring fling and a school show.

Course choices and the class charter are being reviewed. The positive destinations situation is excellent.

21 March **Rosebery Hall** committee meeting. This was the first meeting for a long time.

Mary Giblett reported on the general situation. The 'top' centres are very busy and the Rosebery Hall has a full programme, it has a new floor and is freshly decorated. The representatives from the various activities gave very positive reports.

The AGM is planned for mid-May.

Queensferry Primary School Parents Council will be holding their AGM on 29th March.

David Flint

For 27th March 2023.

Additional updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Youth Engagement

Open All Hours has finished for this term.

- The club ran for 10 sessions this school term (Jan-Mar);
- 445 of the 500 young people places were attended;
- Our busiest week saw 57 young people attend;
- There were 142 different young people who used the service this term.



On 18th March I posted online asking for any donations of second-hand balls, arts and craft items that people may have. I was contacted by Fiona Leathers of Westport Veterinary Services and Kyle Robertson of Evansgate Financial Services who both offered to purchase items for Open All Hours. Both companies gave us equipment valued between £150-£200 each. We thank them for this. I

have also had donations of arts and crafts items from members of the public which I will distribute between the three youth provisions in Queensferry.



S1 Youth Café

On March 21st the club opened up spaces for P7s to attend, we had 21 young people come along. The club will be operating a sign up every week. At present time, for the session this Tuesday we have 15 young people on the waiting list wanting to attend on top of the 25 places we have filled. This will continue to be evaluated moving forward.

Transition Club

The transition club had its first session on 23rd March. 14 young people attended. The club will run over 8 sessions offering extra support for a targeted group of young people for their transition to high school.

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Environment

Neil McKinlay

Council Waste Ground on Burgess Road opposite the Haven

I met with a blacksmith contractor on the 24th March and undertook a site visit at the entrance to the site. We discussed the installation of a suitable metal security fence to prevent anti-social behaviour and fly tipping on the land. A quotation for the fence installation has been sent to CEC so hopefully budget approval will be obtained and the fence will be erected shortly.

Community Sculptures in need of repair

It is pleasing to report that work has commenced on repairing the damaged seal sculpture at the Hawes pier end of the promenade and I am meeting with the commissioning artist Debbie Ryan on the 27th March to progress the repairs to the Guardian of the Bridges sculpture.

Dangerous wall at the Leuchold Gate entrance to the Dalmeny Estate

Following concerns raised by residents about the deteriorating condition of the perimeter wall at the above location I contacted the estate office expressing the concerns of the Community Council. They have replied to confirm that the matter of restorative repairs has been the subject of negotiations with City of Edinburgh Council (CEC). A further

independent engineer's survey is now being commissioned. They have undertaken to keep me fully informed of progress.

Land on Station Road on the border of the High School

I will be reaching out to McKenzie Construction for an update on their plans to restore this weed strewn parcel of land following their sewage construction work last year.

Community Orchard

A very successful combined Greenferry and Rotary Club planting day took place on the 8th March when 41 various species of fruit trees were planted on the empty grass land area adjoining Hawthorn Bank Gardens. Pupils from Queensferry Primary School also helped with the planting. Once the trees bear fruit the produce will be available for use by the wider community including the local schools. We are most grateful to Cala Homes, North West Localities (part of CEC) and Scotmid for their generous financial contributions to enable this community orchard asset to be created.

School Engagement Activities

Materials have been ordered to build 2 new raised vegetable planters in the grounds of St Margaret's Primary School. The Rotary Club environmental team will build the planters for the school and members of the Greenferry group will provide vegetable growing classes for the pupils. Likewise vegetable growing outdoor lessons are being organised for the pupils of Queensferry Primary School, some within the school grounds where planters exist and others down at Hawthorn Bank Gardens where vegetable beds are available.

The local Rotary environmental team in conjunction with a group of Echline Primary School parent volunteers will commence the renovation of the dilapidated school Memorial gardens after the Easter holidays. The Head teacher Jude Moir confirmed that once the work is completed which due to the scale of the activity will take a number of weeks, the area will form an integrated part of the school learning and development facilities with outdoor learning sessions taking place during favourable weather conditions.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor

25/3/2023

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Health & Wellbeing

Anne Mitchell

Health and wellbeing report March 27th 2023

March has been a relatively quiet month with 3 meetings attended- Team Around the Cluster, Voluntary Services Forum for north west Edinburgh and the local Winter warmth group. Winter warmth provides far more than just a source of heating and groups are looking at what works well and how to make the sessions more appealing to a wider group of people.

Health in Mind have agreed to run one of their courses as a face to face meeting in Queensferry for 6 weeks commencing May. This will be held in Rosebery hall and advertised nearer the time.

Continue to help support and signpost individual families as requested.

Anne Mitchell
QDCC Health & Wellbeing convener

Planning & Housing

Diane Job

March 2023

Applications

During the four week period five applications were received

23/00408/LBC - Internal changes to layout, alterations to windows and doors, the removal of a railing and gate, the installation of a flue and solar panels - 32-33 High Street

23/00420/FUL - Internal changes to layout, alterations to windows and doors, the removal of a railing and gate, the installation of a flue and solar panels - 32-33 High Street

23/00581/FULSTL - Change of use from residential to commercial short term let - The Water Tower South Queensferry (Dalmeny)

23/00679/FUL - Proposed rear extension and internal alterations - 26 Linn Mill

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

23/00917/CLP - New roof windows to north facing elevation and internal alterations to convert existing attic space to a habitable bedroom. Creation of a new hallway and stairs formed at the first floor level - 46 Dundas Avenue

Decisions

The planning authority made two decisions during the four week period

22/06364/FUL - Proposed alterations and extension to country house - The White House Gillerhill Winchburgh EH52 6QJ - GRANTED

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 - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

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

No written update but hopefully will have a verbal update for our meeting

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

The first allocation of street names have been approved for the Bridgewater Development. QDCC was involved in the is process and Watanabe, Lochinvar, Caledonia and Sir John Fowler were suggested by QDCC to the CEC Street Naming Team.

Watanabe Street, Road and Cruik
Lochinvar Way, Lane and Avenue
Caledonia Place, Terrace and Avenue
Sir John Fowler Court, Path, Square and Street

QDCC is now working on additional street name suggestions which are required for another phase of the development

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

Site works are progressing as normal. The show homes have yet to be launched as they are waiting on electric and gas main connections.

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun).

No written update but hopefully will have a verbal update for our meeting

Forthview Development (Corus site)

Ambassador has nothing new to report. The development build 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 but revised drawings and additional reports were added to the portal on the 8th March. The applicant is hoping for construction to commence mid 2023 for completion in 2025.

Royal Elizabeth Yard

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

Telecoms Equipment

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)

QDCC objected again for this equipment to be sited at this location and asked that another location be sought. Unfortunately CEC have approved the application with the following reason given:

The proposal does not require the prior approval of the Council, as planning authority.

The previous application which was also granted had timed out as this wasn't progressed within the 3 years allowed.

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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- 1. Road & Pavement Conditions** – Repairs to potholes are being done on an as-required basis for local roads in Queensferry at present, although apparently an additional £11m will be available next year for surface repairs across Edinburgh. With the new financial year starting soon, full resurfacing projects can be expected such as the long-awaited Rosshill Terrace and Station Road scheme. This has been slightly complicated by calls for mitigation against additional traffic from the High Street diversion. Any defects in roads recently dressed with stone chips should be made good by the contractors once weather conditions allow. The A90/M90 at Scotstoun was due to be closed overnight (8pm to 6am) at the end of March for resurfacing, diverting some traffic through Queensferry, Newton and Kirkliston. But due to delays elsewhere on the network BEAR and Transport Scotland postponed the work.
- 2. Medical Centre Crossing** – Nothing heard back yet from Scotmid’s head office on refreshing the zebra stripe paint to help pedestrians crossing the road between the medical centre and Bamboo. These were identified as dangerously faded by the practice manager last month. With the area being privately maintained (unlike the zebra crossing outside Tesco’s petrol station for example) we thought Scotmid may be able to help in this regard.
- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – Following February’s discussions with various parties, the proposed High Street layout has been revised. The wide variety of uses being accommodated in space which is limited at some locations tends to mean frequent iteration. Features of the revised plan for the High Street include: formal pedestrian crossing points now included (essentially just tactile paving at pinch points); slightly higher (60 mm) kerbing introduced throughout for pavements, parking bays and the ‘Sealscraig divider’; and a proposal for pinch point cycle priority signs was considered but rejected. Meanwhile on Edinburgh Road: cycle lane on the south side now defended by 1 m wide island rather than bollards; most parking now on north side; realignment of angled parking around the compass pavement artwork; electric vehicle charging points now slightly closer to the High Street; and floating parking introduced on the south side. The design will next undergo a safety audit and TROs promoted. Some people have voiced intent to lodge objections, which could delay the programme. This seems unavoidable now as quite a lot of effort has already been spent trying to balance the demands of all stakeholders and remain consistent with current best practice and design policy.
- 4. Public Transport** – Most residual industrial disputes affecting train services from Dalmeny were resolved last month, therefore less rail disruption is expected in future. No significant changes to Queensferry’s bus network over the past month, but passengers without concession passes may see fares and season tickets rise in price from early April. No further update from McGill’s on prospects for improving the depleted 63 bus service, which still doesn’t show obvious signs of the

improvements mentioned in January to the ANN. No response from Evans since they raised the matter of deteriorating bus shelters with Tesco's Property Team. Nothing back either from CEC on the Hopetoun Road bus shelter relocation where the stop was moved to the west side of the police station. Whether through transplanting or renewing, they hoped to address the missing shelter here during the 2023-24 financial year. I'd also queried the shelter cleaning schedule, not least because the Builyeon Road shelters presently tend to accumulate a lot of material from the nearby fields and construction site. Previously JC Decaux were inspecting and cleaning CEC's shelters on a rota basis but perhaps this is no longer the case.

Grant Sangster
Transport Sub-Committee Convenor
25 March 2023

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Clr Lang, cllr Young
& cllr Younie

March 2023 report

Queensferry & Kirkliston High School

The provisional (and confidential) report on the outcomes of the public consultation on the future of high school provision, has now been by ward colleagues and we've endorsed the officer's request to have this made public as soon as possible – specifically to affected community councils and parent teacher associations.

Without breaching any confidentiality, we can confirm that the report is an accurate reflection on the consultation and provides a good summary of the views expressed. It also explains the options available now to the Board and the next steps around a more formal consultation process (on their recommendations or any alternative decision taken by the Education Committee).

As soon as the papers are confirmed as available publicly we will share this with QDCC.

Louise continues to sit on the Education Committee and while her own children are in the catchment area that will be affected, she is able to continue to vote on the matter until a point where a formal decision is being determined on proceeding with a decision on what the high school 'solution' will be. The committee is due to meet at the end of April but the report is hoped to be issued by the end of March.

Cemetery provision

Following discussions at a previous QDCC Lewis submitted questions to the Leader of the Council to explore more about engaging in discussion on cemetery provision, specifically in Queensferry. Cllr Work also asked questions but to the Convenor of Culture & Communities, so both avenues were explored.

A copy of Lewis' questions and the answers given is included below:

Question (1) What, if any, land covered by planning permission 16/01797/PPP is owned by the Council?

Answer (1) Planning permission 16/01797/PPP masterplan, an area in Queensberry, is shown on the attached plan. Council ownership within that area is shown on the second attached plan and extends to approximately 0.611 hectares (1.510 acres).

Question (2) What, if any, plans are there to use or develop this land in future?

Answer (2) As the planning permission is a wider housing led masterplan, negotiations are ongoing with the adjacent land owner, CALA, to investigate the possibility of selling the Council's land to the housebuilder. If terms are agreed, a report will be submitted for consideration by the Finance and Resources Committee.

Question (3) What consideration has been given as to whether any council owned land covered in this area could be used for future cemetery provision?

Answer (3) None. The site is included as an asset sale (un-ringfenced) in financial year 23/24 as part of the Council's Sustainable Capital Budget Strategy 2023-2033 approved by Council on 23 February 2023.

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Cllr Work

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership. I attended the ANN meeting held online on Wednesday 1st March.

Dalmeny Park adopted roads. At time of writing my report I have not heard any more about when the roads in the development will be adopted but will chase this up.

Queensferry Cemetery; I spoke with my ward colleagues on a strategy for taking forward an agreed approach after the last QDCC meeting regarding Cemetery provision for Queensferry. We agreed that Cllr Younie and I would ask questions at Full Council. Cllr Younie asked the Council

Leader, Cllr Cammy Day questions on land availability and I asked questions to the Convenor of Culture and Communities Convenor, Cllr Val Walker. I have copied the questions and answers below. I am allowed one supplementary and I asked how arrangements would be made for the meetings. I have still to get further information and will keep QDCC informed.

QUESTION NO 13 By Councillor Work for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 16 March 2023

Question (1) What is The City of Edinburgh Councils strategy for future proofing burial grounds provision across the city?

Answer (1) The current Cemetery Strategy was approved by Culture and Communities Committee in November 2021.

Question (2) Can the Convener confirm what discussions have taken place about new cemetery provision for Queensferry?

Answer (2) Officers have responded to enquiries from Elected Members and others but there have been no discussions about new cemetery provision in Queensferry.

Question (3) Have any sites been identified for future cemetery provision in Queensferry?

Answer (3) In 2006, the Council commissioned Craigmillar Castle Park for future cemetery provision. Since then, officers have not become aware of any further sites for future cemetery provision.

Question (4) Will the convener and the relevant council officers meet with Queensferry & District Community Council and the Friends of Queensferry Cemetery to discuss the future of cemetery provision in Queensferry?

Answer (4) Council officers have regularly met with the Friends of Queensferry Cemetery. The Convenor and officers are happy to meet both the Community Council and Friends of Queensferry Cemetery.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Other Documents

Queensferry Boat Club (QBC)

Club Activities:

Planned activities included the monthly Old Salts meeting, a Music Night in aid of the RNLI and presentation on the history of rowing at Queensferry by Mike McDowall. The annual harbour clean up and chain inspection will take place on the 25th.

The Music Night raised £286 for the RNLI which is of course a very worthwhile cause especially for those of us who are involved in marine activities. A cheque has been presented to Mr. Tom Robertson of the RNLI.

Mike's presentation was well attended and well recieved.

The harbour clean up and chain inspection is very important because all boat owners have a duty of care to ensure that their boats are securely connected to the club owned master chain arrangement on the sea bed and the club must ensure that the master chains are in good order.

The club sailing season really starts next month and will be marked by a buffet evening in the QBC clubhouse on April the 15th. The club Vice Commodore/sailing secretary has developed a sailing programme for this season, we also want to encourage boat owners to get involved in flotilla sailing which is a safe and convivial way to enjoy life on the water.

Harbour:

The news is all good at this time and hopefully remedial work will start in May or shortly afterwards. Once again I must thank our QDCC and everyone else involved in progressing this important project.

W. Muir Kay, QBC Representative.

Queensferry Harbour Progress Update 5 17/03/2023

The Queensferry Harbour project was issued for tender on Monday 6th of March. The companies invited to tender for this project have worked on similar repair projects and are familiar with working in marine environments. The tender returns will be evaluated in April, and the winning contractor will also be selected in April. A confirmed start date will be selected once the winning contractor has been picked. It is anticipated that the onsite work will begin in May. A condition survey was carried out by AOC Archaeology in July 2022. This survey gave an overview of the current condition of the whole harbour. The surveys were required by The City of Edinburgh Council's planning department for Listed Building Consent to be granted. The Marine Licence application process is complete and needs a confirmed start date for the works for this to be issued. This will happen in April once the contractor is selected. A further update will be sent in April, once the contractor is selected. This will include a confirmed start date, an outline of the work being done and an estimate of how long the work will take. The initial phase of the project will involve some investigation work by the contractor. The result of these investigations will determine the works programme and repair methods. This may involve the contractor dismounting from the site after the investigation work is finished. Tide levels and discussions with Queensferry Harbour stakeholders will also help to form the final works programme.

Roads and Transport Infrastructure, Place Management G4, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG

Queensferry Heritage Trust (QHT)



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AGM & next Talk

The next meeting of QHT will be at 19.30 on Wednesday 19th April in the Masonic Lodge. After a short AGM, Pete Collinson will entertain us with an Illustrated Musical Talk: "Songs of the Sea, Shanties and History".

Unfortunately, the talk scheduled for Wednesday 29th March has been postponed as our speaker is indisposed.

Forth Bridges Area Tourism Update

Tourism Business Meeting on 12th April with Cruise Forth at the Hawes Inn - so far, 15 people have accepted the invitation to attend (inc Grame from QDCC). I hope to find a few more to attend before the day. There are a few new faces since last year so I am proposing to organise a local area familiarisation trip for new businesses or staff to get to know the area a bit better. There is a Blue Badge Tourist Guide who now lives in Queensferry willing to help with a walking tour (Laura Rhodes). Will keep you posted.

There is a Scottish Tour Guides Association Edinburgh meeting taking place at the Education Centre this Friday. The presentations are from BEAR (possibly Chris Tracey) and Frank and Len from The Briggers. The event has been organised by Laura Rhodes as above. Unfortunately, I am on holiday so will miss this event but have supplied a presentation.

[THE THREE FORTH BRIDGES AND THE BRIGGERS Tickets, Fri 31 Mar 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Museum - I was at the same table as Karl Chapman at the CEC Asset Workshop. Karl advised that they were looking at some weekend or part-time opening for the Museum this summer. I followed up with Gillian Findlay and supplied the liner schedule for SQ. Gillian replied on 15th March that the Commercial and Visitor Services Manager was still working on a plan. Hopefully, Karl will reply to Keith's recent email with more concrete plans.

Social media continues to be busy and well received with a lot of material re the new tourist season at present.

Kind regards.

Karen

Karen Stewart

Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy Manager



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward QDCC – February 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.

Boy Racers/Anti-Social Driving – 13 reported incidents

Incidents primarily relate to vehicles acting in an anti-social manner, sounding horns/revving engines/playing loud music etc., however, there were also reports of careless/dangerous driving. The majority of the above incidents were reported prior to the recent initiative commenced on 13/02/2023.

A charge of Dangerous Driving has been brought against a driver with evidence secured through the CCTV camera currently located at Hawes Brae. Further charges and warnings have also been issued to drivers.

The area remains a priority for the local Community Policing Team who will continue to make every effort to tackle this ongoing and long standing problem.

Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: 2 x reported incidents

1 x incident relates to youths knocking on the front door of a property in the area of Echline Gardens.

1 x incident relates to a group of youths refusing to leave McDonalds, Builyeon Road – local Officers attended and traced youths nearby whereby relevant warnings were issued.

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: 2 x reported incidents

1 x incident relates to damage to a conservatory window belonging to a property in the area of Almond Grove – Enquiries are ongoing.

1 x incident relates to damage to a wall in the area of Hill Court, caused by spray paint – 2 x suspects identified, cautioned and charged. Of note, the suspects have since returned to Hill Court and cleaned the paint from the wall.

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

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Local Community Officer: PC Donald Macleod/PC David Campbell

Agenda

QDCC March Business Meeting

Monday 27th March 2023 at 7.30pm

(Virtual Meeting)

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Guest – Chief Inspector Neil Wilson (North West Edinburgh City Division)
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (February 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 March 2023

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 27 February 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, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Grant Sangster, Michelle Gordon (QHS), David Learmond (QHT), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Lewis Younie, PC MacLeod (Police Scotland), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: John Turnbull (Cala) and Charlie Worling (I&H Brown).

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks	<p>Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Highlights in the month included CEC budget approval; increased action on nuisance parking; and the CEC local assets stakeholder workshop.</p> <p>Two guests were also attending the meeting.</p>
2. Apologies	<p>Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, Muir Kay (QBC), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Jenni Meldrum (QBA).</p>
3. Builyeon Road Development	<p>Keith welcomed John Turnbull from Cala and Charlie Worling from I&H Brown, and invited them to update QDCC on progress with the new housing and commercial development at Builyeon Road. Points noted included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land sold to Lovells and now developing their Phase 1 housing.• I&H Brown to handover care home section for development following completion of groundworks.• Cala Phase 3 opposite BP due to start mid/late April.• Development plans available to view online.• Working through constraints, inc INEOS.• Utility works for Cala and Lovells ongoing.• Scottish Water mains connection 6 March. Local residents and businesses informed, back-up supply arrangements in place.• Overhead electric lines mid-March, all underground work done, access requirements with Transport Scotland in hand.• I&H Brown working on the new spine road and utilities, will be on site till end July.• Waiting for Scottish Power to drop overhead lines and then complete earthworks.• Cala Phase 4 to commence Sept.• First property sale anticipated Sept 23. <p>Potential issue of concern involves Builyeon Road 'stop up', when move to the new spine road through the development. Need to maintain safe route for</p>

	<p>pedestrians, cars and other vehicles, including site lorries. Health & safety needs paramount, to be discussed and agreed by all parties involved.</p> <p>Two other main site issues being worked through are INEOS lines and Scottish Power overhead cables. Current proposal is to deliver electric supply at west end of the site via link from Scotstoun Park/Lovers Lane, involves crossing the FRB Roundabout. Other options being considered if that doesn't prove possible.</p> <p>Diane asked about the land hand-over for the new school, understanding was to be March, had there been a hold-up. John said SG involved and no movement yet, should start in May 23, ie 1 year after site work commenced.</p> <p>Terry sought clarification on handling fall-back water supply arrangements, if needed, on 5/6 March. John confirmed temporary supply via tankers organised.</p> <p>Keith asked about the Scottish Power connection from Lovers Lane. John explained potential concern regarding limited depth of the pavement deck at roundabout. Working with Bear/Transport Scotland on this re formal approval process. Scottish Power and CEC both involved. These works will involve disruption and traffic management with lights would be required.</p> <p>Graeme queried sewage works tie-in. Charlie confirmed this was in place, via connection at Echline View.</p> <p>Keith thanked John and Charlie for the update and for answering the questions raised. He asked to be kept informed of future road closures etc. John extended an invitation for QDCC to do a walk-over of the site in the next few weeks to see the progress on the ground.</p> <p>Keith also extended QDCC thanks to I&H Brown for their donation towards the Hawes seal sculpture repairs. Charlie to arrange date for formal handover and photo.</p>
<p>4. Police Report</p>	<p>Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting.</p> <p>PC MacLeod highlighted the main points in the report, covering anti-social behaviour and dangerous or careless driving. A number of calls had been received about an incident on Station Road involving youths at bus stop. A separate incident at Tesco had resulted in those concerned being traced, cautioned and charged. Nuisance driving at the Hawes had increased this month and was ongoing. Recent initiative with drivers spoken to, and CCTV requests raised and acted on where possible.</p> <p>Keith thanked PC MacLeod for the report and updating QDCC on current activity.</p>

<p>5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Jan 2023)</p>	<p>Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by David F.</p>
<p>6. Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u> Dalmeny Park: Cllr Work to check and confirm roads/pavements formally adopted. ONGOING, WIP - action expected to be concluded March 23.</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2022</u> 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>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> Stakeholder Workshop: Robbie Crockett to set up stakeholder workshop, including QDCC, to discuss strategic and other CEC planning/service related areas across Queensferry. CLOSED – workshop held 22 February. Report awaited.</p> <p>Dumped Trailer Tent: Keith to contact Murray Black, CEC, about removing dumped trailer tent near the Honeypot. CLOSED – trailer removed. Area to be monitored for any future recurrences.</p> <p><u>JANUARY 2023</u> Station Road: Meeting to be arranged with CEC/Ward Cllrs/QDCC to discuss timing of resurfacing works. ONGOING – to ensure all parties aware of need to avoid potential clash with liner visits. ADDITIONAL ACTION, FEB 23 – Terry requested copy of list of roads scheduled for resurfacing. Cllr Younie to action.</p> <p>Queensferry Cemetery: Terry to organise separate meeting on QDCC position for future Cemetery provision. CLOSED – meeting held 8 February. Separate Agenda item, Feb 23.</p> <p>Harbour Repairs: Ward Cllrs/QDCC to check with CEC on delay in issuing Marine Licence for repairs, and ascertain when work due to start/complete. CLOSED – email below to Keith from Stephen Knox, CEC, 22/2/23 <i>“Planning Permission is now granted following completion of the archaeology surveys in 2022. Sean, the project PM, sent through a set of contract documents for review in November with Richard Berry and myself. Finalised early in the new year for tender, the next step, with construction due to</i></p>

	<p><i>commence in the Spring time subject to contractor availability and any other priorities which come up in the meantime.”</i></p> <p>Lloyds Chemists: Cllr Lang to request update on action taken by Alex Cole-Hamilton, and circulate to QDCC.</p> <p>ONGOING – Cllr Younie to check and advise.</p> <p>Tesco Bus Stop: Grant to check with Evans, site owners, on responsibility for Tesco bus stop maintenance/upkeep.</p> <p>CLOSED – covered in Transport report. Evans raised the matter with Tesco’s Property Team, as Evans feel liability for upkeep here rests with their tenant.</p>
7. QHS	<p>Michelle reported on current activity at QHS –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing matters included probationer trainee teachers moving to permanent posts this term, plus vacancy filled for expressive art position. • Invigilators needed, thanks to QDCC for providing local advertising. • Cluster meeting now scheduled for 6 March, online. Opportunity to share activity by/with local Primary schools. • Current work on improving attendance at secondary and primary levels, national initiative as numbers worsened, due in part to 4 disruptive years. • Cost of living also impacting attendance, out of term holidays becoming more popular. • Reduction in work experience placements due to WFH, proving challenging. • Participating in the Rights Respecting Schools Award programme. QHS gained a bronze award, and Dalmeny PS have a silver. • Joint event end March with all Primaries, and community. Further information or help on this from Michelle. <p>Anne Marie commented Youth Club S1 football numbers dropping and asked if flyers could be included in take home packs to help generate interest. Anne Marie to send to Michelle to action.</p> <p>Keith thanked Michelle for her update.</p>
8. Chair’s Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Any questions to be forwarded to Keith.</p>
9. Almond Ward Councillors’ Reports	<p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Nothing further to add.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting and presented by Cllr Younie.</p> <p>Lewis noted main event had been CEC budget approval. Keith commented on the £76m reduction in the overall budget and asked which service cuts will have the biggest impact on Queensferry. Lewis said there was to be trimming</p>

	<p>within corporate areas. No service cuts but that didn't mean extra revenue was available. Aim is to keep to stated service outcomes and delivery but these may plateau. Keith noted impact across all services and queried how far the 5% increase in Council tax and increased parking fees and fines would go in addressing the 6% cuts. Lewis said it wasn't an investment budget, just aiming to keep to the £76m reduction.</p> <p>Norman commented cuts to services like languages, speech therapy, would affect everyone. Balanced budget had been possible due to the Council tax increase. It was a complex situation and had given rise to some unusual voting across the different groups.</p>
10. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane advised the QDCC figures included some Ferry Elms money which was being held pending reallocation.</p>
11. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry thanked CEC (Robbie, Julie and Crawford) for setting up and participating in the Stakeholder Workshop on 22 Feb. The report from the evening was awaited. Ward Cllrs had been present but not fully briefed on their specific role at the event.</p> <p>Terry also noted recent complaint from a member of the public sent to a Ward Cllr. It concerned an email to himself as QDCC Secretary which was being looked into but not yet responded to. The complaint had been referred to the CEC Governance team by the Ward Cllr, and not to QDCC. Keith and Terry were both disappointed in the approach taken and felt the matter could have been resolved if handled differently.</p>
12. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Planning. Report submitted.</p> <p>Diane referred to the application for a monopole on The Loan. The previous application, which QDCC had objected to, had run out and was being resubmitted. She asked members for their views on the current application. It was agreed QDCC would continue to object to the location of this mast, on the same grounds as previously.</p> <p>Transport. Report submitted.</p> <p>Nothing further to add, no questions raised.</p> <p>Environment. Report submitted.</p> <p>Regarding Burgess Road site Neil advised a contractor was to do a site visit to see what might be possible. Keith would also attend.</p> <p>Terry asked about action on dealing with trees affected by ash dieback on the old railway line. Neil understood action is not imminent, however, a large number of trees are involved which will have impact once cut back.</p> <p>Education. Report submitted.</p>

	<p>David F noted he was to meet the new Echline PS Headteacher on 2 March.</p> <p>Communications. Report submitted. Nothing further to add, no questions raised.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted. Any questions to be sent to Anne.</p> <p>Youth Development. Report submitted. Nothing further to add, no questions raised.</p> <p>QHT. Report submitted. David L commented that the recent talk on Hewlett Packard had been fascinating with personal stories from those who had worked there.</p> <p>QCCC. Report submitted. Any questions to be sent to Gillian.</p>
<p>13. Future Cemetery Provision</p>	<p>Keith referred to the discussion at the January meeting on the cemetery reaching capacity and no local plan to address this. QDCC executive members had met to consider this further and agree appropriate action. Keith had subsequently written to all 4 Ward Cllrs asking how this situation had been allowed to arise without warning and what CEC policy is on future cemetery provision. Replies had covered the current budget situation; that there is no public land available for additional cemetery space in Queensferry; and no money to purchase privately owned land. In relation to Queensferry this was very unsatisfactory and raised other local strategic planning issues such as roads and schools.</p> <p>Cllr Younie agreed that there were other issues involving long term planning in Queensferry and West Edinburgh. He recognised that having a local cemetery was an emotional subject but he was uncertain what the options were and therefore what Ward Cllrs could do. He undertook to raise with CEC officials and work with QDCC on this but recognised that financial constraints would be an issue.</p> <p>Cllr Work said he had enquired about suitable land several years ago, looked at Dark Entry, but this had fallen away. He felt it wasn't a budget matter, but one of policy. CEC were not prepared to purchase land scheduled for development. A new cemetery at Craigmillar had been created for the whole CEC area so difficult to make a case for Queensferry, but it needed to be recognised that special case existed.</p> <p>QDCC agreed and that the impact on relatives travelling to Craigmillar, and if don't have own transport, is too much. It was also unclear how this fitted with the 20-minute neighbourhood policy, as well as the environmental impact of having a cemetery so far away. QDCC wished to know how the need</p>

	<p>for a new cemetery had arisen when the previous information was that there would be sufficient space for a further 15 years. Queensferry hadn't been consulted or informed that space now only exists for next 2 years.</p> <p>It was agreed Ward Cllrs would speak with officers on CEC strategy and policy in order to provide answers to the questions posed by QDCC to enable further discussion on how to handle this matter. Keith thanked Lewis and Norman for their support on taking this forward.</p> <p>ACTION: Ward Cllrs to engage with CEC to ascertain the strategy, policy and plans for future cemetery provision, and at Queensferry in particular.</p>
<p>14. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates</p>	<p>No additional matters raised.</p>
<p>15. AOB</p>	<p>Network Rail Update</p> <p>Keith advised update on the Forth Bridge Experience proposals received that day, see below. It notes that the Business Case was still being reviewed. QDCC concerned that if it doesn't progress as planned could put the UNESCO World Heritage Status at risk.</p> <p><u>Email from Sarah Duignan, Network Rail, 27/2/23</u></p> <p><i>"The business case for the Forth Bridge Experience is still being reviewed. It is likely that considerations around affordability will determine the way forward.</i></p> <p><i>I do, however, have an update on another piece of work regarding the Forth Bridge. Network Rail will soon be installing an Automatic Track Warning System (ATWS) on the Forth Bridge. The programme is still being finalised but works will likely start in May for approx. 5 weeks and will take place when the trains are not running (i.e. during the night) for the safety of our colleagues. The ATWS is an alarm system which, once installed, will predominantly be used during the daytime to allow colleagues to inspect the bridge when trains are running. The alarms would only be in operation when colleagues are accessing the bridge.</i></p> <p><i>Disruptive works as well as some additional inspections would still need to be undertaken when trains are not working i.e. at night.</i></p> <p><i>Prior to works taking place we will write to residents to let them know about the works. We will of course share additional details with you."</i></p> <p>Echline Footpaths</p> <p>Diane reported she had contacted Ward Cllrs about the poor and dangerous state of footpaths at Echline, and especially near Echline Primary where children were known to have fallen down. She had been told responsibility lay with residents and not CEC, as no paths in Echline had been adopted. She had since discovered that many paths are actually adopted but not those near the school, as shown on the CEC map. It was thought this had occurred when the school was built, and never dealt with. The CEC map also recorded the</p>

	<p>east/west path as unadopted. Cllr Younie agreed to take this forward with the other Ward Cllrs.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Younie to liaise with other Ward Cllrs regarding repairs required on Echline footpaths, particularly near the primary school, and also on their adopted status.</p> <p>Stakeholder Workshop</p> <p>Keith referred to the earlier discussion. Agreed next steps dependent on the report to be produced and should provide foundation to work from for QDCC and Ward Cllrs to take forward.</p>
16. Questions from the floor	None raised.
17. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 27 March 2023 at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.