

QDCC

Monthly News Report

April 2023

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Thank you



Chair's Report

Keith Giblett

Chairs report for April Business Meeting being held 24th April 7.30pm Virtual

A quieter month than usual probably due to the Easter Holiday break and fewer communications with Council officers and other agencies.

My main focus this month has been the repairs to the Seal Statue and Guardian of the Bridges as reported by the Environmental Convenor communicating with the contractor Gracelia Ainsworth repairing the Seal and the Artist Debbie Ryan who kindly agreed to return to Queensferry to refurbish the Guardian.

We are very grateful to I & H Brown for funding the repair to the Seal and to the Almond Neighbourhood Network for the grant to refurbish the Guardian.

Work is not completed and I am presently in discussions with interested parties about landscaping the area around the Guardian.

EACC Meetings

I have attended two EACC Board meetings in the last month.

QDCC Membership Mr Muir Kay

Upon learning that Muir Kay QBC Local Interest Group Member was standing down from this position I invited Muir to take up a co-opted position on QDCC. I am pleased to advise that he has accepted. The business of co-option needs to be concluded at this month's meeting.

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.

Keith Giblett

Chair QDCC 23 April 23.

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Secretary's Report

Terry Airlie

1. The QDCC mailbox has been fairly quiet since the March business meeting. A number of telephone calls and website queries have been dealt with.

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

Further to our last meeting I have to report that Muir Kay has intimated he will be standing down as the Queensferry Boat Club representative on QDCC, having notified me of this resignation from The QBC Committee.

I would personally like to express my thanks and appreciation for the time and effort Muir has given up on behalf of QDCC and wish him well moving forward. I suspect this will not be the last we hear from Muir.

We still await formal feedback from CEC on the outcome of the Queensferry Buildings and Community Workshop but the findings from the West Edinburgh High School provision consultation have been reported and circulated.

I still await feedback from the October Meeting with Paul Lawrence and Gareth Barwell on the list of agreed action items.

Future Cemetery provision in Queensferry dialogue continues with CEC and a meeting to discuss with stakeholders will be arranged in the near future once a date has been agreed..

Dialogue with CEC governance on QDCC membership numbers also continues. We have been informed that a consultation is planned, looking at a full Boundary and Community Council scheme, likely to be ahead of the next round of Community Council elections currently due in May 2024. At this moment it is unclear if the results from the 2022 Census will be available in time for this review.

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, blocked drains and gulleys, speeding and “boy racers”, pollution in Ferryburn, fencing in The Rosebery Hall Memorial Garden, Cruise Liner visits, Pharmacy provision and service levels, and a request for sponsorship.

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. Along with members of the Planning Sub Committee I attended a site visit to the Taylor Wimpey Hawthorn Gardens development as reported by Diane. One interesting topic of conversation related to S75 monies and how the allocations are both drawn down and executed. This is worthy of further discussion as both QDCC and the Almond Neighborhood Network are looking into this matter.
3. 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.
Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC related activity.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 23rd April 2023

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Treasurer's Report

Diane Job

April 2023

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Debbie Ryan - Guardian of The Bridges Repair - £1120.00

Graciela Ainsworth Sculpture Conservation Ltd - Hawes Seal Repair - £1459.20

Specialized Signs - Guardian of The Bridges Sign - £48.00

Graeme McKinley - Ms Teams Subscription - £47.52

Total CC Funds - £3150.77

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - March interest - £16.84 - £18397.80

95 Day Notice Account - March interest - £109.79 - £61667.48

Nationwide Building Society - April 2022 - March 2023 interest - £1336.67 - £87588.43

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - January - March interest - £290.00 - £86530.57

Charity Bank - £61221.83

Community Facility Funding Total = £400406.11

Updated full **March 2023 Accounts, reflecting year end.....*

Treasurer Report 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

Zurich - Pubic Liability Insurance - £112.00

Graeme McKinley - TSOHOST Payment - £86.26

Total CC Funds - £5825.49

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

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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.

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Education

David Flint

The schools have been on holiday for two weeks.

I joined the primary School Parents council meeting on 29/3/23. The composition of this council is changing. Jane McCormick and Louise agreed to take charge until the planned AGM.

We received a report from the head teacher. Present roll 529. They are re-visiting the school values and concentrating on writing skills. School assemblies have been re-started. They are also focussing on outdoor learning.

The meeting was joined by Robbie Crockatt and Peter Garner. We were brought up to date with plans for the future of the local schools. QPS needs to have 21 classes so they are looking at the existing facilities, one proposal is to put 3 classes into the old school building. They are very aware of the condition of the community centre buildings.

David Flint, Education Convener

Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Youth Engagement



The Blew Light Disco for P7s from all the cluster primary schools, was held in Queensferry High School on April 21st. 185 young people attended and had a fantastic evening.

Disco, photo booth and tuck shop were on offer and the night didn't disappoint. Lots of dancing, chatting and getting to know young people from other schools who would soon be joining each other at the high school.

The Blew (Blue Light Edinburgh West) disco is run by local School Link police officer Gill Young, local community police officers PC Dave Campbell, PC McLeod and the Queensferry youth work team. Also, thanks to Edinburgh Leisure for their support and allowing us to use the hall and facilities, their support of the young people is fantastic.



The local youth provision returns after a short easter break.

The Summer Programme is currently being put together, after the success of last year's summer programme we are hoping to repeat this.

Echline Primary

Echline Primary school are having a summer fun day on June 3rd from 2pm-4pm. Some of the Echline young people arranged a sponsored walk of the Ferry Fair Burgh Tour on Sun 23/4 to raise funds for the Ferry Fair.

Queensferry High School

Study leave begins for pupils Monday 24th April.

P7 Information evening Tuesday 23rd May.

Environment

Neil McKinlay

Community Sculptures in need of repair

It is pleasing to report that work has now been completed on the damaged seal sculpture at the Hawes pier end of the promenade and also the Guardian of the Bridges sculpture. The quality of the repairs have been first class and we thank the civil engineering company of I & H Brown and the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership respectively for their generous sponsorship to cover the cost of these repairs.

We are aiming to raise additional funding to undertake a refurbishment of the surrounding ground where the Guardian of the Bridges sculpture is situated to make the whole area more visually appealing. This will include the erection of a small fence and shrubbery border and appropriate signage to deter folks from sitting on the sculpture for photo shoots as we believe this was the root cause of the damage to the sculpture that has now been repaired.

Dangerous wall at the Leuchold Gate entrance to the Dalmeny Estate

The pavement and road adjacent to the perimeter wall at the above location have been cordoned off and traffic controlling measures are currently in place. This would point to the possibility of remedial works being planned. I have contacted the estate office to obtain a status report on what is planned by way of repairs.

Land on Station Road on the border of the High School

I will be chasing up McKenzie Construction for an update on their plans to restore this weed strewn parcel of land following their sewage construction work last year as this area of ground is now a complete eyesore .

Planters and Tubs

Our local Greenferry Planting team of volunteers has just received confirmation from the Inch Nursery that our request for plants and shrubs to re stock our planters and tubs including additional plants for restocking recently renovated areas of ground in the town has been approved. We are most grateful to our friends in the CEC Parks and Green Spaces team for their generous support.

School Engagement Activities

Our Rotary environmental team have built 2 new raised vegetable planters in the grounds of St Margaret's Primary School with vegetable growing classes planned for delivery by 2

Greenferry volunteers. The Rotary Club environmental team have also built another raised flower bed on Dalmeny Village Green and have re stained the existing planters.

Vegetable growing outdoor lessons are also being organised for the pupils of Queensferry Primary School.

The local Rotary environmental team in conjunction with a group of Echline Primary School parent volunteers will shortly commence the renovation of Ross's Memorial garden which has become rather dilapidated over time.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor

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Health & Wellbeing

Anne Mitchell

Health and Wellbeing report April 2023

Health in mind is planning to run a 6 week face to face course in Rosebery hall starting late June covering strategies to help cope with anxiety. I will advertise towards the end of May.

Ferry elves with the help of Keith Terry and Diane are moving towards being a constituted group with a public meeting being held in Rosebery hall at 6 pm on Tuesday 25th.

Ferry elves are continuing to support families living locally with clothing and signposting to more appropriate organisations, as required. We have had several requests from the health visiting team. An on-going issue is that the social housing allocated out here does not include carpets or curtains leaving families with high stress levels at a time when finances are already overstretched. I have raised this with Christine Jardine MP at a recent drop in clinic.

A Duke of Edinburgh award pupil is helping to verify information on Queensferry activities as part of his volunteering which is a great help.

Anne Mitchell

April 2023

Applications

During the four week period one application was received

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

23/01112/CLP - Installation of bi-folding door into the rear elevation and window into the side elevation of the dwelling - 31 Dimma Park

Decisions

The planning authority made ten decisions during the four week period

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

23/00488/PA - The installation of a 15m high monopole with 1 antenna within the a GRP shroud and 1 Equipment cabinet - Telecoms Apparatus 6 metres East of 29 The Loan(outside East Coast Tyres) - APPROVED

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

22/00358/FUL - The development of a Forth Bridge Walk Reception Hub building; new sections of bridge access system; new viewing platforms; alterations to Dalmeny Battery; demolition of 2 No. outbuildings; associated car parking; landscaping; servicing and alterations to existing vehicular and pedestrian accesses - GRANTED WITH LEGAL AGREEMENT

23/00569/FUL- Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey extension in the rear garden - 15 Lawson Crescent - GRANTED

23/00584/PND - Prior notification of demolition of buildings - Dolphington West Craigie Farm Road - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

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 - GRANTED

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 - GRANTED

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

23/01112/CLP - Installation of a bi-folding door into the rear elevation and window into the side elevation of dwelling - 31 Dimma Park - GRANTED

Planning Matters

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - no date has been given for this work to be progressed

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village

I & H Brown and Lovell are progressing in tandem and progress within the development is ongoing

The existing overhead lines have been removed by SPEN which in turn allows I & H Brown to further progress their earthworks on placement of fill which is at the eastern corner and progresses westwards to a conclusion which provides a finished platform for most of the site. There will be a bit more vehicle movements and Cala are aware that with the better weather coming too vigilance on dust control will be the focus.

There has been a recent enquiry re the replanting of localised areas where existing plants etc were removed to enable new sewers to be outfalled and tied into Echline Scottish Water network

Cala are still awaiting full approval and on receipt it is still their intention to replant this void during this growing season. There is a Scottish Water directive with this and planting is not allowed within 3 months either side and within 6 months either side (dependant on species) of their new asset so there will still be void that cannot be planted out and Cala will have to adhere to that or Scottish Water will not take full vesting/ownership of the new sewer.

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

No written update due to holidays but hopefully will be able to give a verbal update at our meeting.

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

QDCC Planning sub-committee met with Taylor Wimpey representatives at the development, which was an informative meeting including a tour of the streets that are so far completed and a look inside the show homes. There are 96 properties presently occupied and the phase of the development where building is now in progress is the smaller 2 and 3 bedroom properties. Places For People have been handed over the social rent properties which have so far been completed. Sales are progressing well. It is scheduled that the development will be complete in 2026.

Forthview Development (Corus site)

Ambassador has nothing new to report. The site still progress both from a construction and sales point of view.

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. 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

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport Report for April 2023

- 1. Road & Pavement Conditions** – Repairs to potholes are still being carried out on an ‘as-required’ basis for local roads in Queensferry. The patches should last longer now that the worst winter weather is behind us, although people would prefer a smooth permanent surface. The £11m road repair budget increase from CEC will hopefully start to become apparent with results on the ground shortly. Nothing heard recently on the Station Road and Rosshill Terrace full carriageway resurfacing promised for 2023-24, which may involve some inconvenient closures during the work. New traffic calming features can also be expected but we haven’t seen designs for these yet.
- 2. Medical Centre Crossing** – Zebra stripes intended to assist pedestrians and wheelchair users crossing the private road between the medical centre and Bamboo have been repainted, along with yellow lines to discourage parking around this area. We’d approached Scotmid for help in progressing this work following a request from the practice manager, highlighting road safety concerns. However we haven’t heard feedback on whether the measures have been effective.
- 3. High Street Resurfacing** – No further meetings on the High Street subject this month and nothing heard back on the road safety audit for the design settled in early March or news on promoting the TROs. To recap, the Hawes end of the scheme has been dropped, in favour of resurfacing the High Street & Edinburgh Road section in isolation. Despite attempts at compromise quite a few parties voiced their intent to lodge objections against the design principles, therefore involvement from a Scottish Government Reporter seems likely. Although implementation would be delayed, this shouldn’t affect the funding position, particularly now that Sustrans are no longer part of the equation, and options for material palette remain flexible.
- 4. Public Transport** – No significant changes to Queensferry’s bus network over the past month, although most operators have changed their fares recently. No further update from McGill’s on prospects for improving the depleted 63 bus service, which still doesn’t show clear signs of the improvements mentioned in January to the ANN. Furthermore McGill’s announced plans to drastically cut back many Eastern Scottish branded services due to low use, rising costs and driver shortages. Although the cuts are outside our area they could affect Queensferry passengers wishing to change for Broxburn or Livingston and might not bode well for McGill’s Edinburgh contracts such as the 63 in future. West Lothian Council are attempting to arrange contracts at short notice to cover any socially necessary links but face some problems familiar to our own community. No response from Evans since they raised the matter of

deteriorating bus shelters with Tesco's Property Team. During the 2023-24 financial year CEC were looking to replace the Hopetoun Road bus shelter where the stop was moved to the west side of the police station to accommodate the new traffic lights. Although we didn't hear back on a schedule, some recent markings on the pavement indicate the location was reviewed and plans made to install a shelter where shown. On the shelter cleaning schedule, there's no clear progress been made at Builyeon Road (Bridgewater Village building site) however recent repairs made to local shelters suggest the team may be quietly on the case.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

23 April 2023

Cruise Ship visits 2023 – traffic management [click here for details](#).

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April 2023 report

Queensferry to benefit from roads cash boost

The approval of the Liberal Democrat budget by a majority of Edinburgh Council resulted in an extra £11 million being allocated for road and pavement resurfacing projects. It means this year's total programme of resurfacing will be one of the biggest in the Council's history.

The Transport Committee has agreed how this money should be allocated and Queensferry is set to benefit. Scotstoun Ave, Society Rd, Ferrymuir, Station Rd, Echline Ave and Linn Mill are all set to be resurfaced along with pavements in and around Lawson Crescent.

Queensferry High School options

The results of the consultation on whether or not to extend Queensferry High have now been published.

Only 9% of respondents said they were in favour of extending Queensferry High School with 84% favouring a new high school in Kirkliston or elsewhere in west Edinburgh. In Queensferry, 2% favoured extending the existing school. This rose to 22% for people in Kirkliston. However, there were still clear majorities across both communities for a wholly new school.

As a team, we have supported a new school in Kirkliston for many years. We will continue to push hard for this. Council officers intend to report again in September, with a detailed assessment of the viability of a new secondary school in Kirkliston based on:

- progress securing a site in the east of Kirkliston;
- the development of a model for the operation of a new Kirkliston High School;
- a review of the financial viability of a new secondary school in Kirkliston.

Big plan to improve waste removal and cleaning

The recently approved Liberal Democrat budget included £3 million extra for improved cleaning and waste clearing across the city. Officers have now detailed how this money will be used:

- A new dedicated team to tackle graffiti.
- Introducing free 'special' bulky waste uplifts for those on low incomes.

- Improved fly tipping clearing service.
- A new cleanliness team for rural and suburb areas.

We are obviously keen to make sure Queensferry and Dalmeny benefit from this increased investment, especially around addressing issues of fly tipping which tends to be worse in the rural west. We will be meeting with officers to understand how we can get our ward prioritised.

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CLlr Work

Wall and temporary traffic lights on B924. Traffic management for emergency southbound lane closure on B924, with pedestrians diverted on the carriageway. The council are unable to say how long these measures will be in place. The council are preparation of Statutory Notice to be presented to the owners of the wall.

Disposal of an area of ground adjoining Port Edgar Marina to LAR Housing Trust. The Finance and Resources Committee, on 25 April 2023, will consider a report seeking approval for the disposal of an area of ground adjoining Port Edgar Marina to LAR Housing Trust. In 2021, LAR Housing Trust (LAR) purchased the former Port Edgar Navel Barracks from the Scottish Government for the development of predominantly affordable mid-market rent housing. LAR has approached the Council to acquire an area of adjoining land outlined in red on the attached plan, to provide improved access to the development, and servitude rights to connect to a main sewer shown shaded green. The land, which is irregular in shape and backfilled with building materials, extends to approximately 1,050 sq m as shown outlined in red on the plan attached. The land is currently not used for any purpose and is fenced off from the public. It has no alternative market value. The sale price will be £20,000.

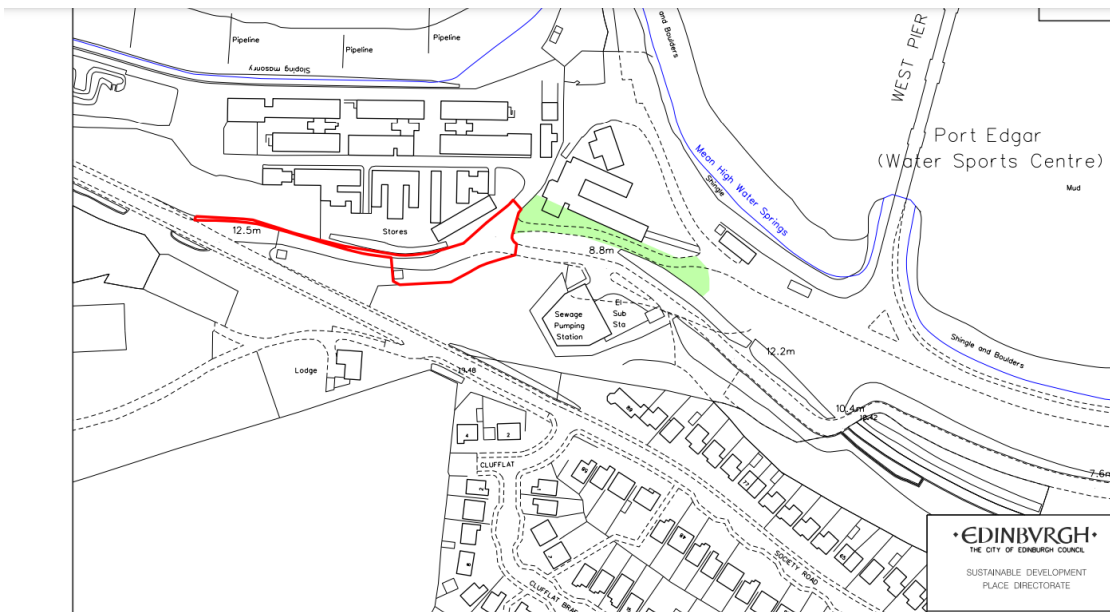
Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee. A meeting took place via MS Teams on Wednesday 19th April. During cruise liner visits, Bankhead Road will again be used for buses to use as a holding area to pick up passengers but instead of the Hawes car park being closed all day, the car park will open around 10.30am for public use which should be welcome news to local businesses in the High Street & Hawes area.

Adoption of roads & Pavements in Dalmeny Park. No update at the time of writing. Discussions were taking place and there should have been news to report. I will keep asking for an update.

Regards,

CLlr Norman Work

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Other Documents

Queensferry Heritage Trust (QHT)



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Promoting and protecting the
heritage of Queensferry

April 2023

Annual General Meeting of Queensferry Heritage Trust was held on Wednesday 19th April in the Masonic Lodge.

2022 saw a welcome return to our Autumn / Winter programme of in person talks. We are delighted that these were well attended and that QHT has emerged from Covid with a strong membership (currently 77) and a positive bank balance.

We believe that encouraging people to explore and value our rich heritage is an investment in the future. QHT continues to be active in a range of Committees and Groups and welcomes collaboration with others who have shared objectives.

Visit our Website <https://www.queensferryheritage.org.uk/>

We are on [Facebook!](#) Contact us: mail@queensferryheritage.org.uk



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting

Almond Ward

QDCC – March 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 – 8 x reported incidents

Incidents primarily relate to vehicles acting in an anti-social manner, sounding horns/revving engines/playing loud music etc. for which either local or Road Traffic Officers attended the area on the majority of occasions.

1 x incident relates to a report of dangerous driving – Local Officers obtained CCTV footage from the CEC temporary camera located within the car park which does capture the offence - The driver of the vehicle has since been traced, cautioned and charged with Dangerous Driving.

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: 3 x reported incidents

1 x incident relates to youths causing a nuisance in the area of Stoneyflatts – Officers attended, traced the youths and moved them on. Of note, one of the youths was identified as responsible for a minor assault on a member of the public and was charged accordingly.

1 x incident relates to a group of youths acting in a disorderly manner, shouting, swearing and banging on doors in the area of Viewforth Road – Local Officers contacted residents to provide advice and reassurance and have carried out additional patrols in the area.

1 x incident relates to a report of youths congregating in the area of Burgess Road – Local Officers attended however the youths had moved on - Officers engaged with the informant to provide reassurance.

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

1 x incident relates to damage to Barnbogle Castle whereby a window had been damaged – Enquiries are ongoing

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

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Agenda

QDCC April Business Meeting

Monday 24th April 2023 at 7.30pm

(Virtual Meeting)

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Guests - Joanne Kesterton (Edinburgh Leisure)
- Miles Oglethorpe (Historic Environment Scotland) – tbc
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (March 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 – 17th April 2023

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 27 March 2023 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Diane Job (Treasurer), Anne Marie Boyd, David Flint, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Muir Kay (QBC), David Learmond (QHT), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, PC MacLeod (Police Scotland), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Chief Inspector Neil Wilson & Community Inspector Caroline Flynn – Item 4. One local resident – Item 12.

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting, which he was chairing on behalf of Keith. It had been another busy month for QDCC, with engagement across several groups and areas of interest as highlighted in the March Newsletter.
2. Apologies	Keith Giblett, Laura Sexton, PCs Campbell & MacLeod (Police Scotland), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Jenni Meldrum (QBA).
3. Police Report	Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Terry.
4. Police Scotland Update	<p>Terry welcomed Ch Insp Neil Wilson and Insp Caroline Flynn and invited them to address the meeting. Neil introduced himself, he was pleased to be able to attend. It was important for the Police team to ensure a good level of engagement is in place across NW Edinburgh, and Queensferry was an important element within that. The recent assets workshop had provided helpful insight on potential collaboration, and he was keen to hear feedback from Community PCs Campbell and MacLeod. Caroline also thanked QDCC for the opportunity to attend the meeting. The team were working closely with partner bodies across the area, and she had attended ANN meetings. There was pressure on resources but steps taken to address areas of local concern, including initiatives such as community policing around QHS and at the Hawes for example. Feedback on the monthly Police report would be welcome to make sure it's helpful to QDCC members.</p> <p>Terry confirmed the good working relationship between QDCC and the Police team, which he trusted would continue. Diane welcomed the approach taken at QHS, there was good rapport with the officers involved. She and others commented on the generational issue where benefits are gained from making connections with youngsters early which then pay dividends later on.</p>

	<p>Involvement in local clubs, visits, the Blue Light Disco etc were all helpful in building relationships. Graeme noted youth clubs break over Easter might mean a rise in incidents. Muir and others thanked the Police team for their work across the community.</p> <p>David L commented on Queensferry's strategic position with 3 important bridges plus a growing community and queried whether the lack of permanent Police presence was adequate. Neil acknowledged the critical infrastructure and housing expansion but felt there was a reasonable balance at present with the response team at Corstorphine and the Community PCs. Work on future resource needs and any reconfiguration was being carried out by Caroline.</p> <p>On the monthly reports Terry advised content for QDCC is fine plus have access to Community PCs if additional information needed. Neil confirmed open line to seek further information from them on anything specific.</p> <p>Terry thanked Neil and Caroline for their update and for answering the questions raised.</p>
<p>5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Feb 2023)</p>	<p>Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne Marie.</p>
<p>6. Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u> Dalmeny Park: Cllr Work to check and confirm roads/pavements formally adopted. ONGOING - action expected to be concluded March 23. Cllr Work chasing up.</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 - Diane advised difficulty accessing the right person. Unsure if development going ahead. Orchard trees planted. Possible problem if demolition involved.</p> <p>CDT: Terry to initiate work on taking forward CDT proposal in early 2023. DEFER – pending outcomes of planned discussion with CEC and Queensferry Assets workshop.</p> <p><u>JANUARY 2023</u> Station Road: Meeting to be arranged with CEC/Ward Cllrs/QDCC to discuss timing of resurfacing works to ensure all parties aware of need to avoid potential clash with liner visits. ONGOING – meeting to be arranged. ADDITIONAL ACTION, FEB 23 – Terry requested copy of list of roads scheduled for resurfacing. Cllr Younie to action. Terry to follow up with Cllr Younie.</p>

	<p>Lloyds Chemists: Cllr Lang to request update on action taken by Alex Cole-Hamilton, and circulate to QDCC.</p> <p>ONGOING – Covered under Ward Cllr reports, agenda item 9. Cllr Young to pick-up and report back to QDCC.</p> <p><u>FEBRUARY 2023</u></p> <p>Future Cemetery Provision: Ward Cllrs to engage with CEC to ascertain the strategy, policy and plans for future cemetery provision, and at Queensferry in particular.</p> <p>ONGOING – Covered in Ward Cllr reports, agenda item 9. Terry to set up joint meeting with CEC, Ward Cllrs, Friends Group on outstanding matters re future cemetery provision.</p> <p>Echline Footpaths: 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>ONGOING - Covered in Chair report, agenda item 8. CEC contacted by QDCC and agreed to inspect paths and consider temporary repairs. Adoption status questioned.</p>
<p>7. QHS</p>	<p>Michelle thanked QDCC for supporting the recruitment of new invigilators, exam season would start after the Easter break. Engagement also ongoing with the 3 feeder Primary Schools.</p> <p>QHS had prepared a newsletter with details of support resources available to pupils and parent/carers on health and wellbeing, and additional support needs. A number of these were sited in Edinburgh and she asked QDCC for any additional local resources that could be added to the list. Michelle would email link to access the list for QDCC to cross-check to other known local services.</p> <p>Muir asked about QHS car park, as issues were continuing with parking on Station Road outside the school despite the recent double yellow lines. It was uncertain if this involved staff or pupils, or others. Terry also queried school bus parking on Scotstoun Avenue which could be awkward at times. The possibility of seeking permission to use the Hub car park during school hours was suggested. Michelle would raise both matters with QHS Senior Leadership Team and report back.</p> <p>Cllr Work wished to let QHS know that he'd got on a local bus passing the school at a busy time, and that pupils on the bus had made way for him to get a seat.</p> <p>Terry thanked Michelle for her update.</p>
<p>8. Chair's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p>

	Any questions to be forwarded to Keith.
9. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports	<p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Norman referred to the update in his and the other Ward Cllrs report on future cemetery provision. He and Cllr Younie had raised this formally with CEC Full Council, with Norman concentrating on strategy and policy for future cemetery provision and Lewis asking about land availability, and specifically in relation to Queensferry. He was following up on meeting involving CEC and the Queensferry Cemeteries Friends Group, which CEC said had taken place. Terry had spoken to CEC Bereavement Services on setting up a joint meeting to discuss the outstanding points to be addressed and would liaise with Norman on this.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to set up joint meeting with CEC, Ward Cllrs, Friends of Queensferry Cemeteries on outstanding matters re future cemetery provision.</p> <p>The other main issue to note was the CEC report on future Secondary School provision. The report would be made public in the next few days.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting and presented by Cllr Young.</p> <p>Regarding the High School consultation report, Louise advised it had reflected the comments and concerns from all 4 Ward Cllrs. She outlined next steps including formal consultation with the public, review over the summer period, and then formal presentation to CEC in the autumn. She added should QDCC have comments to make during the process that Ward Cllrs will support this.</p> <p>Terry referred back to the outstanding action on Lloyds chemists raised with Cllr Lang at the January meeting, and which Cllr Younie said would follow-up at the February meeting as there'd been no response provided. It indicated a lack of continuity in feeding back to QDCC from 3 Lib Dem Councillors with different attendees across 3 meetings. Louise thought it had been included on the Lib Dem online Ferry update page, but would check and reply to QDCC specifically. Diane added this had related to the level of service provided by Lloyds, including closing at short notice, plus non availability of certain medicines.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Young to pick up with Alex Cole-Hamilton and report back to QDCC on action point from January meeting regarding Lloyds chemists.</p>
10. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane reminded members that the QDCC figures include donations for remedial work on the 2 sculptures plus Ferry Elves money which was being held pending reallocation.</p> <p>She was looking into moving one of the accounts as it had become zero interest.</p> <p>QDCC discussed reviewing other accounts to secure the best interest rates.</p> <p>Diane would review in due course but cautioned that QDCC is limited in the</p>

	type of account it can open and that the whole process of transferring to another bank or account has proved problematic previously.
11. Secretary's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.
12. Builyeon Road	<p>Terry welcomed a local resident from Longcreek who wished to discuss concerns that CEC not holding the Builyeon Road developers to account as regards to active travel, diversion route, road safety and screening planting along the existing road. There was a concern raised in the timeliness bringing forward plans to open the diverted Builyeon Road. He had previous experience with other Councils where a different approach was taken. Terry reported dialogue with both parties and response from Cala but not yet from CEC on these matters. Meeting to be arranged with CEC and 3 other residents to take forward. Terry asked if there was anything more QDCC could do. The resident advised they were arranging to discuss with Cllr Younie and would pursue that before seeking anything further from QDCC.</p> <p>Grant commented on the Cala update to QDCC in February and their feedback on the new spine road and phasing of works within the development. He asked if there is a residents group at Longcreek to feedback views and concerns. The resident present was not aware of a formal group but that Longcreek neighbours feel views not being addressed or answered. Terry noted residents group further along at Echline Cottages. They had been put in contact with Cala and he would forward details.</p> <p>Diane advised the new spine road not intended to open for a few years, pending sufficient houses being built and occupied. The resident acknowledged this but the concern was the continued safe use of Builyeon Road meantime, and with increased traffic as the development progresses. The existing road is felt to be dangerous as pavement on only one side, too narrow for use by double buggies, no formal crossing points, and recent accident at one of the bus stops. QDCC noted these concerns and asked the resident to get in touch after meeting with Ward Cllrs to see what could be done to alleviate them.</p>
13. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Planning. Report submitted.</p> <p>Diane noted a quiet month in terms of applications and decisions. On the major developments Cala had reported progressing well with utilities infrastructure. Lovell and Cala moving ahead with prep works for first phases. QDCC site visit to be arranged. Scotstoun House proposals had been revised early March with prospective start date mid-2023, and completion by 2025. No update on the Port Edgar Naval Barracks site. It was understood delay due to new Case Officer getting up to speed. Other developments moving forward.</p> <p>The monopole on The Loan had been approved as it was a reapplication. This was despite objections from QDCC and QHT.</p>

DL commented on the civil engineers involved with the Forth Bridge being recognised in new street names. This was good to see.

Transport. Report submitted.

Referring to Station Road and Rosshill Terrace, Grant hoped these would both be resurfaced as part of CEC new financial year planning. The list requested by Terry should help clarify this.

Environment. Report submitted.

Neil commented on the seal sculpture renovation work, now completed. He had met with the artist on repairs to the Guardian of the Bridges, to be done in April. QDCC would engage with Ward Cllrs regarding the wall at Leuchold Gate.

Education. Report submitted.

David F noted recent good contact with Echline Primary. Looking to revamp the school garden and carry out other planting work. David F and Neil would liaise on this.

Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted.

Anne reported various meetings attended last month plus 1-2-1 support. The Foodbank and St Vincent de Paul both getting busier. Looking to formalise governance arrangements for Ferry Elves.

Wash-up meeting held for the Warm Hub arrangements, take-up hadn't been as busy as anticipated. Dalmeny Kirk popular but Queensferry Churches less so. Feedback geared more to addressing social isolation rather than warmth and this would be considered further in review of outcomes.

Neil asked if the Foodbank would run out of capacity to cope with increased need. Anne advised alright at present, current supply sufficient for current clients.

Cllr Work also thanked Anne for following-up a referral he'd made.

Communications. Report submitted.

Nothing further to add, no questions raised.

Youth Development. Report submitted.

Nothing further to add, no questions raised.

QHT. Report submitted.

David L advised talks programme now finished, had been successful with range of topics covered. AGM to be held in April, seeking younger members, currently around 70 members.

QBC. Report submitted.

Muir noted main issue is Harbour repairs, and added that the works themselves could be of interest to residents and visitors. Cllr Young welcomed the budget approval for the works, noting the current CEC financial constraints. Muir added that funding of £500k to £1m needed over next 2

	years and that money spent now will ensure the Harbour is safe for the next 100 years.
14. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	No additional matters raised.
15. AOB	Disappointment expressed in the delay in opening up of Queensferry Museum, given the busy Liner schedule for 2023. Discussions ongoing. Network Rail update, no further news on Forth Bridge Experience. Automatic Track Warning System programme on Forth Bridge still to be finalised.
16. Questions from the floor	None raised.
17. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 24 April 2023. Online/Location and start time TBC.