

QDCC

Monthly News Report

July 2023

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Thank you



Chair's Report

Keith Giblett

Chairs report for July Business meeting being held in the Rosebery Hall on 24th July '23

Burgess Road Former Burgh Council Nursery Grounds

Along with Councillor Work I attended a meeting arranged by Graeme McGartland Senior Estates Surveyor and local residents to discuss installing a metal gate in the access lane to the site.

The neighbours agreed a gate would make the site more secure and emphasised that they were content with land remaining a "wild nature park". Pending approval of the sketches of the gate and location being approved by the residents then this concludes this business.

Echline Spinal Path

An enquiry about the poor condition was passed to me from a concerned Echline resident about the condition of Echline Spinal path. I made the enquirer aware of the correspondence with CEC Senior Officers and that the footpath is not an adopted path and that QDCC awaits a copy of a condition survey report that was to be carried out. I also encouraged them to contact our ward councillors.

As discussed at the June Business Meeting Mr Cliff Hutt Service Manger Transport Infrastructure hasn't replied to my email correspondence and that Councillor Young was willing to pursue this. I have forwarded on the email chain to Councillor Young.

EACC Meetings

I continue to attend EACC monthly meetings and this month's meetings were about the Festival plans. The notes are attached.

Bridge House & Hawes Residents Meeting

Along with the Secretary I attended a meeting facilitated by Councillor Younie with residents, community policing and council officer to discuss the ongoing anti-social behaviours by "boy racers" at the Hawes Promenade.

Place Plans

Along with the Secretary and Planning Convenor I attended an informal meeting with council senior officers to discuss the content and criteria of a Place Plan.

Keith Giblett 23 July '23

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Secretary's Report

Terry Airlie

1. The QDCC mailbox has been a bit quieter since the June business meeting, no doubt because of the holiday period now being in full swing. However, as always, several telephone calls and website queries have been dealt with.

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

- I continue to await formal feedback on the list of agreed action items from the October 2022 meeting with Paul Lawrence and Gareth Barwell of CEC despite yet a further request for an update.
- No comments or further updates received after the circulation of the Queensferry Buildings and Community Workshop report. The outputs from this report will likely feed into discussions on the formulation of a Local Place Plan
- Dialogue with CEC on Local Place Plans continues. A meeting with Senior Planning Officials has taken place. More details below.
- No update has yet been received from CEC on the ongoing review of the existing Locality Improvement Plan (2017-2022)
- Formal notification on plans for the next Community Council Election, a review of the Community Council Scheme as well as a Community Council Boundary Review has been received and circulated to all Community Councilors
- We await feedback on the results of the EACC survey relating to the health and span of activity of QDCC as part of a wider information gathering exercise on Community Councils.
- Future Cemetery provision in Queensferry dialogue with CEC remains in limbo but no meeting date has been agreed. I have passed on correspondence details to Cllr Work as agreed at the June Business Meeting.

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 a number of online queries from residents on diverse topics such as (yet again) boy racers around The Hawes carpark, speeding on Scotstoun Avenue, Lothian Bus 43 service diversions, Station Road closure/resurfacing, use of the Queensferry Burgh Crest, the condition of Echline footpaths, an update on the progress of a Community Development Trust, blocked drains and gullies on Scotstoun Avenue, numerous reports on potholes and damaged road surfaces, permission for a dropped pavement kerb, green space ownership at Scotstoun Park and a request to re-open the Museum.

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 online meetings and the administration of our website and social media presence.

2. I met with The Chair and Treasurer to discuss a number of outstanding QDCC business items including CEC governance and communication concerns as well as a couple of financial matters.
3. Along with The Chair I attended a meeting with affected residents, Police, CEC Officials and Cllr Younie to discuss the ongoing concerns with and proposals for improving the Newhalls Road /Hawes Car Park/High Street boy racers situation.
4. Along with The Chair and Planning Convenor I attended a meeting with CEC Senior Planning Officials to discuss the potential to develop a Queensferry Local Place Plan. An overview of the process was presented, a number of outstanding questions answered and some points of confusion clarified. Next steps will be agreed upon receipt of additional information from CEC which will be shared as and when made available.
5. On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councilors, and residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
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 July 2023

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Treasurer's Report

Diane Job

July 2023

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Ferry Elves - Grant Funding - £2046.00

Graeme McKinley - TSOHOST E-mail Storage - £17.88

Queensferry Community Assoc - Hire of Rosebery Hall - £30.00

Total CC Funds - £829.52

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - June interest £23.79 - £18421.59

95 Day Notice Account - June interest £114.44 - £61998.54

Nationwide Building Society - £87588.43

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - April-June interest £381.05 - £86911.62

Charity Bank - June 2022 - March 2023 interest £923.14 - £62144.97

Community Facility Funding Total = £402065.15

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 either in person or 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

Publications are now quarterly with online then print distribution. Distribution is mainly by 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. July 2023

The schools are presently on holiday so I have nothing to report from them.

The next meeting of the Rosebery Hall committee will be on 21st August.

A very extensive summer programme has been running very successfully with regular reports on Facebook.

David Flint

[Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...](#)

Youth Engagement

The Summer Fun schedule put together by Isla Kay, Lifelong learning City of Edinburgh Council, runs from Tuesday 11th July till Thursday 27th July. The event is staffed by Youth

Workers from CEC Lifelong Learning. The programme has a number of activities on offer for Young People p7 -S3. Each activity has been free. Every young person is able to access the opportunities and experiences no matter what the financial circumstances are around their family.

On offer there has been a vast array of different things from Baking and cake decorating to Kayaking. Some of this year's summer programme has been possible through applying for grants and connections made through Graeme McKinley and Keith Giblett who reached out to Taylor Wimpey and INEOS who both agreed to financially support Park life. It runs on the three Thursday afternoons with Parkour, Circus skills, Graffiti Art, Team games, Bike Assault Course plus many more activities.



Taylor Wimpey cheque presentation 1

Other funding sources and negotiated event costs were achieved by Isla Kay. A grant application submitted to the Almond Neighbourhood partnership for the Almond Community Grants Fund, has funded all of the other activities. The Water sports at Port Edgar took place over five evenings with Paddleboarding or Kayaking being on offer. The Maid of the Forth Boat Trip saw the young people go out to Inchcolm Island and spend an afternoon exploring the island a lunch was also provided. The honeypot Ceramics café had a group painting mugs with the young people showing off their great creative skills.



Over the three weeks we have The Reconnector P7 clubs. This allows the young people who are transitioning to High school the opportunity to catch up with their friends throughout the summer and meet their new High School peers. We have had cake making and decorating, team games, Karaoke. Wellbeing Wednesday has been made possible by the support of Joanne Kesterton, Manager and Graeme Jarvis, Supervisor of Edinburgh Leisure at Queensferry High Leisure Centre, who has given us five hours on two Wednesdays to allow the young people access to the centre and all that it offers from swimming to gym use. This year we have tried something new and held



a family silent disco, this was to allow parents and young people to do an activity together. The evening was a hit and everyone enjoyed it.

Following on from publicity on social media of the young people taking part in the events on offer we had offers from [Bold Bakes](#) a local small business to do some baking and cake decorating sessions.

[OutdoorClassrooms.scot](#) also offered to do an outdoor bushcraft session. Both of these local businesses wanted to support the programme and give something to the young people in the community.















There is one week left of the programme. The feedback from the community again is that it is a fantastic programme on offer for the young people especially the different and vast number of activities, there is something on offer for all.



For updates follow us on Facebook: [Youth Talk – Queensferry & Kirkliston](#)

Book your FREE activities: Booking.Youth.Talk@gmail.com



Monday 10 th July	Tuesday 11 th July	Wednesday 12 th July	Thursday 13 th July
	Ceramic painting (Mug) 3.00pm – 5.00pm Honeypot Creative Café P7- S3 	Well-being Weds Swimming 1.00pm-2.00pm Dodgeball 2.00pm-3.00pm Gym 3.00pm- 4.00pm Dance workshop 4.00pm—5.00pm Queensferry High School P7- S3	PARK LIFE 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park P7 – S3 A range of free outdoor activities
Stand-up Paddleboarding 5.30pm- 8.30pm Port Edgar P7-S3 	P7 Transition Re-connector 6.00pm- 8.00pm Queensferry Community Centre P7	Kayaking 5.30pm- 8.30pm Port Edgar P7-S3 	
Monday 17 th July	Tuesday 18 th July	Wednesday 19 th July	Thursday 20 th July
Baking 10.00am – 12.00pm Rosebery Hall P7-S3 	Boat Trip 12.00pm – 3.30pm Maid of the Forth Hawes Pier P7- S3 	Bushcraft 1pm – 3pm The vat run P7-S3	PARK LIFE 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park P7-S3 A range of free outdoor activities
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Monday 25 th July	Tuesday 25 th July	Wednesday 26 th July	Thursday 27 th July
Baking 10.00am – 12.00pm Rosebery Hall P7-S3 	Ceramic painting (Mug) 3.00pm – 5.00pm Honeypot Creative Café P7- S3	Well-being Weds Swimming 12.00pm – 2.00pm Basketball 2.00pm – 3.00pm Gym 3.00pm – 4.00pm Dance workshop 4.00pm-5.00pm Queensferry High school P7- S3	PARK LIFE 2.00pm-4.00pm Burgess Park P7-S3 A range of free outdoor activities
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Queensferry Summer Camps 2023



Looking for fun sports sessions during summer?

Below are some local Sports Clubs camps taking place at Queensferry High – please see individual notes to book each club....

Sport	Club	Age 23-24 School Year	Time	Dates	Venue	Booking Instructions
Dance	With QHS Dance Teacher	P1-3 P4-7 S1-6 ALL	10am-11am 11am – 1pm 1.30 – 3.30pm Fri 10am – 11am	Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th July	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ	Email to secure a space: heather.brownlee@ea.edin.sch.uk Showcase: All Dancers Attend Fri 14 th 10-11am
Football	KSQ FC with Hearts FC	P1-7	2pm – 4pm	Mon 10 th – Fri 14 th July	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ	Book online to secure a space: https://bit.ly/KSQSUM2023 Info: greggveitch@homplc.co.uk
American Football	Touchdown UK	P5 – S2	10am – 2pm	Mon 7 th August	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ	Email to secure a space: info@touchdownuk.org £5 registration for the day
Volleyball	City of Edin VC	P1-S6	10am – 3pm	Mon 7 th – Wed 9 th Aug	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ	Book online to secure a space: https://forms.gle/nG36zTYcHV59UMHm8 Info: cityofedinburghvb@gmail.com
Karate	Shizen Karate	P4-7	10am – 1pm	Tue 8 th – Thu 10 th Aug	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ	Email to secure a space: karate@wtkoedinburgh.com £25 for all three days
Netball	Ferry Flyers	S1-6	10am-12pm	Fri 11 th Aug	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ	Email to secure a space: Ferryflyers@gmail.com

Heather Brownlee | Active Schools Coordinator
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QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for July 2023

Security of derelict CEC owned ground off Burgess Road

A site meeting was held between Keith Giblett, a number of nearby residents and a member of the appropriate CEC department to discuss the arrangements for making the site secure whilst allowing access for any emergency vehicles /other valid reasons. Matters will now progress to arrange for the erection of a security gate.

Community Sculpture -Guardian of the Bridges

Through their Community Pledge Cala Homes have kindly donated another generous sum to landscape the area of unattractive ground around the Guardian of the Bridges sculpture. A new low metal fence will be erected by a contractor along the front of the site to deter people from sitting on the sculpture thereby causing damage .The Rotary Environmental team will provide the resource to make over the remaining ground with new slate, new edging boards and some selective planting. The anticipated timescale for the work being undertaken is the beginning of September 2023.

Dangerous wall at the Leuchold Gate entrance to the Dalmeny Estate

I have received a communication for Dalmeny Estates who are endeavouring to convene a face to face meeting with CEC to discuss the possibility of a further road inspection on the section of road adjoining the area of the failing wall. The engineers commissioned by the Estates believe there may be some issues with the underlying structure of the main road that are contributing to the wall's current "leaning" orientation.

Land on Station Road on the border of the High School

I had a site meeting with a member of the CEC Parks and Green Spaces team who agree the land is not in a fit state for CEC to resume maintenance work as there is rough "type one" material lying in several areas that could damage the grass cutting equipment .They will contact McKenzie Construction to request that the land be returned to a satisfactory condition. The option to have some spring bulbs planted after restoration was also discussed, this would be a welcome enhancement and it is thought that some High School and perhaps Primary School children could assist with the planting.

Other

Planters and Tubs

The tubs and planters across town have all been restocked thanks to the Inch Nursery and the CEC Parks and Green Spaces team who provided the plants and also the Greenferry team volunteers for all their planting and ongoing watering .We are most grateful for your continued support

Rosebery Hall Garden

This ground near the side entrance to the building has now been fully refurbished with new shrubs and the ground has been covered in a top dressing of bark. Many thanks to the Rotary Club Environmental Team for all their hard work over the past year in creating this transformation and again the Inch Nursery and the Parks and Green Spaces team for the provision of stock and bark

School engagement activities

Good progress continues to be made with the refurbishment of the memorial garden at Echline Primary School with the support from Rotary and the GreenFerry team. We hope to conclude the renovation before the school re opens in August.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor

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Health & Wellbeing

Anne Mitchell

No report

Planning & Housing

Diane Job

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Applications

During the four week period four applications were received

23/02600/FUL - Proposed side and rear extension, attic conversion - 21 Rosebery Avenue

23/02382/FUL - Proposed Front Porch and internal alterations - 85 Long Crook

23/02912/FUL - Proposed side extension to semi-detached property - 23 Lawson Crescent

23/02914/FUL - Erection of sun lounge - 31 Long Crook

Decisions

The planning authority made six decisions during the four week period

23/01908/FULSTL - Change of use from main residence to short-term letting (in retrospect)
16 South Scotstoun - REFUSED

23/00581/FULSTL - Change of use from residential to commercial short term let - The Water
Tower Dalmeny - REFUSED

22/05626/FUL - Demolish existing horse stables and derelict house, then build new upgraded
horse stables (as amended) - Westmuir Riding Centre Westfield Totley Wells - GRANTED

22/05290/FUL - Rear and side extension, installation of roof lights - 1 Rosshill Terrace -
REFUSED

21/04756/LBC - Internal and external alterations associated with the proposed residential
development - 1 Scotstoun House - GRANTED

23/01723/FUL - Remove existing and erect new extension - Mistwood 19 Linn Mill -
GRANTED

Please note that due to an upgrade of Planning and Building Standards systems there will no
weekly lists on the week beginning Monday 24 July.

There will also be no advert or site notices published on Friday 28 July.

The Planning and Building Standards Portal will be unavailable between Thursday 20 July –
Thursday 27 July and you will be unable to view and comment on applications.

Relevant applications will have additional time added for comments to be made to take
account of the downtime.

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

IH Brown are nearing completion off their contractual obligations with a view all being well of end of this month

CALA Homes have just commenced their Phase 3 development with new sewer and road construction being concentrated on the parcel of land that runs parallel to Builyeon road. The house build will get underway mid to end of September. CALA have installed new street lighting columns within the development and are energising them this week

Lovell have had a break in at their land parcel where vandalism was carried out and cameras picked up the intruders (young teenagers) but they weren't apprehended.

Lovell are forging on with their house build and anticipate their show home being complete for October.

Site deliveries are increasing as the build goes on and CALA have reiterated to their and Lovell suppliers to be mindful of the traffic management route by NOT turning right into site and NOT turning right on leaving site and they continue to be vigilant

Dust monitoring is ongoing with the readings to date being under the threshold that we should be attaining too.

Use the following link <https://www.cala.co.uk/builyeonroad> to access Cala's website which gives information on the development. You can also contact Cala by e-mail if you have additional questions customerserviceteameast@cala.co.uk

QDCC have had it confirmed that the next three street names to be used within the Bridgewater Village development are -

Emily McBain - first Ferry Fair Queen crowned in 1930.

Kate McKay - a much loved Ferry character from days gone by. Kate stayed in Farquhar Terrace most of her married life. Kate died in 1971 aged 89. Photographs of her are featured in the Queensferry History Group's books on "The Ferry" Doon the Ferry and Back Doon the Ferry.

Kattleslaw - this name was already in the street naming bank for use in South Queensferry - Alternative name for Windy Edge. Appears in field names on Dundas and Plewlandsfield in 1769 – beside part of the old Builyeon Road

CEC Street Naming team are awaiting warrants being granted to add the addresses for the development to the Corporate Address Gazetteer. After this has been completed we will be able to share the full names of the streets i.e. Road, Ave etc

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

Site is progressing and sales a bit slower than the norm but still selling. There will be no off site works on Bo'ness Road for the time being as awaiting approval from CEC and it isn't anticipated that these works will recommence until mid September.

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Build continuing within the site - with the phase in progress at the moment roads being final surfaced and areas handed over to the factor. Sales rate has very much slowed down, but is indicative of what TW are seeing across TW and also other house builders.

Forthview Development (Corus site)

Work still progressing on-site with under build works for the final split level detached houses and private flatted block commenced. There are now approximately 50 units occupied.

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** – Quite a few different roadworks are progressing around the Queensferry area this month to take advantage of the school holiday period. The long-awaited Station Road project is now underway, with the first phase complete. There have been a couple of changes to the detailed schedule due to progress to date and weekend working options, however the contractors are presently expected to take about another 5 weeks to reach Bankhead Road. Resurfacing of the northbound A90 closed the road each night for nearly 3 weeks this month. The work was completed slightly ahead of schedule. The Glenforth Court surface dressing took place in mid-July, following a couple of postponements in May and June along with dressing on Milton Farm Road. There was some public concern over the 43 bus route diversions during the road closures. Although information rollout can always be improved, publicity for diversions has been quite well managed by Lothian. CEC can arrange a contract taxi for anyone suffering genuine hardship due to the bus diversions and relevant information has been distributed by letter drop. A large number of traffic diversion signs associated with the road closures were placed around

Queensferry too. Despite initial worries, most drivers seem to cope reasonably well with the closures.

2. **A90 Automatic Barrier Instalment** – A 40 mph speed restriction is now in force on the A90 around the Scotstoun junction, due to last about 4 months. This is mainly for installation of barriers that move automatically if traffic is diverted between the Queensferry Crossing and Forth Road Bridge. At present a lot of traffic diverts via Kincardine when the new bridge is closed because of the long time taken to move barriers manually when switching general traffic to the FRB. A video from the barrier manufacturers can be viewed [here](#). The system and FRB diversion will be trialled when complete and before winter sets in. Meanwhile cables on the Queensferry Crossing continue to undergo routine inspection and monitoring for ice accretion, although there wasn't much cold weather this year to gather data.
3. **High Street Resurfacing** – No updates since the public communication that was distributed in June. Keith has requested a meeting to explain how responsibilities will be covered in the event of changes in structure and roles of CEC's transport officers.
4. **UCI Elite Cycling Event** – Signs appeared recently advising of a cycling road race event planned for Sunday 6 August. This departs from Edinburgh city centre at 9.30am with competitors using the Queensferry Crossing on their way towards Glasgow where they complete several laps of closed roads. The route is shown [here](#). There will be some road closures affecting Queensferry to support the event, but disruption should be much less than in Glasgow. For example, Fife bus service changes are summarised [here](#).
5. **Public Transport** – Other than roadworks diversions, no major changes in public transport services this month and they remain unaffected by industrial action. Scotrail announced [extra](#) journeys for Fife Circle trains on Friday and Saturday nights during the Edinburgh Festival period. However it should be noted that Sunday to Thursday evening timetables remain curtailed due to ongoing electrification and Levenmouth projects. The depleted 63 bus service still lacks sign of improvements suggested to the ANN in January. For example timetables posted at bus stops still date from the contract award to First in 2020. A re-tendering exercise for the 63 and some other CEC services falls due over the summer. We've previously been involved in this but haven't heard anything from CEC this year despite requesting an update on the position, although the main officer at CEC is only now returning from holiday.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Hawes Brae Meeting – Antisocial Behaviour

Due to the ongoing antisocial behaviour at Hawes Brae, specifically relating to dangerous driving and excessive noise at night, Lewis organised a meeting with the relevant stakeholders.

Lewis, Council officers, Police Scotland, QDCC, and local residents talked over the substantive issues and impacts upon residents before turning to potential solutions. These centred on exploring the potential for physical changes to the roads, increased CCTV, and additional Police attendance.

It was a positive meeting, which Lewis has undertaken to reconvene once everyone has had a chance to explore their appointed actions.

Binks Car Park – EV charging

Kevin has pressed for clarity and officer attention to the ongoing works at the Binks Car Park relating to EV charging. This was unfortunately delayed due to a Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) contractor issue. SPEN apologised for the inconvenience and advised the work had been reprogrammed for week commencing 24 July 2023. Once this is complete, testing and commissioning will be conducted.

Station Road – resurfacing

After Kevin and Louise successfully pressing to have Station Road programmed for full resurfacing, this month began the works themselves.

They are planned to last 13 weeks, with work being conducted 7am-7pm Monday – Friday. The works comprise resurfacing of the carriageway. The works will progress, in stages, from West to East along the entirety of the road.

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Cllr Work

The council has been in recess, and I've managed to take some time off, so I have not been as busy council duty wise.

Land at Burgess Road

Before taking time off I attended an onsite meeting with residents bordering the spare council land accessed off Burgess Road. This meeting was arranged by Graeme McGartland from the Council's Property Services who has managed to find funding to erect a metal gate at the entrance which will hopefully deter unwanted visitors to the land. Keith Giblett & Neil McKinlay were present from QDCC.

Committee change

A reshuffle in the SNP group has resulted in me coming off the Transport Committee and being appointed to Licensing Sub/Regulatory Committee which has further resulted in me being the group spokesperson on everything related to licensing. I am still on the Licensing Board as before.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward QDCC – June 24th to July 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 – 6 x reported incidents

5 x incidents 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.

1 x incident relates to four cars racing in the area of Hewlett Way – Local Officers made aware

The area around Hawes Brae Car Park 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, with the City of Edinburgh Council and local Councilors in an effort to push forward possible speed calming measures.

Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: No reported incidents

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 incident reported

Incident relates to damage to a security light at Lloyds Pharmacy – Enquiries ongoing

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

CONTACT US;

Email (for all ward areas): EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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

Local Officers: PC Donald Macleod/PC David Campbell



POLICE DROP-IN

ROSEBERY HALL, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY
THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST 10am-12pm

Come along and speak with your SQ Community Officers, PCs
Young and MacLeod. No appointment needed.

Rotary Club of South Queensferry

QDCC – Rotary, South Queensferry July '23 Report

At the end of June the Presidency of the club transferred from the retiring President Sandy Mackenzie to the new incumbent Neil McKinlay. The Vice President of the club is Sybille Schachler-Handley and the Junior Vice President is Matt Purdie. We believe the club is in good hands for the next 3 years and all the main officer bearers and Committee Members are in place for the start of the new exciting Rotary year.

Neil outlined his vision to the members for the way ahead for the club and emphasised the need for continued close co-operation between Rotary and the many other voluntary groups we have across town as this combined effort drives results.

Agenda

QDCC July Business Meeting

Monday 24th July 2023 at 7.00pm (Rosebery Hall)

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

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 17th July 2023

Minutes

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 26 June 2023 at 7.30pm

Rosebery Hall

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, David Flint, Diane Job, Muir Kay, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, Michelle Gordon (QHS), David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guest: David Buchanan, Chair Kirkliston Community Council

1. **Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks** - Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting, following on from the AGM.

2. **Apologies** - Grant Sangster, Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Police Scotland, Jenni Meldrum (QBA).

3. **QHS Update** - Michelle reported on recent QHS activity, highlighting the following –

- Staffing changes, departure of Natalie Honeyford, return of Kevin Thomas as Pupil Support Leader for Hopetoun House, and Kenny Manson from secondment as DHT. Alison Chisholm had joined as a new DHT. Six probation teachers were leaving with 9 new probationers confirmed for next session. Continuing to expand support staffing with additional 2 PSAs and a replacement PSO for the Wellbeing Hub.
- Heads of School for next session appointed, Ben and Amy, keen to engage with QDCC.
- Kenny Manson taking over Developing the Young Workforce role and Business Partnerships, will be link with QDCC.
- Team Around the Cluster to resume next session.

On pupil support Michelle confirmed the PSO post was a replacement, but an additional PS Assistant post had also been created.

Neil asked about Kevin Thomas' role. Michelle agreed to check responsibilities for liaison with local businesses and potential work-related engagement and send remit to QDCC. Keith added

discussions with Cala, INEOS, Taylor Wimpey on opportunities to engage with QHS were ongoing. QDCC keen to keep businesses involved in this.

Anne Marie extended QDCC best wishes to Natalie, and Cllr Young thanked QHS for their P7 to S1 transition work.

Michelle thanked QDCC for their ongoing support with QHS and looked forward to catching up after the summer break. Keith also thanked Michelle for her input and support to QDCC.

4. Minutes from Last Meeting (May 2023) Minutes proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by David F.

5. Matters Arising

JANUARY 2021

Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: June update - CEC in discussion with Cala regarding McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. All other streets now formally adopted.

ONGOING – Cllr Work monitoring for final action on outstanding 3 streets.

OCTOBER 2022

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.

JANUARY 2023

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.

CLOSED – Works commencing July, to be done in stages. Details published on QDCC website and facebook pages.

Lloyds Chemists: April update - Cllr Lang reported waiting to hear outcome of Lloyds withdrawal plans and who is to take over the 2 pharmacies.

CLOSED – existing lease for premises at The Loan transferred to AMDG Pharma Limited, June 23. Initial feedback on service is positive.

FEBRUARY 2023

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. CEC contacted by QDCC and agreed to inspect paths and consider temporary repairs. Adoption status questioned.

ONGOING – June update Keith to forward his email chain to Cliff Hunt to Cllr Young, for Cllr Young to obtain an update.

MARCH 2023

Future Cemetery Provision: Terry to set up joint meeting with CEC, Ward Cllrs, Friends Group on outstanding matters re future cemetery provision. Contacted CEC, meeting with Burial Services Group being arranged w/c 29 May tbc.

ONGOING – June update No response from CEC, Terry to send correspondence to Cllr Work to pursue.

MAY 2023

Youth Development: Keith to set up meeting with CEC on future youth development model, via ANN, and including KCC.

ONGOING – Keith meeting Andrew Field on 30 June re Neighbourhood Networks and will enquire about summer camp(s).

Harbour Davit: Muir to draft note outlining need to protect Harbour Pier davit when repair work done, for Keith to notify Paul Lawrence.

CLOSED – Correspondence with Sean Fahy, response satisfactory regarding davit.

FRB Toilets: Keith to seek update from Transport Scotland on reopening toilets at Forth Road Bridge.

OUTSTANDING – Anne Marie also reported request to use Education Centre facilities for small children was refused. Anne Marie to send details, and Keith to pick up at meeting with Alec Cole-Hamilton.

6. **Police Report** - Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting. Keith summarised the key points.

- Anti-social driving, meeting arranged 10 July with Cllr Younie, Dave Sinclair CEC, residents, and Keith & Terry.
- ASB incidents, including shell beds.

David L queried break-ins not recorded, understood one had taken place within the reporting period.

ACTION: Terry to check with Police on reporting recent break-in(s).

7. **Chair's Report** Report circulated before the meeting.

Keith had attended a presentation by INEOS, new owners of the Dalmeny tank farm and Hound Point. This had included funding for projects aiming to reach Net Zero and suggested would be of interest to QDCC and Ward Cllrs. Date to be agreed.

Post meeting note – Tues 22 Aug, at 7.00pm proposed by Keith.

He and Terry also met with David East, INEOS Comms Manager. They are keen to work with QHS. Keith to contact QHS Depute Heads in due course to take this forward.

Keith and Anne had attended meeting on approaches to social isolation across NW Edinburgh. Community Transport discussed and paper drafted by Keith circulated. He asked Ward Cllrs to confirm accuracy and to start discussion on moving forward on services at risk. Gillian provided an update following meeting with Frank Henderson w/c 16 June. Been advised services are secure and hoping to increase capacity across the City. She was told Queensferry services not at risk. Graeme asked if funding not increased whether this means services could be degraded. Gillian thought not, PEP provide a good service, and no concerns raised. Gillian understood funding agreed for next 3 years. QDCC suggested that this be clarified.

Addendum (from Keith) Registered charities and groups are the priority for community transport provision and the impacts will be felt by local interest groups. Clarification is being sought by Tommy McLean CCC, from Frank Henderson.

8. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports **Cllr Work.** Report circulated before the meeting.

Norman to forward correspondence on responsibility for fence at footbridge over Ferry Burn on Lovers Lane.

Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting and presented by Cllr Young.

Nothing to add, no questions raised.

9. Treasurer's Report Report circulated before the meeting.

Diane summarised the report, noting not much change from May. Neil asked about the Community Funding. Keith advised money given to build a community facility and referred to the recent stakeholder workshop, intention was to seek the right project and put funding towards it. Decision needed on future High and Primary school provision. Cllr Young agreed need to wait for decision on schools and then look to see how best to use the funds. Keith added also depended on decisions on existing community centres at The Loan and Rosebery Hall. Cllr Work understood Robbie Crockatt was looking into this and potential way forward following the stakeholder workshop.

10. Secretary's Report - Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.

11. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups

- **Health & Wellbeing.** Report submitted.

Anne reported bins at Echline Rigg needing a lid.

She highlighted Priory Church hosting advice and support on financial and other matters. This had included Trussell Trust, Manor Housing, SP Energy.

There had been some Facebook reports of an issue involving 999 calls by mobile phone. It was uncertain if this was network or handset related. Lack of signal in QHS and QPS were noted.

ACTION: Terry to contact BT Openreach and query reported 999 call issue.

- **Planning.** Report submitted.

Diane commented on current housing and other developments. The Royal Elizabeth Yard application had been approved and would affect around 100 people currently employed at REY. The new bonded warehouse would only create about 10 jobs resulting in another reduction in local employment opportunities and potential impact on Net Zero targets across the area as residents have to travel further to seek work. Other recent examples were Arup and Hunter Boots. This had been raised previously with Paul Lawrence but little can be done to address this in current planning legislation. QDCC wished to make Ward Cllrs aware of the detrimental impact on the community and environment and support policy change where possible. Cllr Young undertook to raise employment concerns with Cllr Lang. Keith suggested a Ward Cllr/QDCC Forum to discuss further. Cllr Young agreed but needs to include those able to take action on job creation. Graeme added been covered previously with Neil Gardiner.

David L queried the Port Edgar Barracks application submitted over a year ago and not yet approved. Graeme explained delay due to extra land being included for access road, and which will provide better link between Port Edgar and the John Muir Way.

- **Environment.** Report submitted.

Neil reported dialogue with CEC on the recycling bins at Scotmid. These would be emptied twice per week and fly tipping looked into.

Graeme asked if any update on the cleansing depot. Keith had asked Murray Black and advised no change. Cllr Work added meeting taking place Burgess Road, 1pm on 3 July.

- **Rotary.** Report submitted.

Neil was pleased to report recent presentation of Rotary Community Awards to Terry and Anne Marie. Keith congratulated both on the awards, and were well deserved.

- **Communications.** Report submitted.

Nothing further to add, no questions raised.

- **Education.** Report submitted.

Keith noted success in engaging with the Primary Schools.

- **QHT**

David L advised talk programme for next year being looked at.

- **QCCC**

Gillian reported invitation to launch event on 5 July, to be attended by The Princess Royal.

AGM on 30 August, Keith to note regarding Community Transport.

Strategy Day on 23 Sept to inform negotiations with CEC.

- **Transport.** Report submitted.

Any questions to be forwarded to Grant.

- **Youth Development.** Report submitted.

Anne Marie highlighted the Summer Fun programme, live that day and bookings going well. Graeme advised funding from ANN grant, INEOS and Taylor Wimpey. INEOS had provided additional money for arts & crafts, plus receiving £50/month from a member of the public. CEC funding and staffing both reduced this year. QDCC acknowledged the great success last year and hoped would continue this summer.

12. **CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates**

Interaction with CEC discussed at AGM, no additional matters raised.

13. **AOB**

Bill Ross

Keith paid tribute to Dalmeny resident and former Community Councillor Bill Ross who passed away on 15 May aged 92. Bill was well respected throughout the community and had served 3 terms as QDCC Transport Convenor and Secretary.

KCC AGM

David Buchanan advised KCC AGM to be held Tues 27 June. KCC has 6 directly elected members and 6 affiliated groups. Seeking to increase and strengthen elected members, working with CEC to address this.

14. **Questions from the floor** None raised.

15. **Date and time of next meeting** - Rosebery Hall Monday 24 July 2023, at 7.00pm.