

QDCC

Monthly News Report

Sept 2023

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OPEN ALL HOURS S1-S4

Free sports, swimming, gym and youth activities on

Friday Nights

6.00pm - 8.00pm

Queensferry High School

QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL

For info contact:
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YOUTH CAFE

SAFE SPACE TO CHILL AND SOCIALISE

TUESDAYS
19TH SEP-28TH NOV
(EXCEPT OCT BREAK)

6PM-8PM

QUEENSFERRY
COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL LANE

NO BOOKING REQUIRED!

Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Chairs report for the Business Meeting being held on 25th September '23 by Teams

Due to holidays this month my involvement in the work of QDCC has been reduced however I continue to support QDCC Convenors and engage with residents and governance officers.

Visit to INEOS Dalmeny Oil Storage Tank Farm Site

Along with Terry, I was invited and enjoyed a visit to the Dalmeny Tank Farm by INEOS where we were given an overview of the site operation and the present extensive maintenance works being carried out.

Taylor Wimpey

I met up with Hazel Taylor the communications officer and viewed the site operation as I was unable to attend the visit organised previously. We spoke about the development in Queensferry and viewed the play area and spoke about the intended plans.

EACC

I continue to attend the EACC meetings and so far attended the Board meeting to discuss the agenda for the business meeting being held this coming Thursday. Place plans are on the agenda and presentation will be given to attendees by council officers from the 20 Minute Neighbourhood Team.

Keith Giblett
Chair QDCC

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Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

1. The QDCC mailbox has been fairly active since the August business meeting, no doubt as the holiday period is coming to a close. A number of telephone calls and website queries have been dealt with and my thanks go out to my fellow Community Councillors 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.
 - No comments or further updates received on 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.

- No further information has yet been received from CEC on the ongoing review of the existing Locality Improvement Plan (2017-2022) although I attended a meeting of EACC where a verbal update on the process was delivered
- An update on the Community Council Election and the Community Council Scheme/Boundary review has been received. In essence the first and second consultation periods have been extended by 2 weeks. The outline consultation plan and timeline are to be presented for approval by CEC on September 28th. A request for confirmation of office bearer contact details and an updated list of local interest groups for QDCC was also received as
- Formal notification on the statutory consultations for the new Builyeon Road primary school and new Kirkliston high school has been received and circulated.
- A meeting with CEC officials on future Cemetery provision in Queensferry has taken place. See below for details.

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 at Newhalls Road/Hawes Carpark, a couple of request for help in finding social/council housing, a complaint relating to the condition of the workmanship on Station Road resulting in damaged shoes, ongoing speeding on Scotstoun Avenue, a query about the impact of the Queensferry Harbour repairs on The Binks carpark, a request for assistance in accessing High School I pads, a complaint about the area surrounding the Binks being overgrown and unkept, noise associated with Forth Bridge abseils, a report on a damaged BT cabinet, a complaint on the impact the development of new housing is having on Queensferry, a query from a local business on what constitutes acceptable colours to paint a shop front and a request for advice associated with a planning application.

My thanks go out once more to Diane for continuing to deal with what seems to be a never-ending number of planning matters on behalf of QDCC, to Liz for recording and generating meeting minutes and to Graeme for organizing online meetings and the administration of our website and social media presence.

2. I attended an online meeting of EACC where Locality Improvement Plans were discussed.
3. Along with The Chair I visited the Ineos Tank Farm at Dalmeny where David East and his colleagues had arranged a tour of the facility.
4. I facilitated an onsite meeting with Sean Fahy of CEC to discuss the plans and timetable for the Queensferry Harbour repairs. I was joined by representatives of QBC and QHT.

5. On behalf of QDCC I attended the QHS senior awards ceremony. It was heartening to see so many young people doing themselves, parents, carers and teachers proud. Well done to all involved.
6. I facilitated a meeting with officials from CEC Bereavement Services to discuss future cemetery provision in Queensferry. Clarification was sought and received on a number of topics including the current projections for new burials and capacity, future provision, alternative arrangements and what could be done to extend the lifetime of the cemetery. One option may be to offer above ground vaults for interment of ashes – Ash Vaults or Columbariums. I agreed to share these details and feedback to CEC the thoughts of the Community Council

<https://www.granart.co.uk/our-memorials/ash-vaults/>

[Columbarium's – Granart Memorials](#)

7. I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and local 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 – 24th September 2023

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Treasurer' Report – Diane Job

September 2023

CC Funds

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - TSO HOST Domain

Renewal - £9.54

CEC - Tenant Insurance - £117.17

Total CC Funds - £1365.93

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18421.59

95 Day Notice Account - August interest
£197.54 - £62354.05

Nationwide Building Society - £87588.43

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - £86911.62

Charity Bank - £62144.97

**Community Facility Funding Total =
£402420.66**

Diane Job, QDCC Treasurer

Communications – Graeme McKinley

Community Engagement

QDCC continues to communicate with residents, authorities, stakeholders, developers and internally using various online tools: social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), QDCC website, email, messenger, MS Teams and Zoom; the monthly meetings 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](#).

Education Report – David Flint

September 2023.

6th Sept. I joined the CAP meeting and was pleased to be able to say that we had not received any recent reports of underage drinking.

The QHS senior management are visiting the 'top shops' regularly.

We received information about resources which are available to us from the police.

11th Sept. QHS Parents Council AGM.

This was well attended (22) several new faces mainly S1 parents wishing to be involved. The present shared Chair position is to be continued, a new treasurer and secretary were elected.

The Head Teacher gave a report on the staffing situation and time-tabling.

The new mobile phone use ban in the classroom is in force and working. The curriculum is constantly under review. The exam results are good. The school is looking at the present pathways and looking to increase them. There was a discussion over the use of PC money.

21st Sept. Echline Primary School Parents Council AGM. It is many years since I attended their PC meetings, I did so as a result of invitation. The meeting, which was well attended,

started with a presentation (via teams) by Robbie Crockatt., followed by a question and answer session. This was regarding the future school situation and catchment area proposals.

The Head Teacher gave his report, in particular stressing the changes being made and improvement plans.

The committee reported on plans for future activities.

This meeting provided me with an opportunity to see the work done on the memorial garden. A wonderful transformation – congratulations due to all involved.

The next meeting of Queensferry primary School PC is planned for 27th Sept but due to the strike situation it will have to be by 'teams' rather than in the school.

Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Schools across Scotland are impacted by strikes this week:

The impact means Schools and Nurseries in South Queensferry will close on those days. Children and young people should attend as normal on Monday 25 and Friday 28 September. As the industrial action includes pupil support assistants, early years colleagues as well as catering, transport escorts and cleaning staff, it will not be possible to ensure the safety of the children and young people so schools will be closed to all pupils. An online learning model will be in operation over these days.

School Consultations

There are two separate statutory consultations affecting schools in the Queensferry and Kirkliston areas currently open. The first consultation proposes that a new non-denominational primary school and nursery classes be built in the 'Builyeon Road' housing development site in Queensferry. It also proposes two options for the new school's catchment area. Both catchment options would require changes to Echline and Queensferry Primary School's catchment areas. The new school will feed to Queensferry High School.

The second consultation proposes that Kirkliston Primary School feed to a new secondary school located on the existing Kirkliston Leisure Centre site.

A drop-in information event was to be held at Queensferry Primary School in the dining area on Tuesday 26th September from 3.00pm - 7.00pm (due to strike action this may be subject to change) where you can speak with a Council Officer, find out more about the proposals and share your views. There will also be a public meeting with a presentation and question and answer session, which anyone can attend, at Queensferry High School on Tuesday 3rd October from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

Primary Registrations

Any parent/carer who will be registering their child to start primary 1 in August 2024 is invited to visit their catchment primary school on Thursday 2nd November. Queensferry Primary will host a morning tour at 9.00 for approximately an hour and then an afternoon tour at 1.40pm. This will be an opportunity to see round the school and find out about the

process of enrolment and transition from nursery into primary 1. Contact other schools to find out individual timings

Youth Engagement

The youth clubs started back this week with the Tuesday Youth Cafe in the Community Centre from 6-8pm and Open All Hours returning to the High School Leisure centre 6-8pm. Open All Hours had 53 Young people in attendance. Tesco are again supporting us with fresh fruit and snack options for the young people.



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Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

September 2023

Community Sculpture -Guardian of the Bridges

The new boundary fence has now been erected and the landscaping work to be undertaken by our Rotary Environmental team is scheduled to take place during the month of October. This will provide a much more suitable and attractive setting to “showcase” this feature. We thank Cala Homes for their financial support to meet the cost of these improvements through their Community Pledge scheme.

Dangerous wall at the Leuchold Gate entrance to the Dalmeny Estate

A further face to face meeting was convened between Dalmeny Estates and CEC to try to resolve this protracted matter and we are still awaiting an update on this issue from the Estates Office which will continue to be “chased”.

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

A potential proposal for the installation of safety fences has been submitted to the Dalmeny Estates Office for them to consider and we await a response.

Other

Under the direction of Anne Marie Boyd the local Scout group undertook a successful rubbish clear up down at the VAT run bottom fire pit area. Quite a number of interesting discarded articles e.g. the remains of flat screen TV's and a few shopping trollies were collected as well as the usual detritus. Despite being a wet evening much fun and laughter was had.

Neil McKinlay

24th September 2023

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Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

September 2023

Warm spaces; groups set up last year continue to work together and have plans to work with Kirkliston area as well. The group is progressing to one name uniting the services offered by the churches. Bear in mind that the library will also provide activities and a place to be.

Ferry elves meet this week to start the Christmas season including fundraising. We have already had several requests for clothing.

I have received posters from Scotland's Friendship which is part of Age Scotland who intimated that they provide telephone support for the over 50s who are feeling isolated. Unfortunately, the posters do not refer to this age group just older people so waiting to clarify this. Also wish to discuss with QCCC as they offer a similar service locally. Scotland's Friendship are also looking for volunteers to support their work as will be QCCC.

Also received are a selection of fliers for grants provided by Social Security Scotland.

I have attended the CEC initiative Money Counts to have a better idea of how to sign post people that may benefit from financial advice.

I was invited to the Courrie in community lunch at Dalmeny church in order to tell other guests about the work done by Ferry Elves and the community council.

LAR has employed a community engagement officer who made initial contact to find out what the existing community facilities are and how they are used. They hope to include affordable community amenities but not to the detriment of existing facilities. They will reinitiate contact once planning is approved.

Next week I am attending the first of 2 mental health first aid training days.

Both pharmacies are now running well under new management and are a welcome change for the community. Currently the focus is on reestablishing a quality service for the community and therefore there may not be a provision of winter flu vaccine for individual purchase. This may change and if so, will be posted on their websites

There may be more Ukrainian families moving to the area and, if so, we will reactivate the Facebook page and assess what can be done to integrate the families into the community. I have raised with the organising group that school places are very tight and work load for health visitors is at capacity.

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

September 2023

Applications

During the four week period six applications were received

23/03672/FULSTL - Change of use to short term let (in retrospect) - Flat 1 6 Rose lane
23/03984/FUL - Side extension and new window to front elevation - 3 Inchkeith Avenue
23/03246/FUL - Extend existing paved area in front of church for proposed cycle park adjacent to existing pram park - Queensferry Parish Church 26 The Loan
23/04044/FUL- Proposed rear extension and front porch - 94 Long Crook

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

23/03863/CLP - To allow me to have 7 children (including my own two) in my home at any one time for work purposes between 7am and 5pm so I can continue my self-employment as a childminder - 36 Dundas Avenue

Certificate of Lawfulness Existing

23/03775/CLESL - Short term let visitor accommodation - Bonny Views 5 Stoneycroft Road

Decisions

The planning authority made four decisions during the four week period

23/03425/CLP - Erection of extension - 20 Carrie Grove - GRANTED
23/03391/CLP - Extension to rear - 7 Sandercombe Drive - GRANTED
23/03488/CLP - Erection of conservatory - 17 Echline Place - GRANTED
23/03295/FUL - Proposed replacement of dilapidated timber windows with new uPVC windows and installation of PV panels to rear elevation - 17 Ashburnham Loan - 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. A concern was raised by a resident that some vehicles were being driven too fast along Scotstoun Ave and asked if the traffic calming etc was still happening and when

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village

No update received this month

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

No update received this month

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Taylor Wimpey have no update or news this month

Forthview Development (Corus site)

No update received this month

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

September 2023

1. Road & Pavement Conditions – With completion of Station Road resurfacing this month, plus the traditional moratorium during the Edinburgh Festival, local diversions and closures have been less conspicuous or disruptive. A section of the Binks car park was closed off during September for harbour renovation, including pedestrian access, however this didn't seem excessively disruptive. Some Station Road snagging repairs remain outstanding

such as attending to drain smells and line painting. Strangely some lines were recently removed from the road, which is a bit concerning as this can sometimes damage the surface (at least we were told this when asking for removal of temporary lane markings on the A90 at Burnshot).

2. Correspondence – Not a large volume of enquiries this month, although there were some queries on the Station Road contractors and precautions taken to warn pedestrians of wet tar, which can lead to footwear damage for unsuspecting passers-by.

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. Queensferry Crossing Automatic Barriers – As mentioned last month the project to install automatic moveable barriers on the A90 at Scotstoun has progressed and should be finished in the next 6 weeks. During October some overnight lane closures will be necessary in the area, with rare diversions via Kincardine for Fife traffic. Trials of the system with all traffic switching to the Forth Road Bridge overnight are planned for early November.

5. Public Transport – A couple of minor train changes are planned to take effect soon. ScotRail are removing peak time fares as a 6 month trial from Monday 2 October. Passengers using peak services will see a substantial drop in return fares, and season ticket holders may also benefit. Fare harmonisation might also help alleviate crowding on shoulder peak services. As the Levenmouth extension is due to open within the next year, ScotRail are seeking public feedback until 23 October on some new timetable proposals. They've outlined a post-2025 timetable and two options for interim timetables covering the 2024-25 transition. For Dalmeny travellers the main tradeoffs are whether direct services via Kirkcaldy should be included at the expense of a more regular Edinburgh train pattern. Presently most daytime Dalmeny trains run via Dunfermline, which has brought a few objections, so ScotRail suggest connectivity with Fife can be improved by having an hourly Kirkcaldy service call at Dalmeny. Interim timetable A has uses 30 minute intervals for Dalmeny-Edinburgh trains but these both run via Dunfermline, meaning Kirkcaldy passengers from Dalmeny need to change at Inverkeithing. Journeys in Interim timetable B and the post-2025 timetable alternate between Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy however Dalmeny-Edinburgh services are slightly offset, for example 20 & 40 minutes apart. People's preference is likely to depend on their own circumstances so we probably can't submit a general response on behalf of the community. For buses, CEC's contract for the 63 and other west Edinburgh routes is approaching its end and they are working with the consultant company Jacobs on some different models that could enhance connectivity, focusing on the A8 area. Note West Lothian Council's 7 bus is withdrawn from 16 October.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

23 September 2023

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Cllr Lang, cllr Young, cllr Younie

September 2023 report

Queensferry primary catchments and Kirkliston high school

Council officers have confirmed plans for a new primary school on the Builyeon Road housing development site by August 2026. Work is now needed to agree the school's catchment area, and to look at how to alleviate the pressure on Queensferry Primary catchment. This could impact on catchments for other local primaries.

The last Education, Children and Families committee at the start of the month, voted to commence the statutory consultation on both this new Primary catchment area, and the location for the new Kirkliston Secondary School. That consultation is now live, and we are encouraging anyone who has a comment in favour or against, to make their submission.

Builyeon Road - <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/builyeonroad/>

Kirkliston High school -

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/kirklistonhsconsultation/>

RAAC in schools and council buildings

The investigation has completed for schools and none of the Queensferry Schools are impacted. The review of other Council buildings is underway and as any are identified they are being flagged to councillors. We'll keep QDCC updated should any venues be identified.

Station Road resurfacing complete

We are pleased to see the resurfacing of Station Road and Rosshill Terrace completed. We know there are still some outstanding issues to be addressed, including some drainage issues at the west end. We have taken these up with officers. We are also aware of outstanding line painting which is due following resurfacing work at Society Road, Farquhar Terrace and Inchgarvie Park. Again, we are pursuing these with the council roads team.

Ongoing ASB issues at Hawes

Lewis continues to keep in touch with local residents affected by the 'car racers' and ASB at the Hawes and has a follow up meeting with them and officers, scheduled for October.

Have your say on how West Edinburgh should grow

Council planning officers are consulting on how west Edinburgh should grow and develop over the next 30 years. At this stage, there are no detailed proposals. However, officers are consulting on an overarching vision for west Edinburgh which you can read at the link below. This has been informed by the city's current City Plan 2030 (which protects all the greenbelt land around Queensferry and Dalmeny from further housing development).

https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/towards-west-edinburgh/user_uploads/towards-west-edinburgh-strategy.pdf

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Cllr Work

September 2023

I attended the Queensferry High School Senior Awards Ceremony on Thursday 7th September. It was good to hear about the high rate of positive destinations recorded and great to see the achievements of the senior pupils.

I was copied into an email from Val Walker, Convenor of Culture & Communities Committee about a recent meeting with QDCC regarding Queensferry cemetery provision. The Council officers are actively looking for a site in South Queensferry. CEC have identified a strip of land along the B904 which may be owned by the Council -officers are checking this with Estates.

The most recent Education, Children & Families Committee approved the next stage of consultations for Builyeon Road Primary School & Kirkliston High School. Details on the council website, links copied below.

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/builyeonroad/>

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/kirklistonhsconsultation/>

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Other Documents

Police Report



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward QDCC –

Report to follow if and when available.

CONTACT US;

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

Email address is not monitored 24/7 or for reporting crime or ongoing incidents. These should be reported by calling 101 (non-emergency) or 999 (emergency).

Twitter: @EdinPolNW

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

Local Officers: PC Donald Macleod/PC Euan Sinclair

Rotary Club of South Queensferry

September 2023

The club were pleased to hear from Abbie Morrison and Noah Ibbetson this month, two Queensferry High School pupils that Rotary sponsored to attend a Rotary Young Leaders Award (RYLA) outward bound course in July. They both delivered excellent presentations outlining the activities they participated in and what they gained from the experience in terms of new skills, experience and enhanced self-awareness and confidence.

A lovely opening event was held at Echline Primary School to officially re opening Ross's Garden that has been refurbished by the Rotary Environmental and the GreenFerry teams over the summer assisted by pupils, family and some teachers.

The garden is named in memory of Ross Woolard a young boy who was a pupil at the school who sadly passed away in 1998. In addition to a number of parents, pupils, teachers and volunteers, we were delighted that Win and Derek Woolard, Ross's parents, attended the event and unveiled a new plaque to recognise all the work done by these voluntary groups. Another great example of the local community all pulling together to achieve a goal.

Neil McKinlay

24th September 2023

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Queensferry Heritage Trust



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Promoting and protecting the
heritage of Queensferry

September 2023

Talks Programme

Our Winter talks programme begins next month with the first talks scheduled as follows:

19.30 Wednesday 18 October, *Isobel Wylie Hutchison: from Carlowrie to the Arctic*. Jenni Calder

19.30 Wednesday 8 November, *A Naval Officer's adventures in Scotland 'and elsewhere'*.
Commander Bob Hawkins, MBE. RN Chief of staff, Naval Regional Command, Scotland and N.
Ireland, CO *HMS Caledonia*.

All talks take place in the Masonic Hall.

Queensferry Harbour Repairs

Prior to work starting on the Harbour, QDCC arranged a meeting with the CEC project manager to learn more about the scope of work and logistics involved. QHT was pleased to attend and contribute to the discussion together with Queensferry Boat Club.

West Edinburgh 2050 & Placemaking Framework

Attended this CEC public consultation event to learn more about future plans for West Edinburgh and a new initiative on place making and community involvement.

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

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



Agenda

QDCC September Business Meeting

Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm (Online Meeting)

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

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

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Minutes

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 28 August 2023 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Guests: Derek Lawson & Alison Cunningham, CALA.

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Terry chaired the meeting in Keith's absence and welcomed everyone to the August meeting. Business had increased following the summer holiday period with the CEC consultation on CC Scheme and Boundary Review undertaken. This year's Ferry Fair had gone well and the youth Summer Activity programme had been well received with very good feedback. Thanks were expressed to those involved.
2. Apologies	Keith Giblett (Chair), Diane Job, Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllrs Lang, Young and Younie, and Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	Report circulated to QDCC members before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Terry. Terry commented on the Hawes group including residents, QDCC and Police representatives. They had been monitoring anti-social driving in the area and the actions taken to mitigate disturbances. The group was due to meet again in late Sept/early Oct to review outcomes.
4. Cala Homes	Terry introduced Derek Lawson, Cala Strategic Land Director and Alison Cunningham, Marketing Manager and invited them to update QDCC on the recently announced Cala Community Pledge. Alison explained this is a new initiative and Queensferry is the 2 nd to be agreed. The Pledge provides commitments to the community above and beyond planning obligations, working with QDCC to address local needs, and to add value. Includes core activities relating to primary school ages 7-11 via curriculum based projects. Will extend to senior pupils in due course. Also a strong H&S message on staying safe and staying away from building sites.

The Queensferry Pledge covers first 2 years but is an ongoing live document.

Work to date includes -

- School visit(s).
- Community orchard.
- Ferry Elves.
- Local sponsorships including Ferry Fair, Christmas in Queensferry and Football Clubs.

Further activity planned on -

- Woodland/beach clean ups.
- Community chest.
- Local magazine and other areas.

Neil thanked the Cala team for their input with Greenferry. On the 'Land for Life' element he would approach the Primary Schools to see how best to deliver this, and feed back to Cala.

Anne also thanked them for the support to Ferry Elves last year. Alison confirmed this was an annual arrangement and would therefore apply again this year.

Derek updated the meeting on progress at the 2 Queensferry sites.

- Springfield Heights - 11 private properties occupied and further 15 to complete before Christmas of which 13 sold and 2 for sale. The 15 flats and 4 affordable terraced houses to be handed over to Manor Estates in November. Next year will see further 38 properties for sale, including flats closer to the river.
- Builyeon Road – Lovell progressing Phases 1 & 2. Cala started to build Phase 3 townhouses, terraces and small detached houses. So far all going well. Showhome expected next July with first occupation December 24.
- Commercial Area – being marketed and preferred bidder identified. Land sale anticipated Qtr2 next year.
- Care Home – negotiating with preferred bidder, hoping to conclude before Christmas.
- New Builyeon Road – discussing opening with CEC, date not confirmed yet.

Neil and Gillian asked about the care home. Derek confirmed this was for older people, with a single operator, not one for specific medical needs. The site was 'planning in principle' with no specific capacity quoted. This would be up to the developer to design.

Terry queried whether Cala was working with CEC on the new primary school. Derek confirmed this, they need CEC to initiate the process.

Anne asked if the type of supermarket was known and Derek explained this is up to the investor to take forward.

Derek also referenced liaison with QHS on S1/S2 career opportunities via the Pledge. Cala was waiting to hear back from the High School which was why it isn't currently included in the Pledge document. Michelle noted this and had emailed relevant colleagues during the online discussion.

	Terry thanked Derek and Alison for joining the meeting and the updates provided. QDCC looked forward to working further with Cala on the Community Pledge and its implementation.
5. QHS	<p>Terry welcomed Michelle back to QDCC following the school summer break. She updated the meeting on current activity at QHS. This included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact with Cala and others on potential career opportunities outwith main curriculum, as outlined above. • Wellbeing Club. • Parent Council AGM. • Forthcoming awards ceremony. • Exam results, strong this year. • Ferry Elves support and other festive planning activity. <p>Following an accident on Builyeon Road involving a bus and pupil, reminders about road safety had been issued. She also mentioned the lack of a formal crossing point on the road. Grant advised QDCC was aware of this and had previously raised it as a concern.</p> <p>Neil asked to be kept informed on the QHS responses to Cala, INEOS, Taylor Wimpey.</p> <p>ACTION: Michelle to follow up QHS contact arrangements re Cala etc and keep Neil informed.</p> <p>Cllr Work commented on seeing Craig and Michelle at the Scotstoun shops over lunchtime and thanked them for having a visible presence outside the school grounds.</p>
6. Minutes from Last Meeting (July 2023)	Minutes proposed by Grant and seconded by Anne Marie.
7. Matters Arising	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: CEC in discussion with Cala regarding McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. All other streets now formally adopted.</p> <p>ONGOING – Cllr Work monitoring for final action on outstanding 3 streets.</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2022</u></p> <p>CDT: Terry to initiate work on taking forward CDT proposal in early 2023.</p> <p>DEFER – pending outcomes of planned discussion with CEC and Queensferry Assets workshop.</p> <p><u>FEBRUARY 2023</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>ONGOING – Repair works at Echline Primary being considered.</p> <p><u>MARCH 2023</u></p>

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 – New meeting date proposed by QDCC, response awaited.

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Youth Engagement: 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.

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FRB Toilets: Cllr Younie to refer need for better cleaning/maintenance to BEAR and Alex Cole-Hamilton.

ONGOING – Cllrs' response expected Sept.

Station Road: Cllr Younie to check CEC is monitoring Station Road resurfacing work and are to provide updates to community on progress, including drainage issues.

ONGOING – Cllrs' response expected Sept.

Hopetoun Crossroads: Keith to check roadwork notice at Hopetoun crossroads and notify Cllr Younie.

CLOSED – Done, no further action required.

Railway Path Drains: Cllr Work to contact Scottish Water regarding drain covers on the railway path.

CLOSED – Drain covers replaced.

Dalmeny Station Signs: Neil and Karen to do site visit and review possible alternative options for pedestrian signage to the town centre, given dangerous condition of Jacob's Ladder.

CLOSED – Site visit undertaken, Karen liaising with Network Rail on placement of new sign.

FRB 50th Plaques: Karen to ascertain action on restoring 50th anniversary plaques at FRB.

ONGOING – Karen in correspondence with Transport Scotland, awaiting feedback.

Leuchold Gate Wall: Cllr Work to seek update from CEC on wall repairs at Leuchold Gate, B924.

ONGOING – CEC and Rosebery Estate in dispute over cause of the damage to wall. Further meeting(s) to take place to resolve.

Local Place Plans: Terry to circulate CEC presentation on LPPs.

CLOSED – Done.

8. Chair's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Terry to pass onto Keith.
9. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports	Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. Norman to discuss Lovers Lane fencing with Neil outwith the meeting. Terry asked if Norman knew the timescale for the primary school catchment review. Norman advised no decision taken on this yet, included in the 'safe routes' work. Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded direct to Cllr Younie, or via Terry if preferred.
10. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Terry to pass onto Diane. Terry noted new Barclays high interest account opened, £85,000 transferred into it.
11. Secretary's Report	Report circulated before the meeting. Terry commented on the current CEC consultation, CC Scheme and Boundary Review, and thanked everyone for their input. A revised Scheme should be available for discussion in October. The EACC survey was also discussed.
12. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	Planning. Report submitted. Any questions to be forwarded to Terry to pass onto Diane. Transport. Report submitted. Grant noted Station Road resurfacing work hadn't been smooth all the way. Feedback from Cllr Younie on communications with CEC and contractors, and residents, was awaited. David L commented on drainage work on The Loan at the weekend, the road had been stripped and resurfaced. Muir reported work at Rosshill/Bankhead end going well. Drains were being cleared and rebuilt as the they went along. David L asked if any further information known about the High Street, with the TRO due to expire would this mean reverting to 2-way traffic. Grant advised no further information on this or other Spaces for People measures ending soon. There is a plan covering the Bellstane to Sealscraig but no clear timetable. Terry reported Keith is seeking an update on plans for resurfacing and is waiting for a response from CEC on this and other matters. In relation to the TRO, it was introduced via emergency legislation, needs to stop and then re-enacted. Muir highlighted the very poor state of Standingstane Road and Shore Road, and that funding priorities need to be considered. Education. Report submitted. David F thanked Anne Marie and Graeme for their work on the Summer Fun programme.

Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted.

Anne reported good feedback on the new pharmacy on The Loan. Had been a few initial hiccups with Lloyds and Rosebery Avenue but all going well there also.

She asked if there was any more information on the proposed care home in Kirkliston. Gillian advised this is going ahead, and is to be a smallish, privately run facility.

Anne also asked if anything more was known about new toilets referred to in the BEAR report.

Youth Engagement. Report submitted.

Anne Marie reported Youth Clubs new season start date delayed by CEC, as wished all clubs across Edinburgh to resume on the same date. This was believed to be due to staffing issues and start now expected to be end Sept. Graeme added this was cause for concern, a 6-week delay was a lost opportunity and could lead to some local disorder. This would be discussed with EACC later that week, and thereafter with Ward Cllrs if needed.

Communications. Report submitted.

The monthly Newsletter format was discussed, including ways to make it more efficient to compile and read.

Environment. Report submitted.

No questions raised.

Rotary. Report submitted.

Neil commented that the Rotary were very pleased with the remedial work at EPS Memorial Garden. Anne Marie thanked all involved. A formal ceremony was to take place at the Garden shortly.

QHT.

David L advised support being given to The Briggers at the forthcoming Barnado's 'Your View at the Forth Bridge' event 22-24 Sept.

Discussions also taken place with Keith and Terry on a Local Place Plan. This was a worthwhile project but needed time and effort, building on previous Place Making activity. Agreed to carry out some further work and follow-up. Muir confirmed that his professional contact had agreed an LPP was needed for Queensferry, and that that he was able to help with this.

ACTION: Terry to liaise with Muir on contact details for potential professional input to LPP.

QCCC.

Gillian reported QCCC AGM date 28 Sept, preceded by a Strategy Day on 23 Sept. Continuing to meet with Health and Social Care Partnership regarding a future contract to provide day services. CEC budget not known and day services contract was likely to go to competitive tender.

QBC. No update provided.

	Regarding Harbour repairs Muir asked if date for meeting with Sean Fahy had been agreed. Terry had contacted him suggesting w/c 4 Sept but no response, he would try again. The work was due to start 11 Sept.
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	No additional matters to report.
14. AOB	<p><u>Wasps</u> Anne Marie reported seeing an incident that day involving a wasp attack on QHS boys at the top of Kirkliston Road, near traffic lights between Lovers Lane and Scotstoun Avenue. The boys had managed to run away from the swarm but she was concerned about the danger for younger children who could be more seriously affected. She had contacted CEC and been told it would be 2 weeks before they could take action. ACTION: Cllr Work to follow up.</p> <p><u>CEC Consultations</u> In relation to the 3 current CEC consultations Graeme noted a drop-in session being held at the Delta Marriott Hotel at Maybury on Wed 30 Aug 3.30pm-7.30pm.</p> <p><u>CEC Communications</u> Cllr Work shared the frustration encountered by QDCC in getting responses to correspondence and requests for meetings. Terry advised QDCC seeking meeting dates regarding the Cemetery and Harbour. Norman asked for Ward Cllrs to be copied into these requests.</p>
15. Questions from the floor	None raised.
16. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 25 September 2023, at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.

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