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May 2023

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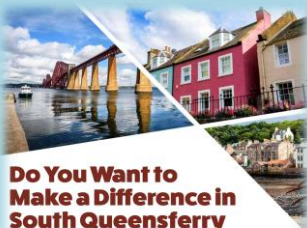
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Do You Want to Make a Difference in South Queensferry

A community development trust presents the opportunity to create local ideas, prioritise which to deliver, design it, plan it, fund it, deliver it, manage it, all for the benefit of the community.

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

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Thank you



South Queensferry Medical Practice

Can't get through at 8am to book a GP appointment?

No appointments available when you do get through?

We have listened to your feedback and will be rolling out a new appointment booking system from Monday 5th June 2023.

- We will increase our pre-bookable appointments and therefore will not be releasing "same-day" appointments at 8am each morning.
- **You do not have to ring at 8am to book an appointment.**
- This allows you to book ahead for a day that suits you.
- The Emergency GP will see urgent medical problems that cannot wait. The team will follow a strict protocol for urgent medical issues and we ask that this is respected.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation while this new system settles in.

Chair's Report

Keith Giblett

Chairs Report for QDCC Meeting being held on 22nd May 23 by Teams

Ferry Elves

Several meetings of the Ferry Elves have been held to primarily finalise this year's accounts and discuss establishing a stand-alone group as operating under QDCC is not sustainable. A constitution was compiled and agreed, an inaugural AGM was held and a management group formed with a chair and treasurer. The accounts for '22 are being finalised to lodge with the Almond Neighbourhood Network to conclude the grant received. We are now working on opening a separate bank account for the Elves.

EACC Meetings

I have attended three meetings of the EACC representing QDCC. I can provide notes for the meetings. Please request if you would like more information.

Guardian of Bridges

Along with the Environmental Convenor the work at the Guardian was completed by installing a sign and tidying up the landscape. We are now discussing upgrading the landscape with a potential sponsor.

FBWHMC Meetings

The quarterly meeting was held in the Contact and Education Centre at the FRB on the afternoon of the 9th May where groups and stakeholders gave updates. The important business of appointing a World Heritage coordinator remains outstanding as does progress with the Forth Bridge Experience project, funding being the issue. Minutes can be circulated on request.

Almond Neighbourhood Network (ANN) Meeting 10th May

I chaired the quarterly ANN meeting by Teams which was well attended. Andrew Field Head of Community Empowerment provided an update on progress with forming a team of officers.

I have cut & pasted the content from the draft minute;

Andrew Field, Head of Community Empowerment & Engagement team gave the following update on this new team. He explained that:

- Following the review of Lifelong Learning, the service had been split into three areas:
 - Libraries would now fall within Place Directorate
 - Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning, within Children and Education
 - Community Empowerment and Engagement, within Culture & Wellbeing Service in Place Directorate
- He will manage a team of 9 – 2 Managers and 7 Officers working across the city.

- Work will be both internal (working with CEC Departments to ensure a consistent degree of engagement in service delivery) and external (working with communities and community groups).
- Workstream is still developing and will include
 - Community Planning including Neighbourhood Networks (NN), LCPPs (Local Community Planning Partnerships) and LIPs (Locality Improvement Plans).
 - Recognise that some NNs work well and hope to work together to achieve some consistency across the city.
 - Community Grants Funding
 - Development of a Community Centres Strategy for the City
 - Developmental role with Community Councils and with local community organisations.
- Year one will focus on
 - making contact with groups,
 - developing a structure diagram
 - exploring what currently works well, what doesn't and what support may be needed.
- Andrew offered to come back to future meeting.

Comments / Queries:

- Keith welcomed this and added that it was good for NNs to- evolve too and to try to encourage more people to get involved
- Cllr Younie said that there was widespread excitement about the ethos of this new work
- Keith said that he welcomed improved communication with Community Councils
- Pauline added that involvement of team so far had been very positive

QHS Cala Educational opportunities

I facilitated and attended a meeting along with Secretary and Environmental Convenor at QHS with Cala representatives to discuss educational opportunities with deputy Head Kevin Thomas and Michael Fong. Discussions are in the early stages of development, around Cala and QHS resources aligning with school timetables. Allowing time for Cala to hold an internal meeting to consider how they might best support QHS a follow up meeting will be held.

Autonomous Bus Launch Friday 12 May 23



QDCC was invited to attend the launch of the Autonomous bus at the Contact & Education Centre. I and the Communications Convenor attended a very interesting presentation by Transport Scotland and Stagecoach. The bus service runs from Ferrytoll Park & Ride to Edinburgh Park Transport interchange (Station and Tram stop). The project called CAVForth was the result of a UK Government competition run by the Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles whose aim is to be a leader in developing this technology. The next phase of the project is to run the service into Dunfermline city centre. We enjoyed a drive in the Autonomous Bus around the complete route. It's a half hourly service. For further details and timetables [click here](#).

Secretary's Report

Terry Airlie

1. The QDCC mailbox has picked up quite considerably since the April business meeting. As before, several 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.
 - We still await the formal report from CEC on the outcome of the Queensferry Buildings and Community Workshop but earlier this week a holding response was received following a query to CEC on a related matter.
 - I still await feedback from the October Meeting with Paul Lawrence and Gareth Barwell on the list of agreed action items. This has again been flagged.
 - Future Cemetery provision in Queensferry dialogue continues with CEC but as yet no meeting date has been agreed.
 - Further dialogue with CEC on Local Place Plans has taken place but formal next steps have yet to be agreed.
 - A request has been received from CEC to participate in a review of the existing Locality Improvement Plan (2017-2022). As more details are received these will be shared.
 - A request has been received from EACC to complete a survey relating to the health and span of activity of QDCC as part of a wider information gathering exercise. I will reach out for assistance on this.
 - Notification has been received from The Boundaries Commission about a proposal to move Queensferry into a newly formed Scottish Parliament Constituency (Edinburgh Forth & Linlithgow).
For further information, please see link below –
[Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries - Boundaries Scotland - Citizen Space](#)
 - Councillor Lang has confirmed that some but not all areas of Dalmeny Park have been adopted by CEC. A further query has been submitted.

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 diverse topics such as tree cutting, pre-planning applications, bus lanes, place signage, boy racers and anti-social driving, pharmacy services and a lost dog. I also received a couple of queries via Cllr Lang on the composition and operational activities of QDCC sub-committees.

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 The Chair and Environmental Convenor I attended a meeting at QHS along with CALA facilitated by QDCC to discuss plans for pupil engagement, educational programs and The Skills Academy
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.

Terry Airlie
Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 21st May 2023

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Treasurer's Report

Diane Job

May 2023

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - Guardian Project - £15.79

Neil McKinlay - Guardian Repair - £44.20

Graeme McKinley - Website Auto Backup System - £125.16

Keith Giblett - Guardian Repair - £24.72

Total CC Funds - £2940.90

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

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

95 Day Notice Account - April interest - £106.44 - £61773.92

Nationwide Building Society - £87588.43

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £86530.57

Charity Bank - £61221.83

Community Facility Funding Total = £400512.55

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.

Latest edition can be read [here](#).

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Education

David Flint

Ed/Rec report May 2023.

No formal meetings this month.

Upcoming meetings: 30th May Rosebery Hall AGM. 31 May CAP meeting (teams)

On 26th April Anne Marie organised a planting session at Echline primary School. With the help of a very enthusiastic group of pupils, we planted 30 saplings to supplement the young hedge in the school grounds.

Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Forest Kindergarten at The Vat Run



Come August, Forest Kindergarten at The Vat run will be going stand alone. What this means is they will still be a council service but will not just be attached to one primary school, which is currently Echline Primary School. It means for the wider community, service users can access the service from other nurseries, private sector, childminders and anyone who wants to send their child to Forest Kindergarten. People can choose to have a split provision with the kindergarten your child could attend two days at another provider and two days at Forest.

The kindergarten will be offering full time places Monday to Thursday 8.15am till 3.45pm, if they are split provision, it will be from 8.30am till

3.30pm on their two days a week. If the child's split provision is with Echline Nursery they will still get every second Friday morning there. Staffing and the site will stay the same and will run the same way it has for the last couple of years. The kindergarten is well attended and has run successfully in partnership with Echline Nursery for the last three years. There are still things to get in place if you would like any more information with regards to this and finding out about places for your child, Forest Kindergarten are holding an **Open Day on the 2nd and 16th of June.**

Echline Primary School

Echline will be having their Summer Fun Day on June 3rd from 2pm till 4pm.

Work is being carried out in Ross's Memorial Garden by The Rotary club with some parents supporting, what a fantastic job they have done so far.

Echline have started having visits of stay and plays from children who will be coming into Primary 1 after the summer, these are to help support this year's transition.

Queensferry Primary School

Queensferry Primary School Parents Council have appointed Louise Wilson as the new chairperson; the next meeting will take place in June.

Youth Engagement

Youth Engagement in South Queensferry is going from strength to strength. Open All Hours on a Friday evening 6pm till 8pm, on average has 50 young people attend every week. The Tuesday Youth Café which was opened up to allow P7s to attend to give them a taster has been attended by up to 35 young people. The Transition P7 group enjoyed a visit to the high school to have a tour.

At the present time the Summer Programme is being worked on. The 2022 summer programme over three-weeks altogether provided 510 different sessions. A rough calculation shows that 353 unique young people benefitted, and some returning for further sessions. We are hoping to be able to provide an as successful programme this year.

Edinburgh Leisure opportunities for Young People

Bitesize: Coaching Academy

Overview

Edinburgh Leisure's Coaching Academy will provide nationally recognised qualifications that enable successful learners to lead safe, purposeful, and enjoyable sport/physical activity. The Coaching Academy will assist young people to learn new skills for the job market, using the capacity of sport coaching to transform lives, increase motivation, encourage learning and support personal development. The project is targeted at young people aged 16-24 years and fully funded through Edinburgh Leisure Active Communities.

What is involved?

The inaugural 2023 intake will be limited to 16 candidates with learning focussed on studying for a sport leadership qualification and sports specific coaching course qualifications. Candidates will gain the SCOF Sports Leaders Level 5 qualification carried out as a weeklong course starting Monday 17th and finishing on Friday 21st July at Meadowbank Sports Centre delivered by Edinburgh Leisure.

The Sports Leaders sessions use sport to deliver fun and engaging physical activities with other attendees. Candidates will plan, lead and evaluate sports/physical activity sessions

over a number of tutored hours and then demonstrate their leadership skills as part of an assessment.

Upon completion of Sports Leaders, a series of three coaching qualifications will be delivered once weekly at Meadowbank Sports Centre. Those qualifications are as follows:

1) Scottish Badminton: Badminton Basics course: 27th July 2023

Badminton Basics is a six-hour course geared towards coaches with little or no badminton experience. It focuses on fun games for beginners, allowing participants to lead sessions at schools and assist more experienced coaches at clubs. Badminton Basics is a core component of the new coaching awards and, as such, is the first step on the pathway.

2) Scottish Athletics: Leading Athletics course: 3 August 2023

The 3-hour Leading Athletics workshop is available for coaches and allows for the training and development of new volunteers, with the ultimate aim of supporting existing leadership programmes and attracting more young leaders into the sport of athletics. The Leading Athletics workshop is aimed at individuals looking to gain the skills to lead athletics activities to young athletes. Individuals completing the course will be able to support Coaching Assistant and Athletics Coaches.

3) Scottish FA: 1.1 Introduction to Football Coaching course: 10" August 2023

The Scottish FA Level 1.1 Introduction to Coaching course aims to develop a basic understanding of The Scottish FA coach education pathway and the coach's learning journey. Effective communication and player interaction to develop effective delivery.

Participants will be signposted Edinburgh Leisure volunteering opportunities within sports venues and holiday programme provision, where they will be immersed in all aspects of the Sport and Leisure coaching environment. This can lead to employment opportunities within Edinburgh Leisure. We will host a celebratory event in closing. Register using the QR code or by [clicking here](#).



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Environment

Neil McKinlay

Community Sculptures

Keith Giblett and I had a site meeting with the main landscape contractors that Cala Home utilise, Landscape Technology to discuss the landscaping of the ground surrounding the Guardian of The Bridges sculpture.

The outline plan is to include the erection of a small fence and shrubbery border as well as laying a new surface of purple slate or similar to improve the aesthetics of the whole area.

Landscape Construction will now present their plans and costing to Cala Home and we are hopeful they will agree to fund the costs as part of their Community Pledge commitment.

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. I contacted the estate office to obtain a status report on what is planned by way of repairs and they are still in negotiation with CEC to agree the way forward as it is not a simple task of repairing the damaged section of wall as the wider implications of the impact of traffic vibration on the whole length of the perimeter wall needs to be considered. The estate office have undertaken to keep me apprised of developments.

Land on Station Road on the border of the High School

I have chased 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. Regrettably no response has been forthcoming to date so a suitably worded follow up enquiry will now be dispatched

Planters and Tubs

Work will commence with the restocking of all the tubs and planters in early June with Greenferry and Rotary volunteers. This will include the restocking of 9 new planters built by Rotary on Dalmeny Village green last year and we will complete the renovation of the side garden area at Rosebery Halls community centre.

Rosebery Halls Gardens

I attended a site meeting with Mary Giblett, Chair of the Community Hall management team and Roddy McKee from the CEC Forestry department to discuss the trimming and the removal of some overgrown trees towards the rear of the gardens as they are starting to cause issues fouling IT cables. Roddy has committed to have the work undertaken at the back end of the year once bird nesting has finished.

School Engagement Activities

Vegetable growing outdoor lessons are now running for the pupils at Queensferry Primary School. For the past 3 Friday afternoon's the local Rotary environmental team in conjunction with a group of Echline Primary School parents, grandparents and some pupils have been working on the Ross' Memorial garden which has become rather dilapidated over time. Significant progress has been made in clearing the gardens of weeds and overgrown shrubs but a few more weeks work will be required and hopefully the renovation will be completed before the summer holidays.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor

17th May 2023

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Health & Wellbeing

Anne Mitchell

Winter warmth

Priory church will not remain open on Thursday afternoons over summer, as rarely used. Library continues to have varied activities (see Facebook page for up-to-date info,) Dalmeny kirk continues to run tea and tots on Tuesdays, drop in café Thursday and Friday as well as starting a pantry with a selection of food including fresh veg and toiletries. Connection's corner continues as Connection's café in the parish church on Mondays and Wednesdays and are currently evaluating the provision so far with a view to adapting the café to the needs of the community.

A summit of warm and welcoming spaces across Edinburgh was held in city chambers which provided opportunities to meet with a variety of professionals who may be willing to support families within the area. The overall message was that people will be more likely come to warm places if there are activities and it is not seen as somewhere for folk struggling with bills.

Ferry Elves now have a signed constitution and are progressing with accessing a dedicated bank account. In conjunction with the health visiting team and St Vincent de Paul continue to support local families on an adhoc basis.

Priory Foodbank via trussell trust has been able to have benefits advisors present recently which has been advantageous to several clients. SP energy also have plans to provide advice sessions but need clarity on how often.



Wellbeing Toolkit

A series of 6 weekly workshops to learn and practise tools for managing anxiety, low mood and stress.

Where: Roseberry Hall, 17 West Terrace, South Queensferry, EH30 9LL

When: Thursdays 1-2:30pm
Start date: 22nd June 2023

Health in Mind are running a 6 week course in Rosebery hall to help folk develop strategies to cope with anxiety. As this is over the summer holidays if anyone wants to attend but needs help with child care please get in touch with me directly.

<https://www.health-in-mind.org.uk/>

Attendance is free

Refreshments provided!



Open to Edinburgh residents aged 18+

Contact us for more information and to book a place:
Make an enquiry: <https://www.health-in-mind.org.uk>
Call: 0131 225 8508

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Planning & Housing

Diane Job

May 2023

Applications

During the four week period six applications were received

23/01523/FUL - Proposed attic conversion and internal alterations - 34 Lawson Crescent

23/01544/FUL - Replace windows, fit roof access hatch, form roof terrace with glazed balustrade - 41 Hopetoun Road

23/01321/FUL - Proposal of sunroom extension to rear of property - 31 Station View

23/01826/FUL - 2 storey side extension - 44 Echline Grove

23/01888/FUL - Rear Dormer - 19 Kirkliston Road

23/01908/FUL - Rear extension - 41 Farquhar Terrace

Decisions

The planning authority made three decisions during the four week period

23/00640/FUL - Proposed new timber decking and glazed balustrade to the side elevation - 28 Springfield Lea - GRANTED

23/00565/FUL - Construct a single storey rear extension - 57 Stoneyflatts Crescent - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

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

Onsite earthworks now well underway to conclude this phase of works which were in abeyance until the existing overhead power lines were removed by Scottish Power, this being in the eastern end of the development

Cala are preparing to accommodate their office/welfare area again in the eastern end and hitting has been delivered and set up and follow on works will progress over the next few weeks to be totally self sufficient for the long term in the development of their land parcels.

Lovell are progressing with their land parcels and their first kit is being delivered next week so thereafter timber kits will commence "Sprouting Above the Ground" in a sequence of events

Cala have submitted a permit to CEC to allow them to undertake the western road tie in onto Builyeon Road and await their approval/this will be short duration works as it is to allow safe work to be progressed when laying tar onto Builyeon Road channel line and two way traffic will still be possible during the works

Cala are aiming to progress landscaping of the SUDS Basin and any other areas on the western fringes so a quick establishment can be promoted as we progress east wards and it will enhance the front window so to speak

CALA will be commencing their build very soon with a programme to commence foundation works mid September so prior to that we will progress new sewer works and road construction to supplement a safe running platform for the build to get underway

New Water/Gas/Electric/Streetlighting/BT mains infrastructure have been laid throughout the development spine road in readiness to be connected by respective asset owners which in turn allows us to plan/programme follow on connections

Dust suppression water bowsers have been implemented this week and will monitor this going forwards as drier weather is forecast

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

The site and build is progressing well. Cala is looking to have the first occupations in May and June.

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Taylor Wimpey has nothing new to report

Forthview Development (Corus site)

Ambassador has nothing new to report.

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
Grant Sangster

1. **Road & Pavement Conditions** – A recent report at CEC’s Transport & Environment Committee outlined the roads capital budget for 2023/24 which included the additional £11m investment on roads, paths, lighting and traffic signals previously advised. This brings Edinburgh’s total road capital spend to £21m this year. It is accepted that conditions have become particularly bad across the city and the next challenge is how to best allocate the budget to address defects as rapidly as possible. Lewis passed on a list of streets in Queensferry affected by the planned work. Failures of surface treatments carried out recently which deteriorated much more rapidly than expected last year are also due for replacement by the contractor in 2023/24.
2. **Pedestrian Access to Hawthorn Gardens** – As per the action from last month’s meeting I had a look at the desire line path connecting Provost Milne Grove with the Hawthorn Gardens development. Although serviceable for the majority of pedestrians and wheelers the route involves traversing a grassy area under separate ownership. There aren’t any link points to PMG in the immediate vicinity which Taylor Wimpey can make into DDA-compliant routes and the long-term solution here will be two pavements next to the road.

3. **Correspondence** – An Ashburnham Loan resident contacted QDCC highlighting the missing direction sign which highlights the path from Station Road around the rear of properties and towards the Hawes Pier. Apparently pedestrians identify the path while walking down the parallel road, then try to join the path by forcing their way through bushes and over fencing. Karen confirmed this location is included in the new strategy but implementation is held pending approval to commence procurement. We were also contacted by a motorist to clarify the rules for vehicles using the bus lane at Burnshot. CEC administer this lane and there are some conflicts with rules for Transport Scotland’s bus lanes closer to the Forth Road Bridge, but this enquiry was straightforward as private cars aren’t allowed to use the Burnshot bus lane at any time. The enquirer assumed the lane was only restricted at peak weekday times and was surprised to receive a fine.

4. **High Street Resurfacing** – CEC are working on a communication document detailing the status of plans and traffic orders. A draft was circulated earlier this month for review by QDCC and it is hoped to get this out to the public over the coming weeks. As outlined previously, scope will focus on the Bellstane to Edinburgh Road section, given the design requirement for retaining some parking and downgrade of Sustrans objectives/funding.

5. **Public Transport** – The new train timetable effective from Sunday 21 May isn’t much different to the previous version. The new 43 bus timetable effective from Sunday 28 May introduces additional morning and afternoon peak time journeys, although the 43 may become slightly busier with city passengers. The depleted 63 bus service still lacks sign of improvements suggested to the ANN in January. A re-tendering exercise for the 63 and some other CEC services falls due over the summer period. We’ve previously been involved in this, so we’ll reflect relevant community views. Earlier this month McGill’s drastically cut back many Eastern Scottish branded services across West Lothian due to low use, rising costs and driver shortages. No response from Evans since they raised the matter of deteriorating bus shelters with Tesco’s Property Team. On the shelter cleaning schedule, there’s no clear progress been made at Builyeon Road (Bridgewater Village building site) however it’s possible they are being cleaned but immediately become dirty again.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

21 May 2023

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

After two ship visits, adjustments to timings of road closures are being considered by CEC. The need to close Bankhead Rd is also under discussion.

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May 2023 report

Transport and Environment Committee Motion – Lothian Buses and Changes to Routes

Kevin successfully introduced a motion to Transport and Environment Committee which called for improved communication between Lothian Buses and the Councillors of affected wards. He introduced this in light of the recent poor communication, especially regarding routes throughout the Almond Ward.

The motion specifically asked for a ‘mechanism by which two-way communication with local councillors can be improved when route changes are being considered and in advance of final announcements being made.’

As a team, we were incredibly frustrated by the lack of communication and hope that this new mechanism will be conducive to positive change.

Queensferry Asset Workshop/Kirkliston High School Follow Up

The team met with officers to discuss the Queensferry Asset Workshop and their subsequent findings. They reiterated how useful they found the event and spoke quite enthusiastically about using this as a model for other areas.

The team also discussed with officers the status on options around a possible High School in Kirkliston. These actions are progressing as in line with the timeline in the Report from April, with engagement planned throughout May and June.

Ongoing scrutiny of Road Repairs

Due to the large investment into the Council’s roads and pavements resurfacing programme made possible by the Liberal Democrat Budget being agreed in February, some of the scheduled works have commenced. Over the next financial year, however, we are keen to make sure that these works progress and are completed to a high standard.

We are keeping a close eye ourselves but would be grateful for anyone letting us know issues as they spot them to ensure best value and delivery of service.

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Cllr Work

Boundary Commission review. Proposed new boundaries affecting Queensferry would take Queensferry & Dalmeny out of Edinburgh West to form a new constituency of Edinburgh Forth & Linlithgow. Link attached if you wish to view the proposals and make any comments.

https://consult.boundaries.scot/reviews/2nd_review_scottish_parliament_boundaries/

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership. I attended the ANN meeting online on Wednesday 10th May. A grant was awarded from the Community Grants Fund to the Ferry Fair to contribute to a family fun evening of Ferry Fair week.

Briefing - Queensferry Asset Workshop Outcomes & Kirkliston HS. Almond Ward councillors were invited to attend an online briefing for an update to the outcomes of the Queensferry Asset workshop held at Queensferry High School. Future school catchments and a commitment to looking at a site for a new Kirkliston High school were just two of the topics discussed.

Dalmeny Park adopted Roads. I was informed that most of the roads have been adopted and some have still to be adopted. The information I received was that the only sections that are currently outstanding for adoption are the Cala site which include the following roads: Lowrie Gait, McArthur Rigg and Dimma Park for which I believe the council are still waiting submission of their documentation.

Lothian Country 43. I passed on information to Grant Sangster about increased morning and evening peak to the 43 service from Sunday 28th May.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward QDCC – April 1st to May 21st 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 – 15 x reported incidents

Incidents primarily relate to vehicles acting in an anti-social manner, sounding horns/revving engines/playing loud music etc. in the area of Hawes Brae Car Park 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 have requested CCTV footage and will analyze same. If any vehicles are identified as committing a crime, relevant action will be taken.

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. We are in regular contact with residents and with the City of Edinburgh Council in an effort to push forward possible speed calming measures.

Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: 8 x reported incidents

2 x incidents relate to youths causing a nuisance in the area of Ferrymuir – Officers attended, youths were traced and suitable advice given.

2 x incidents relate to Echline Primary School whereby youths were reportedly climbing on the school roof – Officers attended but youths had left prior to arrival.

1 x incident relates to youths climbing on scaffolding in the area of the High St – Youths were traced by Officers with relevant action taken.

All other incidents relate to youths causing a general nuisance in the areas of Carlowrie Crescent, Hugh Russell Place and Inchgarvie Park for which either Officers attended at the time or local Officers were made aware and followed up with local enquiries/patrols.

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 vehicle in the area of Sommerville Gardens – Enquiries ongoing

1 x incident relates to damage to the old Frankie and Benny's building at Ferrymuir – Enquiries ongoing

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

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Local Officers: PC Donald Macleod/PC David Campbell

Agenda

Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7.30pm

(Virtual Meeting)

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

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 14th May 2023

QDCC Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 24 April 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, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Muir Kay, Michelle Gordon (QHS), David Learmond (QHT), Cllr Kevin Lang, Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guest: Miles Oglethorpe, HES.

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting. It had been a quieter month for QDCC, given the Easter break.
2. Apologies	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. Miles Oglethorpe, HES	<p>Keith introduced Dr Miles Oglethorpe from Historic Environment Scotland. Miles is a member of the Forth Bridges Forum, and Chair of the FB World Heritage Management Group. Miles outlined the background to the Forth Bridge achieving UNESCO World Heritage Status. Started around 2011/12 with development of a proposed Management Plan. The WHMG main function is to implement the Plan working with local authorities. Original plan now expired and being refreshed, seeking a Co-ordinator to lead on this. Funding provided and anticipate post filled July 23. Work on new Plan to include tie-in with Karen Stewart and tourism. Keith advised Karen been keeping QDCC up to date on tourism related developments.</p> <p>David L reported QHT keen interest in the FB WH work, but some disappointment in lack of progress on actions relating to UNESCO status. He asked what QHT could do to help further this. Miles said new Co-ordinator would allow better organisation and capacity to do more. He commented on Barnardo's event last year, was very good. David L agreed interest in the FB is huge and felt some specific projects were needed to involve the community. Miles noted there are some ready to proceed, plus other areas such as social media and educational work.</p>

	<p>Grant asked about the overall objectives of WH sites such as the Forth Bridge and whether UNESCO is able to support financially if others are or become unable. Miles advised UNESCO not a funding body. The FB is an operational structure and needs to be properly maintained. This is done by Network Rail, and as it's a listed structure work on the bridge needs to be formally approved.</p> <p>Keith queried whether there was benefit in changing the source of funding and whether the FB Forum should have political representation. Miles reported Network Rail had increased their contribution to cover the Co-ordinator post, challenge is to maintain sense of ownership. This was acknowledged but QDCC question was also for local authorities to consider their role and input to the Forum. The Forth Bridge Experience, for example, had stalled which was disappointing. <i>(Feedback on this from Ward Cllrs wasn't possible due to a connection problem.)</i></p> <p>Keith thanked Miles for outlining the work to date and next steps re Forth Bridge UNESCO World Heritage status.</p>
<p>5. Forth Bridges WHMC</p>	<p>Report from Karen Stewart summarised by Keith in her absence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement tender for Phase 2 signage to be issued this week, returned by mid-May. To update QDCC, History Group and Heritage Trust once options received. • Following up on actions from Business Tourism event previous week. • Hope to visit on Thursday for the Rotterdam at Hawes Pier and see new bus management plan. • If Cruise Forth go ahead with Crew Familiarisation event 17 May, Queensferry Museum confirmed will be able to open for this visit. • CAV Forth autonomous vehicles due to start 15 May, Transport Scotland stakeholder event 12 May (TBC), QDCC to be invited. • Social media continues with features on local businesses and Bridges coverage. • Community campaign in North Queensferry 'Save The Albert' hotel.
<p>6. Edinburgh Leisure</p>	<p>Graeme provided the following update on Joanne Kesterton's behalf, following meeting held at Edinburgh Leisure's request.</p> <p>EL had asked if QDCC would inform the public of pool closures via QDCC website/facebook. Agreed to do so short term, but not on a permanent basis. Three lifeguards are needed per shift and difficulties arise when there is an absence. No back up 'bank' of people across CEC to call on. EL looking for anyone local able to come forward and do the necessary training, and then be available as required. Graeme also proposed this as a good opportunity for QHS S5/S6 students to consider doing.</p>

<p>7. Minutes from Last Meeting (March 2023)</p>	<p>Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Grant.</p>
<p>8. Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u> Dalmeny Park: Cllr Work to check and confirm roads/pavements formally adopted. Action expected to be concluded March 23 ONGOING - Cllr Work continuing to chase.</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. Difficulty accessing the right person, unsure if development going ahead. Orchard trees been planted. Possible problem if demolition involved. CLOSED – monitor via future Planning updates.</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: 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 – Cllr Lang confirmed scheduled for summer holiday period. Re TTRO he will liaise with QDCC on liner visit dates. Speed mitigations measures on Station Road are likely to follow after resurfacing work.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ACTION, FEB 23 – Terry requested copy of list of roads scheduled for resurfacing. Cllr Younie to action. CLOSED – List included in Cllr Lang April report.</p> <p>Lloyds Chemists: Cllr Lang to request update on action taken by Alex Cole-Hamilton, and circulate to QDCC. Covered under Ward Cllr reports, March agenda item 9. Cllr Young to pick-up and report back to QDCC. ONGOING – Cllr Lang reported waiting to hear outcome of Lloyds withdrawal plans and who is to take over the 2 pharmacies. Diane noted continued poor service, repeat items not stocked, residents going elsewhere.</p> <p><u>FEBRUARY 2023</u> 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. CLOSED - Covered in Ward Cllr reports, March agenda item 9.</p> <p>ADDITIONAL ACTION, MARCH 23 - Terry to set up joint meeting with CEC, Ward Cllrs, Friends Group on outstanding matters re future cemetery provision. ONGOING – In hand.</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 - CEC contacted by QDCC and agreed to inspect paths and consider temporary repairs. Adoption status questioned. Keith to email Cliff Hunt for update.</p>
9. QDCC Membership	Keith noted Muir had stood down from the QBC Committee in April. This therefore meant resigning his representative position with QDCC. Recognising his valuable contribution to QDCC Keith proposed nominating him as a co-opted member. Diane seconded the nomination, and Muir accepted.
10. Chair's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised. Keith thanked Graeme for setting up the Teams upgrade.
11. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports	<p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting and presented by Cllr Lang.</p> <p>Graeme commented on a recent site meeting with Taylor Wimpey and adoption of roads. The TW plan was to do this in stages as the housing scheme progressed. Kevin said this was unusual, normal practice is to wait till the development is finished, and can take about 12 months to implement. CEC will only adopt if the roads are to a set standard, if work is ongoing could be an issue though no formal reason not to do it this way.</p> <p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Norman unable to access sound, any questions to be sent post meeting.</p> <p>None raised at the meeting.</p>
12. QHS	<p>Michelle updated QDCC on following 2 actions from the previous meeting.</p> <p><u>Busses on Scotstoun Avenue</u> - No current plans to move the bus drop off/pick up point from Scotstoun Avenue. QHS SLT meeting in couple of weeks and will discuss. Number of busses is anticipated to increase by one, to 7. Cllr Lang thought Scotstoun Avenue was meant to be temporary measure. Michelle accepted not ideal but no other sensible alternative given bus numbers involved. Terry added busses sometimes 'lay-up' in Borrowman Square as well, can be problematic when service busses also there. Suggested this is kept an eye on. Diane noted could still be temporary, pending decision on secondary school provision at Kirkliston but bus numbers could increase further.</p> <p><u>Station Road Parking</u> – Looked into using the Hub parking but not allowed. Will flag issue to parents, carers, and other visitors and ask them to consider walking or public transport, if possible, when visiting the school.</p> <p>Graeme queried QHS side-gate being left open during the day. Michelle would look into this.</p>

	<p>Keith suggested opportunity for Miles to speak with pupils about the Forth Bridge and the work of HES. Miles and Michelle to liaise and discuss.</p> <p>Other current QHS activity was on exams starting that week, and P7 transition commencing shortly.</p> <p>Keith thanked Michelle for her update.</p>
13. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane reported on expenditure in month, repairs to the 2 sculptures and MS Teams subscription. Increase in interest from QDCC bank accounts due to recent rate rises also noted.</p>
14. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry reminded QDCC the AGM is due in May or June. QDCC has smallest number of elected members across CEC. Grant also noted QDCC having more nominated members than elected, could impact on future business and decision making. Keith advised numbers under review, EACC pursuing city-wide given population increases known about, and to come, from new housing developments. Availability of current Census data discussed as used to inform decisions on member numbers. Laura advised mid-Census estimates are provided by GRO. Cllr Work (<i>via chat</i>) advised electoral register published annually. Cllr Lang to also enquire on the ratio of CC members per population.</p>
15. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Transport. Report submitted.</p> <p>Grant highlighted site visit to Taylor Wimpey development, Hawthorn Gardens. Access to the new houses was discussed. Around 90-100 properties now sold. Vehicle and foot access only via the B800 during development and to remain until site fully complete in around 3 years. An entrance via Provost Milne Grove currently available for site traffic but not the public. While understanding that policy is not to allow public access to sites under construction Graeme was aware of a path via PMG, albeit not paved, and asked if this could be brought into formal use for pedestrian access. That would make it easier for new residents to access the train station and buses and tie-in with CEC policy on active travel and 20-minute neighbourhoods. Anne added potential impact on social housing residents if don't have cars.</p> <p>ACTION: Grant to check if pedestrian access to new Hawthorn Gardens housing via Provost Milne Grove is possible.</p> <p>Environment. Report submitted.</p> <p>Neil was pleased to report on the work being carried out in conjunction with local Primary School pupils, this was going well.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted.</p> <p>Nothing further to add, no questions raised.</p> <p>Education. Report submitted.</p>

	<p>David F had reported the deliberate damage to trees at Echline to the Police and was meeting with them to discuss the incident. Planting work with Echline Primary ongoing, Anne Marie and David F liaising with EPS Headteacher on timing.</p> <p>Planning. Report submitted. Diane advised only one application in month. Housing developments progressing as per the report. Decision on LAR application at Port Edgar awaited, sale of additional small piece of land being progressed as outlined in Cllr Work's report.</p> <p>Communications. Report submitted. Nothing further to add, no questions raised.</p> <p>Youth Development. Report submitted. Nothing further to add, no questions raised.</p> <p>QHT. Report submitted. David L noted AGM held previous week, well attended. Update on 'Placemaking 2018' being worked on, QDCC asked if wished to participate. David L to let Keith have further detail on this. <u>Post Meeting Note</u> - QDCC presently speaking with CEC 20 Minute Neighbourhood team about producing a Place Plan for Queensferry and been informed that CEC are in discussions with Scottish Government about advancing Place Plans. ACTION: David L and Keith to consider QHT input to CEC proposals for a Place Plan for Queensferry.</p>
16. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	No additional matters raised.
17. AOB	<p>Liner Visits Anne queried call down and parking arrangements for a couple of ships expected at 12.00, ie after Hawes car park scheduled to fully re-open. Keith understood these to be smaller ships so shouldn't have an impact, and not anticipating any changes to the agreed arrangements. ACTION: Anne to send Keith details of liners scheduled to arrive around 12.00, to check and confirm agreed call down and car park arrangements still apply.</p> <p>QBC David L asked if QBC would be nominating a representative to replace Muir. Keith understood QBC were addressing this and a name would be provided.</p>
18. Questions from the floor	None raised.

19. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 22 May 2023, at 7.30pm. In person meeting at Transport Scotland Contact Centre – TBC.
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