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Upcoming



FRI, 27 OCT-28 OCT

Winter clothes donation point

Community centre, S...



SAT, 4 NOV-5 NOV

Tesco bucket shake

Tesco Superstore



FRI, 8 DEC-9 DEC

Christmas gifts donation point

Community Centre, S...



FRI, 15 DEC-16 DEC

Christmas food donation point

Community Centre, S...



Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Chairs report for the 23rd October Community Council business meeting

Over the last month I have carried out the following business on behalf of QDCC.

I attended a Virtual Teams meeting with City of Edinburgh Council BCN (Business Communications Networking) officers. The local businesses could take advantage of advertising and promotional events and network with other Edinburgh “high street” businesses. And a second meeting facilitated by Karen Stewart FBWHMC Tourism Manger to discuss a forum for holding a Queensferry business networking meeting.

I attended a walkabout meeting held at the Hawes Promenade with CEC roads safety officers and Police to consider installing speed cushions, an outcome from the previous meeting facilitated by Councillor Younie with local residents. They are being seriously inconvenienced by boy racers anti-social driving behaviours with the situation worsening.

I attended two Forth Bridges World Heritage meetings at the Contact and Education Centre: one was attendees at World Heritage UK’s annual conference meeting held in Stirling welcoming people who manage other World Heritage sites across the UK. The second visit comprised of the Board of HES and its senior management team.

I attended the CEC Education consultation held for Builyeon Road Primary Schools catchment area review. I was a disappointed at the low turnout.

I attended the CEC Education consultation meeting being held in Kirkliston Primary School for the proposal to build a High School on the Leisure site. The meeting was very well attended. The headline from the meeting is that those present at the meeting were opposed to building a High School on this site. AS Queensferry is opposed to extending QHS the question was asked: “what is plan C” the answer given: “there isn’t one”!

I continue to correspond with CEC Officers, EACC, Secretary and Convenors QDCC with enquires from local residents and stakeholders.

Keith Giblett
Chair QDCC
22nd Oct ‘23.

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Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – OCTOBER REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox has been relatively quiet since the September business meeting.

Several telephone calls and website queries have been dealt with and my thanks go out to my fellow Community Councilors who continue to respond to the varied questions that I circulate requesting assistance in formulating replies.

- I continue to await formal feedback on the list of agreed action items from the October 2022 meeting with Paul Lawrence and Gareth Barwell.
- A request from CEC to meet with QDCC to discuss next steps on the Queensferry Buildings and Community Workshop report has been received. A date has yet to be agreed. The outputs from this report will likely feed into discussions on the formulation of a Local Place Plan.
- No further information has been received from CEC on the ongoing review of the existing Locality Improvement Plan (2017-2022).
- A further update on the Community Council Election and the Community Council Scheme/Boundary review has been received. CEC have agreed to the proposals for a statutory review of the Scheme for Community Councils and their associated boundaries. The outline consultation plan and timeline has already been shared. Details can be found below.
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/community-planning/community-councils/3>
- An update on the progress of Queensferry Harbour works has been received and circulated to all Community Councillors.
- I have contacted Dave Sinclair at CEC asking for an update on plans for traffic calming on Scotstoun Avenue associated with S75 monies from both Dalmeny Park and Hawthorn Gardens developments.

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, speeding on Scotstoun Avenue, a request for help in finding social/council housing, a query on home care assistance, a query on the planned start date for the High Street resurfacing project, an invitation to share the opportunity to participate

in the Tesco token scheme, details of support for “place-based” projects and an offer of assistance for shared/common housing repairs

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 information on low carbon heating and associated heating networks was shared.
3. Along with other community councillors, I attended the CEC school consultation at QHS where the catchment area for the proposed Builyeon Road Primary School was discussed. There was also some discussion on the proposals for a new High School at Kirkliston.
4. Along with the chair I attended both an online meeting and a face-to-face site visit with CEC officials, Community Police, Cllr Younie and impacted residents regarding anti-social driving around Hawes Brae, Newhalls Road and The Hawes car park. Agreement in principle has been reached to install traffic calming measures on Newhalls Road and within the Hawes car park.
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.
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 – 22nd October 2023

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Treasurer' Report – Diane Job

October 2023

Money in this month:

CALA - Landscaping materials for the Guardian of the Bridges - £650.00

Money out this month:

None

Total CC Funds - £2015.93

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - September interest £55.79 - £18477.38

95 Day Notice Account - September interest £205.00 - £62559.05

Nationwide Building Society - £87588.43

Barclays Bank - £85000.00

RBS - Interest July - September £658.66 - £87570.28

Charity Bank - £62144.97

Community Facility Funding Total = £403340.11

Diane Job
QDCC Treasurer

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Communications – Graeme McKinley

Community Engagement

QDCC continues to communicate with residents, authorities, stakeholders, developers and internally using various online tools: social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram), QDCC website, email, messenger, MS Teams and Zoom; the monthly meetings either in person or via MS Teams are open to the public by request via our website, advertised on our website and social media channels. Subjects discussed through those channels are incorporated in to each relevant sub-committee's reports. Anyone wishing to contact the community council on any matters please do so through our website

<http://www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.co.uk/>, where all communication channels are explained.



Spotlight Magazine

Publications are now quarterly with online then print distribution.

Distribution will mainly be through key static dispensers in the area. This is a non-profit community magazine by Words & Pictures, please support by submitting relevant content or making use of the advertising opportunity.

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

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Education Report – David Flint

Ed/Rec report. October 23.

27th September. Queensferry Primary School, Parents Council.

This meeting was planned to be held in the school but had to be changed to a 'Teams' meeting because of the strike. The attendance was disappointing and the school are hoping to recruit new members to the PC. Karen McGregor, Head Teacher, is presently seconded to Wardie Primary School and Alison McLean is acting Head Teacher. Alison gave the HT report and was very pleased with the way everything was running. She did point out that the school hall cannot accommodate a full school assembly.

Louise Wilson has agreed to become chairperson and Jane McCormick is now secretary.

The PC is very concerned about the children crossing Rosebery Avenue. The volume of traffic has greatly increased since the last survey a few years ago. I passed these concerns on to Grant and he has provided me with some very sound advice, which I have now sent on to the PC.

3rd October. I attended the consultation meeting in The High School. This was to look at the future provision of schools in SQ and the suggestions for new catchment areas. I have studied the reports and realise that some very difficult decisions will have to be made.

Echline Community Woodland. We are still awaiting a report on the present situation with proposals for its future.

The autumn clear-up is planned for Saturday 4th November, starting at 10.00am. We would appreciate any help you can provide. The volunteer group seems to shrink every year.

David Flint.

Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Primary School enrolment

If your child's date of birth is between 1 March 2019 and 29 February 2020, they are due to start primary school in August 2024. You must register your child for P1 between 31 October and 17 November 2023.

Information can be found here. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/school-places/start-primary-school>

Schools across the area will have open days on November 2nd. Contact individual schools directly for timings.

A consultation meeting with regards to a new proposed high school in Kirkliston took place on October 10th further information about this can be found.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/new-education-buildings/new-kirkliston-high-school-kirkliston-leisure-centre-site#:~:text=This%20latest%20consultation%20is%2>

School strikes

School strikes took place for school support staff across Scotland over three days in September 26th, 27th and 28th this caused all schools to close in the area. An agreement hasn't been reached yet and new rolling strike action will take place on November 1st in Glasgow, Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire and Inverclyde authorities. Edinburgh date hasn't been announced as of yet.

Youth Clubs

Open all Hours has been running extremely successfully with numbers reaching up to 80 young people through the doors. Every week we have more and more new young people attending.

The Youth Café on a Tuesday for S1+ hasn't been that well attended, the most we have had has been 11 young people. A decision has been made to open it up to P7+ from Tuesday October 24th. It is expected this will increase attendance significantly.

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Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

October 2023

Land opposite the High School

Following the intervention of Edinburgh City Council (CEC) Parks and Green Spaces Department contractors employed by McKenzie Construction have laid a new thick layer of seeded top soil on the parcel of land that was damaged following the installation of new sewage pipes over two years ago. This will enable the CEC team to resume their grass cutting once the new grass takes hold. Next year I will be working with the Parks and Green Spaces team to plant up areas of the plot with spring bulbs.

Community Sculpture -Guardian of the Bridges

The new boundary fence has now been erected and the Rotary Environmental team will now commence work to refurbish the ground surrounding the sculpture to create a much more attractive setting for this feature. Again we thank Cala Homes for their financial support through their Community Pledge Scheme to pay for the new fencing and the materials to refurbish the surrounding grounds.

Dangerous wall at the Leuchold Gate entrance to the Dalmeny Estate

I have received an update from the Dalmeny Estates office. "Further to a meeting with the CEC in August we have had our structural surveyor have a further look at the wall. We are currently looking at our options for repairing/rebuilding the wall whilst in discussions with CEC regarding the level of input we require from them"

I have acknowledged their update and have asked for an indication of the timescale for these works to commence.

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

The estates office are contacting their farm manager to ascertain if they can erect suitable safety fences and if there are any contractors he would recommend if this is not within his ability to do.

Ashburnham Estate land sale

I have recently been approached by residents of this estate who are most concerned that a parcel of open recreational land within the estate is being marketed for sale by auction "with potential development opportunities". The marketing does however stress that planning permission for any development would have to be obtained. I am currently undertaking some fact finding about this sale but meantime I have offered the support of QDCC and our Ward Councillors to the residents to endeavour to ensure this parcel of well used recreational land is retained for this purpose.

Neil McKinlay

20th October 2023

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Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

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Ferry elves have started their winter activities. Application forms for families needing coats or shoes have been sent out via school and should be pulled together and distributed next weekend. Gifts and food will be dealt with in December. As new coats, unworn shoes and as new gifts are welcome donations and can be handed in at Rosebery hall 9-3. Fundraising has started with a just giving page www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ferryelves2023 The elves are also spending 10-2 in Tesco on 4th and 5th November looking for donations (once folk stop laughing at the outfits!)

Attended **social isolation meeting** in the Gyle discussing transport for the voluntary sector which has not moved forward much since the previous meeting but we are assured that it is in hand. Some groups have managed to access transport for outings but with very limited choice of dates. Vintage Vibes gave an interesting presentation around their plans to provide befrienders across the city. Age Scotland is also doing something similar. Both are looking for volunteers to provide the befriending local to their area. Queensferry already has an excellent service covering our area and if you wish to join our local volunteers, please contact Lorna Russell at Queensferry Churches Care in the Community.

As families from Ukraine are likely to move to this area soon have posted on Ukrainians in Queensferry face book page to show it as active.

As some of the role of health and well- being convenor means meeting people looking for support, I have attended a 2 day mental health first aid course at Edinburgh college which I would recommend to anyone working with people.

Within the GP practice the I Thrive welcome team is holding several sessions where anyone, age 18-64, looking for help with mental health can attend and be directed to appropriate services.

Tuesdays 9am -11am 24th October, 7th November, 21st November, 5th December, 19TH December

Ruairi Sutherland and Alex Goater (local residents) are setting up a local voluntary group for suicide prevention and mental health within South Queensferry. They have an initial name Forth SPAN (Suicide Prevention Action Network) and have created a Facebook group that already has 200 members. The first meeting is taking place on Thursday 26th October at SQ library at 7-8pm. They are also contacting local, regional and national groups working in suicide prevention to identify where we can support including BEAR Scotland, Fife Health and social care partnership, Samaritans and Police Scotland.

Connections café held in Queensferry parish church continues to be a place to meet friends and keep warm or even meet new friends, whatever the age (there are toys for wee people to play with. They are open on a Monday and Wednesday from 10.30 am providing teas and coffee in a morning and hot snacks/lunches from noon. Payment is by donation for those who can afford it.

They are a member of Fare share and use this to sustain the existing café and will stock the (about to start) community fridge. Starting date is to be confirmed for the community fridge which will be open access and help yourself.

There is a craft group in twice a month and the group would like to invite other groups to join them either with a specific focus or just social groups.

They are currently looking for more volunteers;

to help with hot snacks from 11.45 -2.00 either making them or serving at table.

to help serve the tea, coffee & hot snacks and chat to the guests.

To “man” the community fridge taking temp/checking produce and doing the weekly fridge clean.

To collect food weekly to stock the fridge

Flu Vaccines are available for age 2-5 who have missed their appointment at a drop-in session at royal hospital for sick children sat 11 Nov 1-3, Dec 9th 1-3

If you are eligible for an NHS vaccine and the site is not local it is worth looking on line as there are Queensferry appointments although the service is not run by the practice.

Ferryburn pharmacy is now able to offer private vaccines as are Boots

We are all starting to feel a bit colder so attached is advice from Martins money tips

Ways of **heating the human**, not the home

1. Layer clothes to keep in the heat

Layer 1: The base layer, £5 to £10

This is the first layer, which sits directly against your skin. It should be close-fitting, and will lock in heat and 'wick away' sweat. Avoid cotton if possible, as it traps moisture and will cool you down over time. The cheaper alternative options tend to be synthetic fabrics, such as polyester or nylon.

Layer 2: The mid layer, £6 to £12

Like the base layer, this should lock in warmth and wick away sweat. But wearing a second layer will help trap warmth your base layer hasn't managed to keep in. Outdoor experts say a lightweight fleece can be a good option. Alternatively, you could opt for a second T-shirt, and wear a fleece or jumper as your third layer.

Layer 3: The outer layer, about £15

For those doing outdoor activities, this is usually a waterproof layer to protect against the elements. You won't need a waterproof indoors (hopefully), but if you're not warm enough in your base and mid layer, you could add an extra jumper or jacket over the top.

For extra warmth, a padded/insulated jacket could be a good option here. The days of throwing tights away once they've had it is over, chop the feet off and wear them under trousers and it is amazing what a difference it makes! Invest in an oversized hoodie blanket to snuggle up in.

2. Eat regularly and have at least one hot meal a day

The NHS says eating regularly will help keep you warm, and says you should have one hot meal a day. It also recommends drinking hot drinks regularly. Recommend homemade soup and porridge, which can be good MoneySaving options too. If you're not able to cook, or want something a bit quicker, a cheap alternative is 'Cup a Soup' style sachets.

Keep your feet warm with rugs & slippers

3. It's said that if your feet are cold, the rest of you will feel cold too. So wearing slippers can be essential to staying warm inside, particularly if you have hard floors. Slippers that enclose your feet will keep warmth in better, so we've stuck to these options below. It's also worth opting for slippers with hard, waterproof soles, as kitchen and bathroom floors get splashed easily (and wet socks cause cold feet).

Consider putting down rugs and bathmats

The Energy Saving Trust also recommends putting down rugs or carpets to help your feet stay warm. These can be pricey, but it's possible to get a [small rug for as little as £2](#). The key is to place them where you stand often, such as next to the bed. A bathmat can also be handy, to avoid bare feet on a cold bathroom floor. Make sure any new rugs aren't a trip hazard – you can buy separate 'anti-slip' mats or underlay to go underneath and prevent accidents.

4. Choose the right socks, and consider changing them during the day.

If ordinary socks and slippers won't cut it, you could consider thermal socks or ski socks, designed to keep people warm outdoors. If your feet start to feel cold later in the day (even though you've [kept them dry with slippers](#)), it could be because your socks have been absorbing sweat. Swap them for a fresh, dry pair, and your feet should start warming up again.

5. Put your feet up... literally

The floor is usually the coldest part of the house. Putting your feet up on a stool or similar can help them stay that little bit warmer while you're sitting down.

6. Try the 'hot water bottle in a sleeping bag' trick

People have reported success combining a hot water bottle and sleeping bag:

When sitting down, sit in a sleeping bag, at least your bottom half. Even better if you put a hot water bottle in the bottom. Warm with no draughts.

7. Warm up by moving around

Gentle exercise can help you stay warm, so try and move around once an hour. Be aware that more strenuous exercise will make your body sweat to try and cool you down, so it's not an ideal solution if you just want to warm up.

If you are sat at a desk most of the day, try and move at least once an hour! And go out for a walk at lunchtime.

8. Consider the cost to your mental health before cutting back

Cutting back on heating to save money can have a significant impact on your mental health and wellbeing. So if you do have the choice between cutting back on heating, or reducing spending in other areas, it's worth considering the impact a cooler house will have on your mental health and motivation.

HEATING METHOD	INITIAL COST	COST PER	COST PER
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			HOUR (1)	WEEK (2)
USB gloves	Plug into USB	£10	Less than 1p	4p (3)
Heated insoles	Plug into USB	£10	Less than 1p	4p (3)
USB hand warmers	Plug into USB	£15	Less than 1p	4p (3)
Electric gilet	Charge via USB	£50 (including battery pack)	Less than 1p	4p (3)
Microwaveable wheat bag	Microwave for 60 seconds (4)	£4	Less than 1p	17p
Hot water bottle (1.5 litre)	Boil water in kettle (5)	£5.50	6p (6)	84p (7)
Reusable hand warmers	Boil in water on hob	£5 for a pair	Less than 1p	£1.10 (gas hob) £3.52 (electric)
Electric heat pad	Plug into mains	£15	2p	98p
Electric footwarmer	Plug into mains	£25	2p	98p

Electric blanket (single)	Plug into mains	£35	2p	98p
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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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Applications

During the four week period six applications were received

23/04322/FUL - Conversion of loft space into habitable rooms including installation of roof lights and dormer window - 2 Branders Place

23/04483/FUL - Form new front extension. Footprint 4m2 - 17 Scotstoun Park

23/04490/FULSTL - Retrospective Change of Use from flat (Sui Generis) to short term let (SUI Generis) - Flat 6 18B Hopetoun Road

Trees in a Conservation Area

23/04816/TCO - Mature Ash with significant Ash dieback, takedown & remove arisings - Treeworks 20 metres East of 1 Main Street Dalmeny

Certificate of Lawfulness Existing

23/04523/CLESTL - Application for certificate of lawfulness for short term let - 11 Shore Road

23/04533/CLESTL - Short Term Let - 9 Villa Road

Decisions

During the four week period 9 decisions were made

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

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

23/02258/FUL - Proposed installation of a garden office in front garden (as amended) 4 The Glebe Dalmeny - GRANTED

23/04573/LBC - Holiday/short term let accommodation for up to 4 people to continue operating as a safe and regulated holiday let contributing to tourism for South Queensferry Please note that this property is on the High Street of a bustling tourist town and does not

lend itself to being a family home as much as it does being a place for people to stay when visiting South Queensferry. It is one of the reasons we chose to move out and one of the reasons we hope to gain our STL license with Edinburgh City Council - 5 High Street (above what was the Hardware Shop) - PERMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED

23/04044/FUL - Proposed rear extension and front porch - 94 Long Crook -

GRANTED 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 - GRANTED

23/03672/FULSTL - Change of use to short term let (in retrospect) - Flat 1 6 Rose Lane - REFUSED

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 - GRANTED

23/04816/TCO - Mature Ash with significant Ash dieback, takedown & remove arisings -

Treeworks 20 metres of 1 Main Street Dalmeny - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

23/01767/FUL - Extend existing domestic garage - 43 Hopetoun Road - WITHDRAWN

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. QDCC are trying to get more information on timescales

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village

The two Electrical Sub Stations are now "Live" which eradicates the "Noise Issues" for Builyeon Road residents this was late due to SPEN legal process.

Development Landscaping has been commenced with tree planting and other shrubs along with Roadway Drainage swales being grass seeded. Southern Embankments will be progressed as season and plant availability allows

The Gap between existing trees at Echline(where Development sewer outfalls connected into SW Network) has been planted and there are other whips still to be planted which will be as they become available(this work was late as Cala were awaiting Scottish Water to confirm their stand off policy which is min 3 metres either side of new sewer lines so there will always be a Gap of circa 6 metres)

Cala are in dialogue with Interested parties with regards to Commercial area and Care Home

CALA phases are now underway with foundations being progressed at the Eastern end the existing SW Trunk main has now been fully diverted along the eastern fringes and this allows us to programme after design out phase 4 parcel

Lovell are progressing with the build of affordable homes in their piece of land

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

No update received this month due to holidays

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No update received this month due to holidays

Forthview Development (Corus site)

No update received this month due to holidays

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

The above applications were granted at the Development Management Sub-Committee meeting on the 4th October.

Residents in the Ashburnham Estate have raised concerns regarding a piece of land within the estate which they were under the impression was amenity/green space land has been advertised for sale by auction. The auction is due to take place on the 2nd November.

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport – Grant Sangster

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1. **Road & Pavement Conditions** – Generally not so much disruption this month, with work along Station Road seemingly ending. For example the non-compliant central white lines at the east end which were burned off shortly after the road reopened have been replaced and the scorched road surface repaired. However we didn't hear back from CEC that they considered the project complete so we remain uncertain of how to report any new issues that people identify. Utility excavations or items relating to new housing developments in the area have typically been emergency rather than pre-planned and mostly low impact. A recent example is at Hill Court where temporary traffic lights on The Loan replaced the normal type. More significantly, next month will see daytime closure of Echline View for Scottish Water to upgrade the sewage system, scheduled to last for the remainder of 2023. Scottish Water agreed to meet with QDCC

to establish publicity channels to help address arising community concerns and hopefully to minimise misunderstandings.

2. **Correspondence** – Not a large volume of transport enquiries this month, although David fielded enquiries about the condition of Hopetoun Estate’s Loch Road and also from Queensferry Primary Parent Council on the prospect of employing a lollipop patrol to assist children crossing Rosebery Avenue near the fire station. The area around Burgess Road has attracted safety concerns for many years. While Rosebery Avenue was surveyed recently, the results were disputed by the parent council. There’s already quite a large team of wardens for Queensferry Primary however changes in the catchment, road conditions and school roll may justify reviewing this coverage.
3. **High Street Resurfacing** – As last month, no formal 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** – BEAR have been in touch requesting a meeting with QDCC to give an update on work relating to the bridges and the trunk roads that affect Queensferry. There isn’t a settled date yet but late October or early November seems most likely. The automatic barrier installation and arrangements for trialling the ‘rapid diversion’ of general traffic from the Queensferry Crossing onto the Forth Road Bridge are likely to feature in discussions. If anyone has points to raise on community matters within BEAR’s remit please just let me know or come along to hear the replies in person.
5. **Public Transport** – As mentioned last month, a substantial drop in peak time train fares between Dalmeny and Edinburgh took effect in October. This temporary trial aligns the government-controlled fares with ScotRail’s off-peak tariff. On the buses, West Lothian Council withdrew funding for Horsburgh’s 7 route this month, so this lightly-used service has now stopped. McGill’s are in the process of withdrawing all Eastern Scottish branded services other than those running under contract to CEC. It’s possible this may temporarily alleviate the driver shortage on our 63 bus, but it adds urgency to the overdue requirement to re-tender the 63 service along with the Ratho and Turnhouse routes. The bus operating environment has changed since First were awarded this contract in 2019 and councils are faced with increased difficulty in finding operators willing to run non-commercial routes within their allocated budget. On the positive side, Winchburgh and west Edinburgh have a small financial advantage from housing developer contributions. CEC’s rollout of new bus stop information displays reached Queensferry this month, but note they don’t show real time information yet.

Grant Sangster
Transport Sub-Committee Convenor
22 October 2023

Cllr Lang, cllr Young, cllr Younie

October 2023 report

Hawes Brae Meeting – Antisocial Behaviour

Due to the ongoing antisocial behaviour at Hawes Brae, specifically relating to dangerous driving and excessive noise at night, Lewis convened a second follow up meeting with Council officers, police, residents and QDCC to follow up on actions.

It was a productive meeting with further clarity provided on a number of aspects. The police emphasised the great importance that they put on incident reports and the increased resource utilised over the last couple of months to address and challenge the behaviour, not only at Hawes Pier but throughout Queensferry and Dalmeny.

Additionally, Council officers are continuing to look further into the possibility of physical alterations, either speed tables or bumps along the road to mitigate and discourage the dangerous driving. They are optimistic about putting these in, especially outside Thirty Knots and offered to come in person to the site and speak to residents on Friday 20th, which proved another successful and positive meeting.

Lewis will continue to convene and progress these meetings, especially given the progress already. We would be grateful for any information regarding antisocial behaviour or driving throughout Queensferry and Dalmeny.

Shore Road – Sewage Pipe

A pipe burst on Shore Road on 3rd October, causing a discharge of sewage out onto the street. After having it raised with residents, both Louise and Lewis raised the issue urgently with Scottish Water, who attended the scene.

The breakage was due to a burst main, which was identified last week and repairs completed. Reinstatement of the area should be completed by the middle of the week commencing 23rd October.

Louise and Lewis have raised their concerns with Scottish Water concerning communication and speed of rectification. While the repair has been completed, there could have been a greater flow of information to Councillors and residents, especially given potential health impacts of the discharge.

With any issues of this nature, please do get in touch and let us know as we are keen to hold Scottish Water to a high standard of service.

Cllr Work

October 2023 meeting

Dalmeny Park Adopted Roads, I contacted Karl Ivanov for an update on the outstanding roads still to be adopted which are Lowrie Gait, McArthur Rigg and Dimma Park. Karl advised that the council are still waiting for the paperwork to be submitted by Cala to allow adoption to proceed.

Christmas in Queensferry, I helped with the fundraising weekend at Tesco, Ferrymuir on Saturday 30th September. Over £600 was raised over the two days.

Public meetings, I attended two public meetings one at Queensferry High School regarding Builyeon Road Primary School and catchment reviews on 3rd October and the following week in Kirkliston Primary School regarding a proposed Kirkliston High School. Many residents who live near the proposed site of a new Kirkliston High School are opposed to the site being used for a school. Both meetings were chaired by Tom Wood, former Deputy Chief Constable and Director of Operations for L&B Police. Cllr Joan Griffiths, Convenor of Education Children & Families was in attendance along with several officials. More information on the council's consultation Hub, <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

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Other Documents

Police Report



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting
Almond Ward QDCC
Sep 26th – Oct 21st 2023

Road Safety

Complaints of dangerous/careless and anti-social driving remain a priority with regular speed/traffic checks carried out on roads most susceptible to driving offences or most at risk of accidents.

Local Community Officers will carry out speed checks utilizing the 'speed gun' in the coming weeks at relevant locations in the South Queensferry area. These areas will include Builyeon Road and Station Road following complaints of vehicles speeding.

Anti-Social Driving/Drivers – 4 x reported incidents

1 x incident refers to vehicles revving engines/sounding horns in the area of Hawes Brae.

1 x incident refers to vehicles racing/speeding in the area of Station Road.

1 x incident refers to motorcycles riding in a dangerous manner in the area of Station Road.

1 x incident refers to vehicles gathering/causing a nuisance in the area of Ferrymuir.

Local Officers recently attended a multi-agency meeting regarding the issue of anti-social driving/drivers in and around South Queensferry, although focused on the Hawes Brae area. A further meeting was held with regards to the installation of traffic calming measures on Newhalls Road and within Hawes Brae car park to deter drivers driving in a reckless, careless or dangerous manner, racing round the car park.

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

1 x incident refers to youths causing a nuisance in the area of Sommerville Gardens.

2 x incidents refer to groups of youths acting in a disorderly manner in the area of Scotstoun Grove.

2 x incidents refer to youths, acting together in a group, attempting to damage street furniture and kicking at a door in the area of Moubray Grove.

1 x incident refers to a group of youths acting suspiciously in the area of Society Road, near to Port Edgar Marina.

Regular patrols of known 'hotspots' continue to be included within the patrol matrix of the local Community Policing Team to deter reports of anti-social behavior.

Vandalism/Damage: 1 x reported incident

Incident refers to damage to a vehicle in the area of Sommerville Gardens – Enquiries ongoing

Bogus Caller: No reported incidents

Halloween/Bonfire

As you are aware, we are now approaching a time of year that has, in the past, seen an increase in issues and incidents relating to anti-social behavior/public nuisance. In response, Police Scotland have a significant pre-planned operation in place dedicated to tackling such behavior and any crime associated with this time of year, including the misuse of fireworks.

As part of this operation, Officers have delivered inputs within schools and visited local shops/stores to provide relevant advice regarding the sale of fireworks etc. Joint visits have been conducted to known offenders to warn against criminal behavior and a considerable amount of resources have been identified to provide an additional presence throughout NW Edinburgh to both deter crime and reassure the local community.

If you become aware of any persons misusing fireworks or any persons under the age 18 using fireworks without suitable adult supervision, please call Police immediately on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

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

October 2023

Our weekly evening events continue with a wide variety of speakers and we recently enjoyed hearing from a Rotarian who is a member of one of our Ukrainian Rotary Clubs. He explained the focus to the club and actions being taken to support the community who are clearly living in extremely difficult circumstances.

Towards the end of September I organised an evening clear up session around the library grounds with about 20 local Scouts and their leaders. Despite the failing light they did a grand job cutting back overgrown hedging vegetation and clearing an overgrown border of weeds and about 10 sacks of green material were filled. The library staff were delighted and said that many of their clients have commented on the improvement.

Our planning for the Santa Sleigh programme for 2023 is well advanced and the dates of the tours and static sites will be communicated to the community shortly .

Neil McKinlay

20th October 2023

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Queensferry Heritage Trust



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Agenda

QDCC October Business Meeting

Monday 23rd October 2023 at 7.30pm (Online Meeting)

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Scottish Water – Sewer Network Upgrade
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (September 2023)
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9. Treasurer's Report
10. Secretary's Report
11. QHS, Kirkliston and Builyeon Road Primary School Catchment Areas Discussion
12. QDCC Sub Committees Reports
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Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 16th October 2023

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Minutes

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 25 September 2023 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, David Flint, Diane Job, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, David Learmond (QHT), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Louise Young, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the September meeting.
2. Apologies	Muir Kay, Gillian Smith (QCCC), and Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	Report to be circulated following the meeting.
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (Aug 2023)	Minutes proposed by David L and seconded by David F.
5. 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 continuing to monitor for final action on outstanding 3 streets, Sept 23.</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. Terry contacted Robbie Crockatt for update, response awaited, Sept 23.</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>

ONGOING – Repair works at Echline Primary being considered. Keith provided with names of 2 CEC officers, awaiting contact from them, Sept 23. Thanks to Cllr Young for pursuing this.

MARCH 2023

Future Cemetery Provision: Terry to set up joint meeting with CEC, Ward Cllrs, Friends Group on outstanding matters re future cemetery provision.

ONGOING – Meeting held w/c 18 Sept. CEC estimate 2-3 yrs capacity available at Queensferry cemetery based on current data. Looking into potential sites locally, and more generally across West Edinburgh. Other options could include ash vaults in place of full burial plots. CEC asked for views.

Further comment at agenda item 7 below.

MAY 2023

Youth Engagement Funding: Keith to set up meeting with CEC on future youth development model, via ANN, and including KCC. Met Andrew Field on 30 June and updated on QDCC utilising external funding sources for 2023 youth summer programme, and staff.

CLOSED – Youth Club funding in place for current session, plus new officer looking at future provision. Anne Marie to discuss future funding with him, including timing. Pick up with Keith and Graeme thereafter, if necessary.

JULY 2023

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

ONGOING – Cllr Young advised response pending, Sept 23.

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.

CLOSED – Cllr Lang raised flooding at west end with CEC, response awaited. Further comments at agenda item 7 below.

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

CLOSED – Karen discussed with Transport Scotland, looking to include plaque restoration in planning for FRB 60th anniversary next year.

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. No further information from CEC. Neil picking up with Dalmeny Estate w/c 2 Oct.

AUGUST 2023

QHS Business Contacts: Michelle to follow up QHS contact arrangements/responses to Cala, INEOS, TW and keep Neil informed.

ONGOING: Awaiting feedback from QHS, Sept 23.

	<p>Local Place Plans: Terry to liaise with Muir on contact details for potential professional input to LPP. CLOSED – Details provided to Terry.</p> <p>Wasp Attack: Cllr Work to follow up CEC action on report of wasp attack at top of Kirkliston Road. ONGOING – Cllr Work to check CEC procedure and advise, Sept 23.</p>
6. Chair's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. Any questions to be forwarded to Keith.</p>
7. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports	<p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting. Graeme referred to recent accident at Hawes Brae involving boy racers, plus 2 other accidents elsewhere. Keith had contacted the Police about the Hawes incident, unable to provide further information while investigation in progress. QDCC to monitor and seek more detail when available in order to understand and review what action can be taken. To be discussed at follow up meeting with residents in Oct.</p> <p>On Station Road Keith commented that Cllr Younie had advised a weekly update for residents had been proposed, but not aware if this had been implemented. Louise believed this had been agreed but aware not enough officers to check with contractors that actioned. All agreed this would have been helpful and enabled queries to be answered. David L asked if the snagging list could be shared, and highlighted pavement repairs and drainage issues at the west end of Station Road. Louise agreed to check. Terry also commented on a complaint relating to shoes damaged by unset tar.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Young to request snagging list update for Station Road residents.</p> <p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. Norman advised awaiting response from CEC on safety fencing at Lovers Lane.</p> <p>Graeme reported feedback from local business owner on lack of vehicle electric charging points. The Binks chargers were out of action and he asked for Cllrs assistance. Louise understood additional chargers are to be placed at the Binks, awaiting Scottish Power connections. And new points are planned for the High Street, and Builyeon Road development. The situation at the FRB was unclear and Karen was asked to check with BEAR.</p> <p>ACTION: Karen Stewart to check FRB public electric vehicle charging points with BEAR.</p> <p>On cemetery provision Terry noted an email with Norman and Cllr Walker on a potential site and asked if CEC has somewhere in mind. Norman agreed to check.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Work to check with CEC if they have identified a potential cemetery site.</p>

<p>8. Forth Bridges WHMC</p>	<p>Karen provided an update on new tourism signs now in place, including use of QR codes to help monitor usage. She also outlined proposals for further additional interpretation and direction signs. QDCC remained concerned about the sign at Dalmeny Station pointing visitors to the Hawes area via Jacob's Ladder. As previously discussed the steps are in a dangerous condition and unlit. It remained unclear who is responsible for their maintenance and potential liability in the case of an accident. Keith therefore suggested that Karen seek formal advice on this before proceeding further with this particular sign.</p> <p>The potential for a more prominent sign on the High Street to guide visitors to Hawthornbank gardens was discussed. At present there is a small sign at the Ferry Tap but nothing more formal or noticeable. Keith proposed this be included in the High Street upgrade plans.</p> <p>Keith thanked Karen for her presentation and work to date, noting this included funding, planning, and liaising with 2 separate local authorities.</p>
<p>9. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane advised a quiet month financially. Keith asked for clarification on the insurance payment, and Diane explained this related to QDCC share of buildings cover for tenancy at the Council Offices.</p>
<p>10. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry had received Harbour works update that day advising all on schedule. There had been a break-in at the works compound over the week-end, Terry to forward details to PC Macleod.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to forward Harbour compound break-in details to PC Macleod.</p>
<p>11. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups</p>	<p>Planning. Report submitted.</p> <p>Diane noted minimal feedback from developers this month. Keith reported having a contact for Lovell Homes and proposed setting up a meeting.</p> <p>Terry highlighted continued lack of action at Scotstoun Avenue and asked how QDCC could progress this. It involved use of s75 funds and he asked for Ward Cllrs assistance. Keith also reported discussion at last ANN meeting where several CC representatives had requested an update on all outstanding s75 agreements across West Edinburgh. Louise said Cllr Lang had met new CEC Transport Manager and been told new/additional work had got in the way of progressing the traffic calming measures. It was now proposed to take it back to the original, ie speed reduction. Diane agreed been ongoing too long and was concerned that s75 money would be lost and asked if there was a time limit on spending. Grant asked for confirmation on decision to proceed with traffic calming and if that was irrespective of any future intention involving Active Travel proposals. Louise acknowledged needed to be concluded, with a plan agreed and the money protected. She would speak further with Cllr Lang on this. Keith added that EACC had been told desirable to bring forward traffic calming and active travel to run</p>

together. He also asked Lib Dem Ward Cllrs to keep QDCC better informed on these matters.

ACTION: Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie to update QDCC on action along Scotstoun Avenue involving s75 funding.

Environment. Report submitted.

Graeme asked about the mosaic plaques at the Boathouse steps. Neil advised these were back in place.

Rotary. Report submitted.

Keith thanked Neil and colleagues for the work done on railings at the Guardian sculpture.

Transport. Report submitted.

Grant noted continued correspondence on Station Road resurfacing, including need for a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Lang was looking into this and Louise reported a road safety survey had been requested. Graeme also asked about the proposed crossing point on Ferrymuir Road near the Tesco bus/Shell junctions. This had been accepted as needed and Grant felt might be picked up as part of Active Travel planning. Norman agreed to make enquiries re current status.

ACTION: Cllr Work to check with CEC re status of proposed crossing point on Ferrymuir Road.

Health & Wellbeing. Report submitted.

Anne asked about allocating Taylor Wimpey social houses/flats to residents from West Lothian. It was explained that these properties can be provided to anyone, anywhere, if they qualify under the points scheme. The restriction is that can't be on 2 lists at the same time. Anne also mentioned EVOC to purchase properties for refugees. Keith and Anne to discuss this separately.

Education. Report submitted.

David F had been at Echline Woodland meeting that day, he would issue a report covering work to be done and finance needed. He was also planning to attend the public meeting at QHS on 3 Oct regarding Builyleon Road primary school consultation.

Youth Engagement. Report submitted.

Anne Marie noted Youth Clubs first session the previous week, numbers were very low. Open All Hours on Friday had been better. Clubs promoted during the week and hoping for more attendees this week.

QHT. Report submitted.

David L said The Briggers 3-day event over the weekend had gone well, involving presentations and bridge tower trips, and with support from Network Rail, Balfour Beatty, Briggers, and the Rowing Club. 900 people had paid, raising funds for Barnardo's and making it their largest fundraiser in the UK.

Communications. Report submitted.

	Graeme had met with Edinburgh Leisure. Points covered included more gym equipment by the end of year. Staffing at the end of summer had improved and not as difficult as previous years, ie when students move on. EL to meet with recruitment personnel to explore other options.
12. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	Terry reported Scheme and Boundary Reviews extended by 2 weeks. Both still on track for CC elections May/June 2024.
13. AOB	No additional matters raised.
14. Questions from the floor	N/A.
15. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 23 October 2023, at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.