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August 2023

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Chair's Report

Keith Giblett

Chair's report for August Business meeting

- Community Transport I along with Anne attended a meeting with Corstorphine CC, Tommy McLean and Frank Henderson Community Transport Officer, EVOC, QCCC and local interest group representatives. The outcome is a small working party is being formed to look at maximising the availability of community transport to local interest groups and the booking system. The situation is far from how it was first reported and CEC Community Transport are keen to continue making community transport available to the communities. (any questions then Ann can maybe answer)
- Conservation & Adaptation Working Group Meeting 1 - 15 August 2023 I attended this meeting to find out more about the subject. have passed on correspondence to David Learmond QHT who is attending a virtual meeting sometime next month. I have provided feedback to the planning officer.
- FBWHMC Meeting 15th August I along with Graeme attended the Quarterly meeting held at the CEC FRB. I raised the issues of engagement and communications with TS and the committee. The topic of the museum came up and the Chair of FBWH will be contacting The City of Edinburgh Council as they have the same concerns as QDCC. I will circulate the draft minutes upon receipt.
- INEOS Business presentation, facilitated the meeting held in the Priory Church 22nd Aug. My thanks to QDCC for their commitment and attendance and to INEOS for giving of their time. And to Priory Church for the use of the church. The meeting was quite well attended and was well received. Some very good questions were asked and INEOS were delighted to be given the opportunity to present to the attendees. It would be useful for me to get some feedback.
- QHS Academy – concerned about the lack of progress and looking for QHS to engage with INEOS, Cala and Taylor Wimpey. QDCC and the business have given of our time and influenced these business to work with QHS and this now needs to translate into actions and deliver benefits to the students.
- High Street Improvements & Hawes Toilets – I have been trying to get an update and both and have a telephone call booked with Dave Sinclair. Update to follow

Keith Giblett 27 Aug '23

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Secretary's Report

Terry Airlie

1. The QDCC mailbox has been fairly active since the July business meeting, no doubt as the holiday period is coming to a close.
Once again 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.
Special mention to Grant for dealing with a couple of technically challenging queries
 - I continue to await formal feedback on the list of agreed action items from the October 2022 meeting with Paul Lawrence and Gareth Barwell.
 - 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. I have followed up with CEC and await a response at the time of writing.
 - Dialogue with CEC on Local Place Plan is ongoing. Also a meeting with members of Queensferry Heritage Trust has taken place. More details below.
 - No further information has yet been received from CEC on the ongoing review of the existing Locality Improvement Plan (2017-2022)
 - Comments on the forthcoming Community Council Election and the Community Council Scheme/Boundary review have been collated and summarized. These have been circulated to all Community Councillors and formed the basis of the responses to the online survey that I have completed on behalf of QDCC. Please see below for more detail
 - 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 has been received and circulated to all Community Councillors. It is a very interesting document which raises more questions than answers.
 - Future Cemetery provision in Queensferry dialogue with CEC remains in limbo but a meeting date has been proposed to CEC. I await a response despite a follow up request.

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, Lothian Bus 43 service diversions related to the Station Road closure/resurfacing and the timings of these works, a request for a marriage certificate, a complaint about (late night) noise associated with a telephone mast, a request for a ramped access point along the old railway line and a query on the Museum opening times.

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 to agree feedback on the Community Council Scheme/Boundary review and to finalise the transfer of funds to the Barclays High Interest Savings Account.
3. Along with The Chair I attended a meeting with Queensferry Heritage trust to explore collaboration possibilities on the formulation of a Local Place Plan. A number of action points were raised.
4. On behalf of QDCC I submitted the online response to the CEC pre statutory consultation associated with The Community Council scheme and boundary review. In doing so it was possible to determine the possible direction of travel for Community Councils with responses sought to questions on youth membership, possible additional office bearers, the number of co-opted members, the code of conduct and complaints procedure, governance matters, community engagement and a centralized forum for Community Councils. I also provided additional comments based on the summary of internal responses.
5. I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councilors, and local residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 27th August 2023

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Treasurer's Report

Diane Job

Aug 2023

Money in this month:

CEC Community Council Grant - £703.12

Money out this month:

ECW - Subscription Fees - £10.00

Queensferry Community Assoc - Hire of Rosebery Hall - £30.00

Total CC Funds - £1492.64

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18421.59

95 Day Notice Account - July interest £157.97 - £62156.51

Nationwide Building Society - £87588.43

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £86911.62

Charity Bank - £62144.97

Community Facility Funding Total = £402223.12

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

Publication are now quarterly with online then print distribution. Distribution is 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. August 2023.

I attended the Rosebery Hall management committee meeting on 21st August. They have agreed to having a memorial bench for Moira in the RH garden. New chairs have been purchased. The art studio has been converted into a small meeting room. Otherwise the centres are very busy and favourable reports were received from the groups. One disappointment, the Men's Shed group had requested to erect a shed between the huts and the community centre but planning permission has been refused.

Queensferry Primary School, Parents Council have sent me a list of planned meetings, the first to be held on 27/9/23.

Queensferry High School, Parents Council have changed the date of their AGM to Tuesday 12th September, in the school.

Come along to a
Peep group

Peep is for parents and carers with children from birth to five. We share ideas and activities that support your child's learning and development in everyday life - talking, singing, sharing books and playing together.

You and your child can make friends and have fun, while finding out how the things you do now will help them make the most of school.

Who for: parents/carers and children aged 3-5 years
Where: Echline Primary School
Day and time: Friday 9am-10am
Start date: Friday 8th September
To find out more contact us on: 0131 331 3397

peep supporting parents and children to learn together
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Echline Primary School. I have been in touch with Jude Moir, HT. to follow up my request to liaise with their Parents Council. I have also passed on the offer from the Echline Woodland Group to cooperate with the school.

On 22nd August I attended the INEOS business presentation in the Priory Church.

The next CAP meeting will be on 6th September.

David Flint.

Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Youth Engagement

Summer Fun Programme 2023

The Summer Fun Programme ran over the course of three weeks covering 435 sessions used in total. Having a summer fun programme that is free for all to attend enables all young people to have opportunities and experiences without the financial barrier attached. The overall feedback was it was a fantastic programme of events and everyone really enjoyed it. We put out a survey and here is some of the feedback....

Parents / carers feedback

Brilliantly inclusive for Sen kids

Thank you so much for your arrangement!

It's been a fantastic programme for the kids, giving them so many opportunities to try and gain new skills. So lucky to have a programme like this that is accessible to all

Massive thanks to all the staff who have made such an effort for the kids over the summer - you are all an inspiration I know my child loved spending time with you all, thanks again

Just thank you to all making this possible, it's been hugely appreciated by all and a great asset to our young community. Thanks again.

This has been a wonderful initiative and the young people have really enjoyed themselves. I'm not sure how lucky they know they are. Thank you for providing this for our daughter and her friends. A really good thing to do, especially as our daughter moves from Primary to Secondary school. Thanks to all who helped organise the events.

Thank you! The events were great - congratulations to all involved

something daily at lunchtime would be amazing even once or twice a week

It was brilliantly organized and communicated, Jessica was excited to go to all activities!

It's been amazing for India socially and has helped her be more confident and independent, supporting her to move on to high school.

All activities are free and fun!

Given experience that she wouldn't have gotten

Spending time together with other children that she didn't know before going to high school

Everything! The fact it's run so well and is accessible to all c/o being free. It's enabled opportunities that would not have been possible for my child had it cost money. Also prevented my child having a

lonely time during summer time which can happen as many friends go away on holiday. Thank you so much!

She has developed her independence.

Enthusiasm of the providers and variety of options on offer.

Keeping in touch with friends over the summer, meeting new people from high school before starting in S1 in August. Also gaining in confidence and independence in doing things without parents!

The variety and quality of the events & the fact they were free! Amazing!

Feedback from Young People

Enjoyed new experiences

Because it was fun.

It gave me something to do during the summer. I enjoyed being active and hanging out with friends.

To see my friends and do things that are different and fun

I can meet my friends in holiday and learn new skills

I had lots of fun, made friends and met friends. It also gave me something to do.

It was fun to do the activities and meet people that I have not seen in a while

It was fun

Helped me believe I can do new things.

Kayaking it's was really fun

Paddle boarding because it was so much fun.

baking cause, I like baking

Wellbeing Wednesday and the parkour because love swimming and challenging myself in climbing.

All of them

Baking, it was so much fun and the cupcakes were so delicious!

Silent disco because I got to dance my heart out!

I liked the baking because it was fun to learn to use different techniques

Boat trip. It was a great day out.

Youth Clubs

Isla Kay, is leaving youth Provision in South Queensferry and moving to cover Trinity and Broughton area. The new Lifelong Learning officer taking over the area is Tom Scott. Tom will be covering here and the Craigmount area.

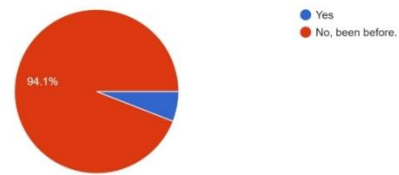
Youth work provision was meant to restart September 4th, with the S1 club, the new manager, Carol Tuzan, is wanting to have a more uniformed approach and have all clubs going back at the same time. At present we do not have a start date for this in South Queensferry.

Ferry Fair 2023

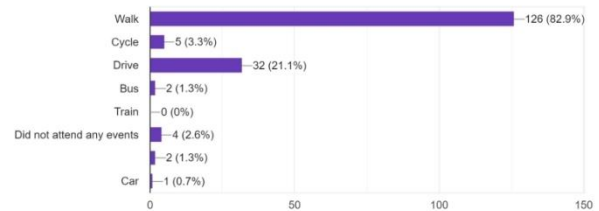
Ferry Fair 2023 was widely praised as another success with a great week of events. Feedback was drawn from an online survey, a small part of which relevant to Active Travel is shown here. However, the survey may well have not reached some from outwith the area.

Ferry Fair 2023 Public Evaluation Results

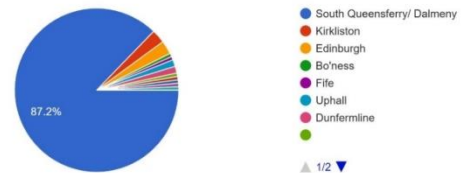
Was this your first visit to the Ferry Fair?
152 responses



If you attended any of the events, how did you travel ?
152 responses



Where did you travel from ?
149 responses



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QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for August 2023

Community Sculpture -Guardian of the Bridges

Work to erect a boundary fence and renovate the surrounding ground will commence after the busy cruise liner programme has abated so we expect the fence to be erected hopefully the w/c 18th September and the landscaping work to be undertaken by our Rotary Environmental team during the succeeding weeks.

Dangerous wall at the Leuchold Gate entrance to the Dalmeny Estate

A further face to face meeting has recently been convened between Dalmeny Estates and CEC to try to resolve this protracted matter. CEC refute that the condition of the adjoining road has had /is having a contributory impact on the perilous state of the wall and it is the contention of the civil engineers engaged by the estate that it that it may well be having a causal effect. I will be seeking a progress report in time for the next QDCC meeting.

Land on Station Road on the border of the High School

CEC have contacted McKenzie construction to make good this parcel of ground so that it is in a fit state for the CEC team to operate grass cutting machinery on it. At the time of this report all that has happened is that McKenzie Construction have cut the overgrown grass/weeds but no remedial work. I will continue to monitor the situation.

Safety Issue on the road that runs over the burn at Lovers Lane

Some progress as Dalmeny estates have conceded that they own the land on the South side of Lovers Lane so are willing to pay for a new safety fence to be erected. However they refute total ownership of the land on the North side and consider this a “march” fence so are willing to contribute 50% of the costs of a new safety fence. This land ownership issue needs to be clarified with the assistance of our Ward Councillor Norman Work before contractors can be engaged to start the work.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor

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Health & Wellbeing

Anne Mitchell

Health and Wellbeing report August 2023

Health in Mind have reported that the 6 week in person course held over the summer was very successful and well attended. Hopefully this may be repeated later in the year.

EVOC is running various activities in Scotland for Ukrainian families that we can now access. Having had families in Scotland for over a year there is now more issues about providing long term housing alongside the shortage of appropriate housing for Scottish families. There are currently 3 families in the local area.

Transport provision for groups has been under discussion in the wider area as funding for this is reduced. Groups that are already registered, such as QCCC, will continue to have provision but other more ad hoc use may cost more. A short working group has been set up to review this and Tommy McLean, from Corstorphine, will represent the North West area.

The church groups representing Dalmeny food café/pantry, St Vincent de Paul, Food bank, Priors and Connections café at the loan have joined forces with the pantry and church at Kirkliston. They are trying to decide on a name but plan to apply for funding and food provision as a larger overarching group. There is to be a public access fridge installed in Queensferry Parish Church as part of this initiative which has grown from the winter warmth campaign.

Clothing swap has been organized by Dalmeny church to be held in QPC Saturday 2nd September 12-4. Good quality donations can be left at QPC, Kirkliston and Dalmeny please see website for details/ times.

Ferry Elves supported 2 children /families with back to school clothing.

Other Meetings;

Almond Neighbourhood Network

Natalie Lyons Ballantine; Volunteer Edinburgh,

Rosebery hall management committee

Rosebery Hall Business users Group meeting

Ineos presentation considering safety and environmental impacts of activities.

Met with Duke of Edinburgh Award student who is helping update the spread sheet of activities

Deputy Head QHS

Anne Mitchell, QDCC Health & Wellbeing

August 2023

Applications

During the four week period seven applications were received

23/03055/FULSTL - Retrospective change of use to short term holiday let - 2F 36 High Street

23/03099/FUL - Double storey, side extension and attic conversion to an existing property - 56 Lawson Crescent

23/03300/FUL - To install solar panels on south facing roof aspect of property - 1 Villa Road

23/03295/FUL - Proposed replacement of dilapidated timber windows with new uPVC windows and installation of PV panels to rear elevation - 17 Ashburnham Loan

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

23/03391/CLP - Extension to rear - 7 Sandercombe Drive

23/03425/CLP - Erection of extension - 20 Carrie Grove

23/03488/CLP - Erection of conservatory - 17 Echline Place

Decisions

The planning authority made eleven decisions during the four week period

23/02097/LBC - Proposed new front door canopy. Proposed internal alterations. Replace side elevation with smaller window and wall build up - 23 Newhalls Road - PERMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED

23/02403/FUL - Installation of a door, juliet balcony and internal alterations. (As amended) - 41 Hopetoun Road - GRANTED

23/02282/FUL - Replacement conservatory - 9 Forth Terrace - GRANTED

22/06250/FUL - Application for section 42 for the condition no 3 in regards to the cycle provision during the application process the consultee guidance provided stated the following in respect of the cycle parking for the apartments: be in accordance with Cycle Parking Cycling by Design 2010 (Revision 2, July 2020) & Cycle parking spaces for apartments to be provided as follows, 16 spaces for each of 137-151 and 162-176, 12 spaces for each plots 13-24, 47-58, 59-69, 70-80, 81-91. - Land Bounded by M90 Echline - WITHDRAWN

23/02276/FUL - Alterations to interior and exterior, including construction of a rear terrace, replacing later service buildings of relatively low cultural-heritage significance, as well as upgrading of catering and entertainment facilities. Bedroom accommodation upgraded and additional sanitary accommodation introduced throughout. at Dalmeny House Dalmeny Estate - GRANTED

23/02166/LBC - Alterations to interior and exterior, including construction of a rear terrace, replacing later service buildings of relatively low cultural-heritage significance, as well as upgrading of catering and entertainment facilities. Bedroom accommodation to be upgraded and additional sanitary accommodation introduced throughout. at Dalmeny House Dalmeny Estate - GRANTED

23/02096/FUL - Proposed new front door canopy. Proposed internal alterations. Replace window with smaller window and wall build up on side elevation - 23 Newhalls Road - NOT DEVELOPMENT

23/02912/FUL - Proposed side extension - 23 Lawson Crescent - GRANTED

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

23/02832/FUL - Proposed front porch and internal alterations - 85 Long Crook - GRANTED

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

No update this month

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

Build progressing with low rise and apartment works

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No update this month

Forthview Development (Corus site)

Build progressing as normal and homes selling.

Former Port Edgar Naval Barracks

22/02047/LBC | Conversion of existing listed buildings to 49 residential units, cafe/ restaurant and serviced apartment, with associated demolition and new works | Development North Of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar South Queensferry

22/01987/FUL | Conversion of existing listed buildings to 49 residential units, cafe /restaurant, and serviced apartment. | Development North Of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar South Queensferry

Still awaiting decisions on these applications

Diane Job, QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport Report for August 2023

- 1. Road & Pavement Conditions** – Fewer roadworks to report this month, with most of the repairs and surface dressing completed in July. Some patching on Kirkliston Road can be expected shortly, and there's a prospect of the unadopted path around Echline Primary and playground receiving attention to extend its service life by a few years. Otherwise, the main event continues as resurfacing of Station Road. The section outside Queensferry High School was completed just after the Ferry Fair and ahead of pupils starting the new term, at which point the contractors moved onto Rosshill Terrace on the east side of the roundabout at Burdock Road & Ashburnham Loan. This seemed to catch travellers by surprise and the sudden change in closures was badly received by some unprepared drivers and residents around the railway station. Lewis said he would look into publicity arrangements for these significant changes, affecting the wider community rather than just access to a few properties. Hopefully we'll hear an accurate re-opening date soon, as progress appears to be adhering to schedule and nearing completion. This would also help bus passengers in Dalmeny know which stops they should use.
- 2. Correspondence** – Random enquiries this month included overnight temporary traffic lights on Builyeon Road (with related excavations for a telecoms mast), noise disturbance from flights at Edinburgh Airport, and rat-running traffic through Totley Wells from the newly-opened M9 Junction 1B towards the Queensferry Crossing. Someone also asked about prospects for ramped access from Rosshill Terrace down to the disused railway line, near the ramped access up to the station platform. The previously queried Scotstoun Green & B800 telecoms mast was installed this month, apparently without needing a road closure but slightly further south than shown on last year's plan.
- 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** – This event took place on Sunday 6 August, and involved a morning closure of the A90 and Queensferry Crossing. Publicity suggested closures would occur from around 9.30am but some roads were closed from around 8.30am, causing some irritation amongst travellers who felt they had been misled or a mistake made. As the race was affected by protester activity elsewhere along the route, closure timings here may have been reorganised to reduce the possibility of event disruption occurring in Queensferry.

5. **Public Transport** – No major changes to train and bus arrangements this month, other than the Station Road diversion plus familiar August crowding and delays relating to the Edinburgh Festival. We’ve heard from CEC requesting a meeting with community councils who may be affected by their 2023 west Edinburgh tendering exercise. For Queensferry this involves the 63 bus, presently operated by McGills. Latterly the service operated less frequently than required by the original CEC contract due to lack of driver and vehicle resource. Despite hopes expressed at an Almond neighbourhood meeting at the beginning of 2023 there hasn’t been much sign of improvement. West Lothian Council recently completed a tendering exercise for their subsidised routes. Note the E&M Horsburgh service 7 will be [discontinued](#) from 16 October. The 7 runs to St John’s Hospital, although this role is largely covered by Stagecoach’s hourly commercial X51 from Ferrymuir nowadays. The 7 subsidy was shared with CEC, so hopefully this will free up the contribution to be used more effectively within Queensferry.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Cllr Lang, cllr Young
& cllr Younie

August 2023 report

Council tax in Queensferry

We are very concerned at new proposals which could see almost a third of households in Queensferry being required to pay a substantial increase in council tax, some by as much as £800 extra each year.

National policy would mean almost half of the additional money raised across the whole council area would be taken away from Edinburgh Council and allocated to other areas. Ongoing cuts to the Council’s central grant by the Scottish Government means the Council is unlikely to be any better off financially overall. It would mean local people in Queensferry would literally be paying more for less.

We have a motion before the Council on Thursday to oppose these changes.

Queensferry primary catchments and high school

The next Education, Children and Families committee in early September is due to consider a report covering the proposed changes to primary catchment areas in Queensferry. The paper will also set out the proposed approach to a new high school for Kirkliston given Queensferry High will soon reach capacity. An overwhelming number of respondents to the consultation opposed a further extension to QHS.

While we have received a briefing on the contents of the report and the recommendations on next steps, we are not able to detail these until the paper is published publicly. This should happen on Wednesday.

Queensferry High Street project

As the QDCC Chair is aware, we are very concerned at the ongoing delays and a lack of communication on the High Street upgrade project. We have tabled formal questions to the Transport Convener for Thursday's Council meeting and will make sure the answers are passed to Keith and Grant.

Station Road

We are obviously pleased to see the progress on the long-awaited resurfacing of Station Road. In response to some individual constituent queries, we have raised some issues with aspects of the work, including some drainage issues at the west end. However, overall, the project looks to have been done to a high standard.

Lothian Buses 43

With changes to other bus services in Edinburgh, more passengers along the Queensferry Road corridor are relying on the 43. This is now causing capacity issues, even with the additional services at peak time. We are of the view that Queensferry needs some dedicated express X43 services which would have limited stops in the city. We are pursuing this with Lothian.

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Cllr Work

Changes to glass banks. The council are changing the type of glass banks that are located at Scotstoun Grove & Scotmid on The Loan. The large bell jar shaped banks will be removed and will be replaced with standard glass banks, which are easier to use and service. Collection frequency will be increased to manage the reduced capacity. The council will replace any paper banks, since paper is now collected with other materials in the mixed recycling bin.

Ferry Fair; I was part of a team that took part in a fundraising Quiz held in the Bowling Club on Friday 28th July. I attended several events throughout the Ferry Fair week including the events on Thursday in Burgess Park.

Schools; I attended a Learning Estate briefing on Friday 25th August which included updates on the new Primary School on the Builyeon Road site and the catchment reviews for Queensferry Primary Schools. A report will be public soon and will go to the next Childre & Families Committee in September.

Fence on Lover's Lane; As mentioned in Neil McKinlay's report, there has been some progress, but I have contacted Estates again to clarify ownership of the land on the north side of the bridge over the burn on Lover's lane. At the time of writing, I've not received a response, but I'll chase this up and hopefully provide some information at the meeting.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Other Documents



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward QDCC – July 22nd to Aug 26th 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 – 9 x reported incidents

7 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.

2 x incidents relates to four cars racing in the area of The Loan/High Street

Local Officers are currently involved with a combined initiative that includes the ongoing issues with vehicles at Hawes Brae. This has, so far, resulted in significantly increased patrols of the area in both marked and unmarked vehicles along with formal action taken against drivers where reasonable and proportionate including a number of drivers that have been issued with Anti-social Behaviour Orders against their vehicles.

Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: 6 x reported incidents

2 x incidents relate to youths causing issues within McDonalds

1 x incident relates to youths causing issues, smashing bottles in the area of Inchkeith Avenue

1 x incident relates to youths on a building site in the area of Canmore Street

2 x Incidents relate to youths climbing on the roof of Echline Primary School and garages in the area of Walker Drive

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: No reported incidents

Bogus Caller: 1 x incident reported

Incident relates to a male posing as an employee of a registered company and receiving payment for work completed – Occurred in the area of Echline Drive – Enquiries are ongoing

CONTACT US;

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Twitter: @EdinPolNW

Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/EdinburghPoliceDivision>

Local Officers: PC Donald Macleod/PC Euan Sinclair

Rotary Club of South Queensferry

QDCC – Rotary South Queensferry - Report August 2023

The Rotary Environmental team have recently concluded the 3 month long project to renovate the Memorial Gardens at Echline Primary School. The teachers are delighted with this significant transformation and a meeting will be held shortly to guide the teachers/pupils on the ongoing maintenance of the gardens with some periodic support from community groups like Rotary and Greenferry. This especially relates to activities like vegetable /fruit growing. It is hoped to have a formal reopening event towards the end of September. Their forthcoming project will be the renovation of the land surrounding the Guardian of the Bridges sculpture the cost of which is kindly being funded by Cala Home as part of their Community pledge .

The Club will be holding its annual BBQ again at The Hub sports centre on Sunday the 27th August after an absence of a few years due to COVID restrictions.

The club welcomed our Rotary Global Scholar Yoko Shibata from Japan who is studying at Edinburgh University for her PHD studying the financial aspects of Environmental Carbon reduction programmes. Yoko was able to attend the recent INEOS presentation held at the Priory Church.

Neil McKinlay will be meeting with Primary School Heads shortly to discuss opportunities to develop their Careers Awareness programmes for pupils including support from firms operating in the locality who are keen to offer their help e.g. Cala Homes and INEOS.

Neil McKinlay, 27 August 2023

Agenda

QDCC August Business Meeting

Monday 28th August 2023 at 7.30pm (Online Meeting)

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

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 20th August 2023

Minutes

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 24 July 2023 at 7.00pm

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, David Learmond (QHT), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllr Norman Work (from 7.50pm), Cllr Lewis Younie, PC Macleod (Police Scotland), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting at the Rosebery Hall. It was the summer holiday period and QDCC business therefore a little quieter at present.
2. Apologies	Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Gillian Smith (QCCC).
3. Police Report	<p>Report circulated to QDCC before the meeting. PC Macleod summarised the key points from this month's activity covering -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-social driving, further 6 reports at the Hawes and elsewhere. A meeting had been held with Hawes residents, Cllr Younie, Dave Sinclair CEC, and Keith & Terry. Action planned for August using additional resources.• ASB, no incidents in the report but couple occurred over weekend. Will be watched out for over the summer break.• Damage to property, at Lloyds pharmacy.• Bogus callers, none in period. <p>PC Campbell had retired and PC Sinclair would be joining the team on 2 August. Keith recorded QDCC thanks to David Campbell for his work with residents, businesses and young people across Queensferry.</p> <p>Graeme asked whether any formal complaints had been made about youngsters seen at the Lovell site on Builyeon Road. PC Macleod was unaware of reports on this.</p> <p>Regarding the previous meeting query on property break-ins, he added that a change in policy meant this data is no longer included in monthly reports. Like QDCC other CCs had also questioned the new format. QDCC discussed this further and felt it was better to have the data to alert the community to local incidents, so residents are aware and have confidence in the action</p>

	<p>taken. Keith asked if cases reached a certain number would that trigger provision of security advice to home owners. PC Macleod confirmed it would. He took note of the points raised and would feed these back to Sgt Watt.</p>
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (June 2023)	Minutes proposed by David L and seconded by Anne Marie.
5. Matters Arising	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u> Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: CEC in discussion with Cala regarding McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. All other streets now formally adopted. Cllr Work monitoring for final action on outstanding 3 streets. ONGOING – Terry to check with Cllr Work on update.</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2022</u> 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>FEBRUARY 2023</u> Echline Footpaths: CEC contacted by QDCC and agreed to inspect paths and consider temporary repairs. Adoption status questioned. Keith to forward his email chain with Cliff Hutt to Cllr Young, for Cllr Young to obtain an update. ONGOING – awaiting feedback from Cllr Young.</p> <p><u>MARCH 2023</u> Future Cemetery Provision: Terry to set up joint meeting with CEC, Ward Cllrs, Friends Group on outstanding matters re future cemetery provision. Meeting with Burial Services Group proposed w/c 29 May. No response from CEC, Terry to send correspondence to Cllr Work to pursue. ONGOING – Cllr Work to update Terry outwith July meeting.</p> <p><u>MAY 2023</u> Youth Development: Keith to set up meeting with CEC on future youth development model, via ANN, and including KCC. Keith meeting Andrew Field on 30 June re Neighbourhood Networks and will enquire about summer camp(s). ONGOING – Keith updated Andrew on QDCC seeking external funding sources for youth summer programme, and staff. Anne Marie to provide Keith with additional detail to pursue further.</p> <p>FRB Toilets: Keith to seek update from Transport Scotland on reopening toilets at Forth Road Bridge. Anne Marie also reported request to use Education Centre facilities for small children was refused. Keith to pick up with Alex Cole-Hamilton. CLOSED - Toilets repaired March/April, and re-opened.</p>

	<p>Additional Point, July 23: Anne Marie reported FRB toilets require better maintenance/cleaning. Cllr Younie to refer this to BEAR and Alex Cole-Hamilton.</p> <p>JUNE 23 Police Report: Terry to check with Police on reporting recent break-in(s). CLOSED – Decision taken that for operational reasons the Police will not now include details of any break-ins in the monthly report.</p> <p>999 Emergency Calls: Terry to contact BT Openreach regarding reported mobile phone 999 call issue. CLOSED – Advised this is an internal BT issue, being investigated by Ofcom.</p>
<p>6. Chair’s Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>David L asked about the gate at the Burgess Road unused land site. Keith confirmed it was to make the site more secure and included a code numbered padlock. Neighbouring residents would have the code in order to access the site for boundary maintenance. QDCC not proposing any further action, residents’ concerns about security had been met and they were content the site be left as a wildlife area.</p>
<p>7. Almond Ward Councillors’ Reports</p>	<p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting and presented by Cllr Younie.</p> <p>Lewis referred to the Hawes residents meeting. It had been very positive with a list of actions agreed, including potential speed table at Thirty Knots. He was hopeful that if the right actions are taken things would improve.</p> <p>Questions were asked about the Station Road resurfacing work. Feedback was contractors not full time 7am to 7pm, and not present Thurs pm/Fri. The original schedule was to do the work over the school holidays but seemed to be falling behind. Cllr Younie agreed to take this up with CEC and check that they are monitoring the work and will provide updates to the community on progress. David L added that his understanding was Phase 1 had been completed on time and the contractors had shown consideration to residents accessing properties. The recent heavy rain revealed an issue with drainage and some remedial work required. Understood that local residents have reported the issue to the Contractor.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Younie to check monitoring of Station Road resurfacing with CEC.</p> <p>Keith had noted cones at the Hopetoun Road crossroads and was concerned that any roadworks there would further impact local traffic and busses, already being rerouted. He would check this out and notify Cllr Younie.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to check roadwork notice at Hopetoun crossroads and notify Cllr Younie.</p>

	<p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Norman referred to email exchange with Scottish Water on the drain covers on the railway path. It was understood 2 drain covers had been removed and were lying close to the drains. No cones were in place around the area giving cause for concern regarding potential accidents and injury. Scottish Water plans were uncertain and Norman agreed to check with them.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Work to contact Scottish Water regarding drain covers on the railway path.</p>
<p>8. Forth Bridges WHMC</p>	<p>Karen updated the meeting on recent tourism related activity and funding covering social media, signage update, and provision of new signs for North and South Queensferry. New interpretation signs were planned for the Education Centre viewpoint, and on the John Muir Way towards Longcraig. Eight finger posts were planned, including 3 for NQ and 3 in SQ at each end of the FRB. The missing sign at Dalmeny Station directing pedestrians to the Hawes area was also to be replaced. Concern was expressed about the Station sign given the poor state of Jacob’s Ladder and alternatives discussed. Agreed Neil and Karen would carry out a site visit to assess this further.</p> <p>ACTION: Neil and Karen to visit Dalmeny Station and review possible alternative options for signage to the town centre, given the dangerous condition of Jacob’s Ladder.</p> <p>Other current and forthcoming activity included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCI World Cycling event 6 Aug, involving Queensferry Crossing as part of Men Elite Race. • Doors Open Day 23 Sept, organised by BEAR on the FRB. • Forth Bridge Abseil 8 Oct, for CHAS (Chest, Heart & Stroke). • Visit Edinburgh, new website. • UNESCO UK new map, includes Forth Bridge. • Museum getting ready for re-opening, hopefully soon. <p>Plus planning wider SME business event with Rebecca Burnett of CEC to highlight support available from CEC. Karen to update tourism activities too. QDCC invited to participate and plan agenda/invitees. Provisional date 26 Sept.</p> <p>Keith asked about restoration work for the 50th anniversary plaques at the FRB. These were currently obstructed by Herris fencing. Karen to check.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen to ascertain action on restoring 50th anniversary plaques at FRB.</p>
<p>9. Treasurer’s Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p><u>Annual Accounts</u></p> <p>Diane reported the 2022/23 Annual Accounts had been finalised and the certified copy was awaited from the auditor. She summarised the main areas of income and expenditure noting the March closing figure of +£4,887.57 was high as QDCC holding funding for Ferry Elves, and for repairs</p>

	<p>to the Seal and Guardian sculptures, over the year-end. The accounts were proposed by Terry and seconded by Grant. Diane to forward to CEC on receipt of the audit certificate.</p> <p><u>July Report</u></p> <p>Diane noted expenditure in month consisted of handing over the grant funding held on behalf of Ferry Elves following their constitution as a separate body with office bearers and bank account, plus payment for QDCC extra email storage, and hire of the Rosebery Hall in June. No income received in month and the closing balance was -£829.52. Terry noted increased reliance on social media and websites as a result of Covid and asked if CEC was taking this into account in its grant awards, to cover QDCC increased costs in this area. Cllr Younie confirmed CEC was aware. He suggested QDCC feed this back to CEC via the current CC review. Grant asked if there was scope for CCs to use CEC systems rather than each having their own. Terry said this had been raised with Paul Lawrence last year, a 'sharepoint' for CCs across CEC had been suggested. Further information on this was awaited.</p>
<p>10. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry reported on discussions with Cala regarding a Community Pledge for Queensferry. His report included a background document outlining the basic principles behind this and what it provides. A Press Release had been agreed that day for issue shortly. Part of the process includes setting up a QDCC "Community Chest", which will allow the Community Council to manage local sponsorship and funding requests, and allocate vital funding where it is needed. Formal arrangements will be put in place and more details provided once timelines and participation are agreed.</p> <p>It was also understood Kirkliston CC had a similar scheme. Keith drew a parallel with Queensferry's Common Good Fund now managed by CEC, and Muir mentioned other River Forth communities having something along these lines as part of their seafaring heritage. It was hoped to have representatives from CALA in attendance at the August meeting to provide further information on the scheme and what it can provide.</p>
<p>11. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups</p>	<p>Youth Development. Report submitted.</p> <p>Anne Marie advised successful Summer Fun events to date, with over 120 attendees plus daily calls for places. Two local companies had also offered to provide activities, with one also wishing to be involved next year. In relation to the lack of ASB incidents in the Police report the programme was a positive example of youth engagement working in practice. Event survey seeking feedback would be carried out at the end of the season, but the view at this stage was the team can do more going forward. Also noted that all events were within the local area, so not involving travel/transport etc. She thanked Graeme and Keith for their input on securing funding for this year, and QDCC thanked her and the team for the work to date.</p>

	<p>Communications. Report submitted. Nothing further to add, no questions raised.</p> <p>Environment. Report submitted. Neil highlighted the current situation regarding the dangerous wall at Leuchold Gate. Keith explained the background involving Rosebery Estate and CEC. It was felt CEC had a statutory duty to ensure the area was safe, enabling the road to be fully open. Norman was asked to seek an update from CEC. ACTION: Cllr Work to seek update from CEC on wall repairs at Leuchold Gate, B924.</p> <p>Rotary. Report submitted. Keith congratulated Neil on his appointment as President of South Queensferry Rotary.</p> <p>Planning. Report submitted. Diane noted sales had slowed across all the main new developments. It was felt this may be in line with wider national picture, given current economic climate. She also commented on the next set of street names, 3 had been chosen and a further 3 were in the 'bank' for future use.</p> <p>QBC. Nothing to report.</p> <p>Transport. Report submitted. Queensferry Crossing closure on Sunday 6 August as part of the UCI World Cycling Championships was noted.</p> <p>QHT. David L reported continuing to put talk programme together for next season. QHT also involved in next Barnados Open Doors event in Sept and will be supporting The Briggers.</p> <p>Education. Report submitted. David F advised all quiet currently, due to school holidays. Looking to engage further with Echline and Queensferry primaries when the new term starts.</p>
<p>12. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates</p>	<p>Community Council Elections Terry reported receipt of formal notification on plans for the next Community Council Election, review of the Community Council Scheme and Boundaries Review. Details and timings have been circulated to QDCC Councillors. The primary consultation period is from July to Sept 23 with new Scheme implementation scheduled for Spring/Summer 2024. Graeme asked if the last Census results would be available for the Boundary Review but it was thought not based on</p>

	<p>earlier conversations with CEC Governance, more likely to be based on current Electoral Roll data. Keith added that EACC viewed the Boundary exercise as challenging given changes across certain parts of Edinburgh, and mentioned Corstorphine as an example.</p> <p>EACC Keith advised he was continuing to circulate relevant EACC correspondence to QDCC members.</p>
13. AOB	<p>Local Place Plans Terry advised he and Keith had met with CEC Senior Planning Officers the previous week to discuss potential to develop a Queensferry Local Place Plan. The LPP looks at the development and use of land in local areas, formally registering the Plan with CEC and is then taken into account in future planning decisions. The next LPP is scheduled for 2028, with the process for submission of LPPs starting next year, 2024. An overview of the process had been presented at the meeting, a number of outstanding questions answered and some points of confusion clarified. Next steps to be agreed on receipt of additional information from CEC which will be shared as and when made available. QDCC to consider and decide if wish to be involved in taking this on. Existing data from the Assets Workshop and previous consultations such as on CDT could be used, so not starting from scratch. Muir offered a possible local contact who works as a Town Planner, and may be a source of professional input. David L noted his interest in being involved along with another local person. Keith proposed a separate discussion on an LPP at a later date.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to circulate CEC presentation on Local Place Plans.</p> <p>INEOS Keith confirmed date for INEOS presentation at the Priory Church, 22 August, 7.00pm. This was open to other groups and interested parties, he would circulate a briefing note.</p>
14. Questions from the floor	None raised.
15. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 28 August 2023, at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.