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# Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Chair's report for virtual meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## ALEC COLE HAMILTON CHILDCARE VIRTUAL MEETING 25<sup>TH</sup> OCT 23

I attended the virtual meeting called by our MSP to hear first-hand from parents and careers about the shortage of childcare, nursery and after school club provision. I spoke about the lack of facilities to deliver the necessary support services and that the necessary improvements to Queensferry's infrastructure has not, nor is, keeping pace with housing developments.

## EACC MEETINGS 26<sup>TH</sup> OCT & AGM 23 NOV 23.

When possible I continue to attend EACC meetings, more recently the AGM when I stood down from Vice Chair but continue as a board member. Copies of the minutes can be obtained from the Secretary or myself.

## FORTH ROAD BRIDGE AND QUEENSFERRY CROSSING MEETING WITH BEAR

Along with members of the TSC I was invited too and attended a meeting with BEAR Management to be updated on bridges business. The main business was the installation of the new barriers. I refer you to the TSC Convenor.

## ALMOND CCS' MEETING 1<sup>ST</sup> NOV 23

I received a request to organise a meeting of the Almond Community Councils to share views about the review of the CEC Scheme for community councils. I circulated an email seeking views about CBCC who are looking to change the QDCC boundary by taking in the former Craigiehall MOD site to CBCC.

## MEETING CEC PAUL LAWRENCE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

In my capacity as Chair of the Almond Neighbourhood Network I had a meeting with Paul Lawrence to raise the ANN's concerns about the difficulty engaging with Roads, Highways officers and obtaining information about NEP's Projects and S75 Funding. I was given assurances that an organigram of the revised management structure would be provided before the year end along with a funding statement for S75 improvements and the remaining budget for the old Almond NEP's Funding. CEC Officers would make themselves available at the ANN meeting to discuss further, the available funding and intentions.

## QUEENSFERRY HIGH STREET AND HAWES TOILETS

I was provided with an update about the High Street Improvement works and formally advised that Dave Sinclair had taken up a senior management position in the Roads Safety Team. A new project Manager is being appointed and will contact QDCC after having a handover meeting with Dave Sinclair.

The Hawes Toilets will be replaced. It will be a contracted design and build project by a specialist contractor. I would hope to learn more about both projects in early 24.

### ANN MEETING 8TH NOV 23.

I chaired the quarterly Almond Neighbourhood Network virtual meeting held on early evening of 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. 23. A copy of the minutes can be obtained from the Secretary or myself.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOV 23

I'm grateful to Muir for volunteering to lay the wreath on behalf of QDCC on Remembrance Sunday. It's the greatest number of wreaths that have been presented, ever! Around twenty-three wreaths were placed at the war memorial! The turnout out by the community and uniformed organisations was exceptional.

### FORTH BRIDGE WORLD HERITAGE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14<sup>TH</sup> NOV '23.

The last meeting of '23 was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, I was unwell so didn't attend but did provide a written report. My focus was to bring attention to members about the change in the trading conditions in our High Street, in 2023. As yet I haven't received the latest minutes but a copy can be obtained from Graeme McKinley or myself.

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS INSTALL

Congratulations to the Christmas in Queensferry team of volunteers for their endeavours delivering a very successful Christmas event and lights display. My focus is maintaining the decorations, installing and removing them.

### 60 BED CARE HOME BUILYEON ROAD SITE

I was contacted by Nadir Khan-Jahoor Director of NaMa Capital about the planned 60 bed care home and met with Nadir to learn about the plans. A presentation will be given at the QDCC meeting by Nadir, when you can be informed about the proposal and be given the opportunity to ask questions.

### LOVELL HOMES

I have made initial enquiries to Lovell Homes Builyeon Road and now have a contact name. I am and seeking a meeting with their representatives in early 2024

### PLACE BASED INVESTMENT FUND

The PBIP is a capital grant fund that can support "place-based" projects, e.g. community buildings, active travel projects, green spaces, public realm, etc. You can read more about it in [this report](#). We expect there to be a total of £1.213 million available in 2025/26. They have contacted all community councils to seek proposals for projects that could commence in 2025/26, with funds being committed by 31 March 2026 at the latest and spent by 30 September 2026 at the latest. Please note that we are only inviting nominations from community councils (and ward councillors) – other organisations cannot directly make nominations at this time, but the community council can make a nomination on behalf of them.

I am presently working up a project brief and costing with support from Ironside Farrer for the upgrade of the Echline Spinal Path to an adoptable standard and hope to have the paperwork completed by mid-December.

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

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 23.

# Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – OCTOBER REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox has been relatively stable since the October business meeting. My thanks to Graeme for keeping an eye out during my absence.

Several 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 although Keith has met with both earlier this month.
- A request from CEC to meet with QDCC to discuss next steps on the Queensferry Buildings and Community Workshop report has been received. A meeting has been arranged for 27th November. The outputs from this report will likely feed into discussions on the formulation of a Local Place Plan.
- A further update on the Community Council Election and the Community Council Scheme/Boundary review has been received and circulated. 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>
- 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. A response has just been received and will be circulated later.

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 getting a name added to The Rosebery Hall War Memorial Plaque, a request for support from Cormiston Farm for a community buy out of the former Army QH at Craigiehall, a complaint against Scottish Water on the road closure in Echline View and a complaint related to CEC and Taylor Wimpey regarding a lack of communication on plans to house displaced Ukrainian families in Hawthorn Gardens – both phases 1 & 2.

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 City Plan 2030 and 2040 was shared.

3. I responded on behalf of QDCC to both consultations on The Builyeon Road Primary School catchment review and the proposals for a new High School in Kirkliston

4. 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.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 26th November 2023

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## Treasurer' Report – Diane Job

November 2023

### MONEY IN THIS MONTH:

None

### MONEY OUT THIS MONTH:

Keith Giblett - Remembrance Wreath - £32.40

PMA - Accountant Fees - £90.00

M Purdie - Materials for Guardian of the Bridges Refurb - £303.63

M Purdie - Materials for Guardian of the Bridges Refurb - £40.68

**Total CC Funds - £1549.22**

### COMMUNITY FACILITY FUNDING

#### Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18477.38

95 Day Notice Account - October interest £212.53 - £62771.58

**Nationwide Building Society** - £87588.43

**Barclays Bank** - September interest - £39.12 - £85039.12

**RBS** - £87570.28

**Charity Bank** - £62144.97

**COMMUNITY FACILITY FUNDING TOTAL = £403591.76**

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, where it is advertised and on social media channels. Subjects discussed through those channels are incorporated in to each relevant sub-committee's reports which are published in our monthly newsletters, available on our website. 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 printed 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](#).

## Christmas in Queensferry

A very successful and well enjoyed switch on event held on Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov this year. We have four community councillors and a ward cllr on the ChiQ committee; my thanks go to



Keith for managing the lights installation, Terry for taking care of all licences, insurance, TTRO, etc, Anne Marie for seeking and managing all the show performers and Norman for his assistance. Great to see many new first-time sponsors supporting ChiQ this year and the introduction of a raffle, thanks to Jillian Langton and Anne Marie. My thanks also to all the other members of ChiQ and of course The Rotary Club who run the Santa Parade. The free light wands proved tremendously popular and we aim to repeat and increase this next year.

ChiQ 2023 also saw the introduction of Moira's Tree, dedicated in memory of our dear late friend Moira Cunningham. Tree donated by Dalmeny Christmas Trees and organised by Rosebery Hall, it sits in front of Ravenous Beastie. Dedication decorations can be made and hung from the tree for a donation through [Christmas in Queensferry](#).

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# Education Report – David Flint

Ed/Rec. Report. November 2023.

7<sup>th</sup> November. Echline Primary School, Parents Council meeting. (live)

Jude Moir, Head teacher gave his very positive report.

Much discussion over finances, eg. Cost of pantomime visits. The Halloween disco had been a great success. The present finances of the PC are very healthy.

Concern was expressed over the safe routes to schools in the planned developments.

9<sup>th</sup> November. Queensferry High School, Parents Council. (live)

Craig Downie gave a very positive report and, in particular, told of the success of the recent school inspection, this report to be available soon. There is to be a follow-up meeting with the inspectorate. The staff had put in a huge effort towards the inspection.

There were discussions over finance and funding and support for Ferry Elves.

The schools development plans were discussed, there is considerable concern over the possible site in Kirkliston for a new school.

Parents were requesting a safer crossing in Builyeon road.

22<sup>nd</sup> November. Queensferry primary School, parents council. (live).

Alison Mclean, acting Head Teacher gave a very positive report. The school is well staffed.

The building work in the 'old' school is causing some disruption and some re-jigging of rooms etc is required. The road crossing in Rosebery Avenue was discussed again and Alison is going to follow this up. Safer routes to schools situation is causing concern.

One topic discussed was ' Diversity and inclusion' it was a very interesting item

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4<sup>th</sup> November. I assisted with the autumn clear up in Echline Community Woodland. It is in general good condition but we are holding a meeting soon to discuss plans for the future, because the woodland is now becoming mature.

David Flint.

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

## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The Tuesday evening **youth café** in the community centre was recently opened up to P7 young people to join along with s1+. The popularity of this saw 80 young people in attendance, this is an amazing number and shows that there is a real need for this type of youth provision in the area. Due to staffing we have had to cap it for the last two sessions of the term at 50 young people. Moving into the new year I am not sure if this will change but hopeful a solution will be reached so we can increase the numbers.

**Open All Hours** continues to be extremely popular every week attracting between 60 to 80 young people.

**Blew Light Edinburgh West (BLEW)** supported by Lifelong Learning, Local Youth Workers and CAP (Community Alcohol Partnership) aims to provide social activities in a safe and fun environment for the young people of South Queensferry, Dalmeny and Kirkliston.

This Blew Light Disco is for all P7 pupils (only) is being held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at Queensferry High School, Station Road, South Queensferry between 7pm to 8.30pm. Community Police Officers and Community Education Youth Workers will staff the event.

I was invited along to **Queensferry Primary School council meeting** to talk about the youth engagement within South Queensferry. The feedback from the parents in attendance was very positive about what is happening within the area. Whilst in the meeting it was raised about lack of knowledge around when consultations are happening in the area, I advised the Community council website and Facebook page are great sources of information and would share these addresses with the Headteacher, Mrs Mclean to share with parents.

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## Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

October 2023

### COMMUNITY SCULPTURE -GUARDIAN OF THE BRIDGES

The Rotary Environmental team have come up trumps again. With further generous support from the Cala Homes Community Pledge fund following an approach from QDCC, the Rotary team have renovated and transformed the dilapidated weed strewn area of ground on which the sculpture is located into a setting befitting the impressive and much admired sculpture.

### DANGEROUS WALL AT THE LEUCHOLD GATE ENTRANCE TO THE DALMENY ESTATE

Despite numerous “chasers” I have yet to receive an update on the status with regard to the repairs to the wall. Meantime the one way traffic management system is still in place. I will now escalate matters via a more robust approach.

### SAFETY ISSUE ON THE ROAD THAT RUNS OVER THE BURN AT LOVERS LANE

On a more positive note I have received confirmation that the estate office that the farm manager will erect replacement safety fences on this stretch of road that runs over the burn. It is hoped this work will be completed within the next 2 weeks.

### ASHBURNHAM ESTATE LAND SALE

The large parcel of “amenity” land has now been sold by the current owner to an unknown purchaser. The sale advert did make it clear it was being sold with potential development opportunities but without any formal planning permission. So it would appear whoever purchased it is taking a gamble that permission for some form of development e.g. housing may be achieved.

There is little more than can be done meantime but if and when the purchaser applies for planning permission the residents will formally oppose any such application and would engage the support of local ward councillors in this action. The estate residents have been advised that the creation of a Residents Association would provide a greater “voice” should matters develop in this way.

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## BARRIER TO THE WASTE GROUND OFF BURGESS ROAD

No progress appears to have been made in the erection of the previously approved new gate to prevent fly tipping and other anti-social activities on this parcel of land. Keith Giblett will take this up with the relevant CEC department.

Neil McKinlay

26<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

November 2023

**FERRY ELVES** gave out 40 coats and 37 pairs of shoes at the end of October. There have been a small number of further requests since then. Rosebery hall provided us with a room to store coats handed in which is now storing as new toys.

Fundraising is ongoing with an active Just Giving page and a successful can collection at Tesco over the first weekend in November. Tesco very kindly allowed us to leave a collection box in store and local donations have been incredible. We will withdraw that on 29<sup>th</sup> November as food bank collects that weekend. However, if we have any excess it will be shared with food bank and St Vincent de Paul.

Cala has promised a donation to our funds as has Tesco along with a trolley collection for toys.

### HOUSING

It has been confirmed that 20 houses are going to be available for Ukrainian refugee families currently staying in hotels. Most of the children involved have been attending our local schools already so this should not have a major impact on local school roll. Some have been in a hotel for 18 months.

I attended a day at Easter road run by EVOC and the City of Edinburgh council looking at the benefits and difficulties facing new Scots from varied backgrounds – Afghan, Syria, Ukraine. This also covered the issues arising for the area where families are settled.

### CARE HOME

There are exciting plans for the build of a 60 bed nursing home on the Builyeon road site by Morrisons Community Care Group who specialise in designing and building care facilities. They are keen to engage locally with GP services and Queensferry churches care in the community as well as QDCC. I hope to visit their newly opened home in Dalgety bay soon. As well as being a much needed facility for the area it will hopefully also bring employment opportunities.

At the recent ANN meeting we had a speaker from Rapid Relief team associated with the **BRETHREN GROUP** who are building on the road to Kirkliston. They provide food aid and are keen to support this area too. I will meet with their representative on Monday.

**FSPAN** is a local group looking into how to prevent suicide in the area. They had their inaugural meeting in the library which was very well attended. It quickly became clear that there is a need for support as well as the prevention aspect. People were very good at supporting one and other and this group looks as though it will be able to identify several needs within the area.

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# Planning & Housing – Diane Job

November 2023

## APPLICATIONS

During the five week period six applications were received

23/06094/ADV - Interpretation, orientation and wayfinding signs as part of the Forth Bridges Trail (established in 2022), an interpretative walking trail covering North and South Queensferry - Proposed Tourist Information Signage Station Road Dalmeny & High Street Queensferry & Ferrymuir Gait Ferrymuir South Queensferry - Proposed Tourist Information signage 20 metres north of 1A Station Road

23/06132/FUL - Proposed front porch extension - 17 Ashburnham Loan

23/06208/FUL - Installation of replacement windows - 7 Ashburnham Loan

23/06439/FUL - Rear extension - 134 Echline Drive

23/06484/LBC - Cooper roof pitches (installed 1950's) over part of Dalmeny House to be replaced with slate pitches - Dalmeny House Dalmeny Estate

23/04536/FULSTL - Change of use from flat (Sui Generis) to short term let (Sui Generis) - 5 High Street

## DECISIONS

During the five week period five decisions were made

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

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

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

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 - GRANTED

23/03984/FUL - Side extension and new window to front elevation - 3 Inchkeith Avenue - GRANTED

## Planning Matters

### SCOTSTOUN AVENUE

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - no date has been given for this work to be progressed. QDCC are trying to get more information on timescales.

### BUILYEON ROAD DEVELOPMENT - BRIDGEWATER VILLAGE

No update received this month due to holidays

### QUEENSFERRY HEIGHTS - SPRINGFIELD DEVELOPMENT

No update received this month

### HAWTHORN GARDENS DEVELOPMENT (SOUTH SCOTSTOUN)

Nothing to report from Taylor Wimpey

### FORTHVIEW DEVELOPMENT (CORUS SITE)

Nothing to report from Ambassador

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

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# Transport – Grant Sangster

October 2023

- 1. ROAD & PAVEMENT CONDITIONS** – Several planned and unplanned roadworks occurred this month from utility providers with a few road and pavement closures, some involving bus diversions such as those on the A90 slips at Burnshot and Dolphington. The Echline View sewer upgrade work for Scottish Water is probably Queensferry’s most significant project. It’s progressing broadly to schedule but with local inconvenience. Road reopening was brought forward to 24 November from the 6 December date given at our October meeting. Subsequent difficulty led to delays and a recent letter drop to residents suggests the road will reopen on 1 December, although we haven’t heard anything official in that regard.
- 2. CORRESPONDENCE** – We had some dialogue with Hopetoun Estate on the condition of Loch Road. They confirmed responsibility for upkeep and would inspect the road surface with a view to assessing the necessary repairs. Hopefully these can be implemented before winter weather causes further deterioration.
- 3. HIGH STREET RESURFACING** – As last month, no formal updates since the public communication distributed in June. Keith requested a meeting with Paul Lawrence and Gareth Barwell to explain how responsibilities will be covered in the event of changes in structure and roles of CEC’s transport officers. A new project manager for the High Street has been appointed, formerly working on tram delivery. Progress of highways matters and S75 features across the Almond ward also takes up a lot of ANN time with little net gain. An ANN meeting in Rosebery Hall on 7 February will be used to brief out the new roads & structures team.
- 4. MEETING WITH BEAR** – We reviewed recent developments on the trunk roads around Queensferry at a meeting with BEAR last month. In addition to the UCI cycle event and dehumidification work, a topic of general interest was installing and testing automatic barriers behind Ferrymuir. Following a period of trials in November these should be going live to divert general traffic across the Forth Road Bridge in the event of Queensferry Crossing closure. The target time to transfer traffic is less than the equivalent length of time to use Kincardine or Clackmannanshire alternatives, however success relies on drivers heeding requests to stop and wait before barrier movement can commence. Other subjects discussed were the antisocial behaviour issue in the FRB car park (latterly virtually eliminated, seemingly without local displacement concerns) and upkeep of the public toilets (very challenging given limited capacity and potential for intensive use). Both experiences are highly relevant to the Hawes area. BEAR continue enabling road access to the new housing development via Ferrymuir Gait and the route is likely to remain available.
- 5. PUBLIC TRANSPORT** – CEC recently reported on a dynamic purchasing model for their bus service contracts rather than the previous framework agreement. This allows

operators to enter bids for council tenders at short notice, arguably better suiting the present fluid business environment. An overall annual budget of about £1.5m remains unchanged present. The system will be used in 2024 for tendered routes in the west Edinburgh area including the 63 route. This month CEC respecified the 63 service frequency as hourly, operating Mon-Sat from 7am-8pm and Sunday from 9am to 7pm. The route would run between Queensferry the Gyle Centre with onward journeys to Balerno by transfer to the tram or new 64. Festive season [bus](#) and train timetables are being released. Notable changes for 2023-24 are reintroduction of Boxing Day [trains](#) from Dalmeny while the 43 bus returns to operating on Christmas Day, which is a commercial venture rather than a council tender.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

26 November 2023

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## Cllr Lang, cllr Young, cllr Younie

November 2023 report

### QUEENSFERRY PRIMARY CATCHMENTS

Council education officials concluded the consultation on changes to primary school catchment areas on 31 October. This is to take into account the building of the new primary school at Builyeon Road.

Some residents in both the Ferrymuir estate and in the new houses in the Varney estate have raised concerns with us that they were not informed about the consultation despite being impacted directly by the options presented. We have asked officers to look at options to allow for their comments to be taken into account, even though the statutory process of consultation has concluded.

### SCOTTISH WATER WORKS AT ECHLINE

We have continued to receive a number of constituent complaints about Scottish Water and the disruption caused from their sewage upgrade works in the Echline estate. While SW had suggested the timetable for the works had been adjusted to mean they would broadly end on 24 November, uncharted utility pipes slowed their progress and has meant road closures need to remain until 1 December.

We have encouraged affected residents to complain to the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman which is the relevant complaints body for compensation.

### QUEENSFERRY HIGH EXTENSION / NEW KIRKLISTON HIGH SCHOOL

Edinburgh Council officers consulted over September/October on how to provide a new high school for Kirkliston. This came on the back of an earlier consultation which showed substantial opposition, in both Kirkliston and Queensferry, on the option of extending Queensferry High.

During the consultation, serious concerns were expressed about building a new school on the Kirkliston leisure centre site as council officers have proposed. However, as things stand, the only deliverable alternative to this is extending Queensferry High.

On this basis, we have joined with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and Christine Jardine MP and have written to the Scottish Planning Minister, asking him to urgently amend the National Planning Framework. We asked specifically that planning policy relating to greenbelt land be changed so schools are included within the list of "essential infrastructure" and which is permitted to be built on greenbelt land.

If this change was made, Edinburgh Council could look at building the new school on current greenbelt sites.

#### [QUEENSFERRY HIGH STREET PROJECT](#)

We have tabled further questions to the Transport Convener, for answering at the 16 December Council meeting, on the delayed traffic orders for the Queensferry High Street project.

#### [PAVEMENT PARKING BAN](#)

New national laws will come into force on 11 December which will make it fully illegal to park a vehicle on any part of a pavement. Council officers plan to undertake a communications campaign to raise awareness of the change in the law before undertaking formal enforcement from January.

When formal parking monitoring was undertaken earlier this year; Ashburnham Gardens, Echline Gardens, Inchkeith Avenue, Linn Mill, Packard Street, Queen Margaret Drive, South Scotstoun, and Springfield Crescent were all found to have significant levels of pavement parking blocking pedestrians.

#### [HAWTHORN GARDENS HOMES PURCHASE](#)

The Council finance committee has approved buying, at a significantly discounted rate, 24 of the new build flatted homes within the Taylor Wimpey Development at Hawthorn Gardens. The purchase of the new homes will be on the basis of the Scottish Government fund to house Ukrainian Displaced Persons providing family accommodation.

The homes will initially be let through the Ukraine Support team, with management and maintenance of the homes provided by the Council's housing team. Homes will then be let through Edinburgh's usual lettings system to households in need of a socially rented home.

#### [STATION ROAD](#)

Some issues of flooding relating to the Station Road resurfacing works remain outstanding and continue to be pursued with officers.

#### [SCOTSTOUN AVENUE](#)

The Council's road safety programme across the whole city has been substantially hampered by significant staffing shortages and uncertainty over the availability of dedicated Scottish Government funding for road safety.

In October, the Transport Committee agreed an updated priority list of projects for delivery in this financial year. This included the traffic calming on Scotstoun Avenue, a project which has been plagued by delays, not helped by complicated attempts to broaden out the purely road safety element to also include active travel upgrades.



We have met with transport officers to press the need for the traffic calming elements to be delivered as soon as possible. Our hope is that this can be done early in a way that does not conflict with any future active travel upgrades. That way, discussions around active travel will not hold up the project further.

#### WORKPLACE PARKING LEVY CONSULTATION

A new law was introduced in 2019, giving councils the ability to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy (WPL). This involves an annual charge on employers for each parking space they provide at the workplace. All the money raised from the WPL must, by law, be invested into improving local transport.

Parking places reserved for Blue Badge holders, for healthcare workers at NHS premises, and parking places at hospices will be automatically exempt from any WPL charges. The Council can also exempt groups or premises if it wants.

Council transport officers are currently consulting on whether a WPL should be introduced in Edinburgh and with respect to some specific details of a scheme. The consultation runs until early February. More details can be found here. [Workplace Parking Levy \(WPL\) - City of Edinburgh Council - Citizen Space](#)

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## Cllr Work

November 2023

CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSFERRY, Well done to all the community groups, the volunteers and participants for putting on another great event. I helped put up some lights on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November and helped on the day itself. Another fantastic light switch on event. I also made a couple of videos posted on Youtube of the event, one of the switch on event itself and a separate one of the firework display,

[https://youtu.be/1ccRoLRATj0?si=T2\\_b8ldGn4ugFKaG](https://youtu.be/1ccRoLRATj0?si=T2_b8ldGn4ugFKaG)

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#### HAWTHORN GARDENS

Following the report to the last committee to acquire 19 new build homes from Taylor Wimpey in the Hawthorn Gardens development a further opportunity has arisen to acquire an additional 24 flatted units. The flats will be developed in two, four storey blocks with each providing two bedrooms and extending to approximately 66.24 sq m (713 sq ft) and will be due for completion from summer onwards next year. The net purchase price of the homes is £5,173,000 which reflects a bulk purchase discount of 9.3%. The Council instructed one of its framework property consultants, Avison Young, to review the proposal in the context of the original asking price for the homes and the available discount. The conclusion is that the advertised selling prices for the flatted units at Hawthorn Gardens are appropriate and in line with competing schemes. Furthermore, Avison Young consider the proposed discount level of 9.3% is within the range that would be expected and represents an attractive incentive to acquire, in a single transaction. The new homes will make use of the Scottish Government fund to house Ukrainian Displaced Persons

providing family accommodation within Edinburgh for up to three years, in line with current visa requirements. Homes will thereafter be used as part of the Council's housing stock and let as Social Rented homes to those in housing need.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.** Another good turnout by the community in Queensferry on Remembrance Sunday. I was honoured to take part and lay a wreath at the war memorial.

**SCOTSTOUN PARK,** I was contacted by residents about street lighting issues. At one time all the lights in Scotstoun Park were out. After contacting the council some lights were back on. I was then informed the streetlights in Scotstoun Park are dark owing to a fault with Scottish Power's supply and that an order was issued to Scottish Power today for a repair to the fault with their power supply.

Cllr Norman Work

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## Other Documents

### Police Report



#### Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward QDCC Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – Nov 27<sup>th</sup>

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##### Road Safety

Complaints of dangerous/careless and anti-social driving remain a priority with regular Complaints of dangerous/careless and anti-social driving remain a priority. We endeavor to carry out regular speed/traffic checks on roads most susceptible to driving offences or most at risk of accidents. This will include speed checks utilizing the 'speed gun' where possible.

##### Anti-Social Driving/Drivers – 4 x reported incidents

2 x incidents refer to vehicles revving engines/sounding horns in the area of Hawes Brae.

1 x incident refers to vehicles racing/speeding in the area of Scotstoun Avenue.

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

The issue of anti-social driving/racing and noise complaints remains a priority for Police Scotland, with high visibility patrols conducted at every opportunity.

##### Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: 7 x reported incidents

2 x incidents refer to youths causing a nuisance whilst possibly under the influence of alcohol (22/10) and setting off fireworks (09/11) in the area around Long Craig Road.

3 x incidents refer to a group of youths acting in a disorderly manner, shouting and banging on windows at the Bamboo Chinese Restaurant, The Loan – Local Officers have spoken with staff on a number of occasions and increased patrols in the area.

1 x incident refers to youths causing issues outside an address in Atheling Grove.

1 x incident refers to a group of youths acting in a disorderly manner at McDonalds, Builyeon Road – Officers attended immediately, however youths had made off. Subsequent enquiries from local Officers identified those involved with relevant and proportionate action taken.

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

### **Vandalism/Damage: 2 x reported incidents**

1 x incident refers to damage to a vehicle tyre in the area of Echline View.

1 x incident refers to an unknown person smashing a window of a property in the area of Lawson Crescent – Enquiries complete – No suspect identified.

### **Bogus Caller: 1 x reported incident**

Concerns were raised regarding 2 x males attending at properties in the area of Dundas Avenue discussing broadband speeds, however, considerable enquiries did not identify any crimes.

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### **Home/Vehicle Security**

Although housebreaking and vehicle crime can occur any time of the year, criminals will often take advantage of the darker nights and shorter daylight hours. We have recently launched our 'After Dark' campaign, aimed at providing accurate, relevant and appropriate advice for members of the community in relation to the security of property and vehicles.

Several documents have been sent along with this month's Police Report, each containing information on the security of property and vehicles, with an additional document providing advice in relation to 'lock snapping', following an increase in this crime type being used by criminals.

If you have any questions or require further advice, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Additionally, if required, we can attend and carry out a visual home security check of your property and provide guidance on additional security measures.

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- [Property Security](#) \* [Vehicle Security](#) \* [Lock Snapping / Drilling](#) \* [After Dark Home Security Advice](#)
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#### **CONTACT US;**

**Email (for all ward areas):** [EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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:** @EdinPoINW

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

**Local Officers:** PC Donald Macleod/PC Euan Sinclair

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# Rotary Club of South Queensferry

November 2023

The club provided excellent support for the recent Christmas in Queensferry Lights switch on evening event which was a great success. The club through their close contacts with Santa ensured he and his resplendent sleigh formed a centre piece of the evening and many excited and very patient children were delighted to meet him and have a wee chat.

Our Santa Sleigh programme for both static sites and tours will be communicated to the community shortly via social media.

As reported the Environmental team have done great job renovating the ground on which the Guardian of the Bridges sculpture is located.

All in all I am very proud of all the achievements the team have made over the year towards the improvement of the community including:

- The renovation of the Rosebery Halls side entrance garden.
- The renovation of the Echline Primary School Memorial garden
- The Guardian of the Bridges land renovation
- Creation of more Dalmeny village green flower planters
- The Community Centre Playpark ground renovation

Neil McKinlay

26th November 2023

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# Queensferry Heritage Trust



QUEENSFERRY  
HERITAGE  
TRUST

Promoting and protecting the  
heritage of Queensferry

November 2023

Lar Housing Trust

Ann Leslie, CEO of Lar Housing Trust, shared her vision to transform the former naval barracks at Port Edgar at our talk on 22nd November 2023.

Key points:

- “minded to grant” planning permission has now been received
- Lar is committed to community access and has included provision for a cafe / restaurant, beach access and a meeting facility in the plans
- There are also options to re-route the John Muir Way through the site
- Lar is hosting [Edinburgh University’s “Seawarm” renewable energy project](#) on-site and a small scale prototype is already providing heat to one building
- Lar has appointed a Community Engagement Officer for the site and is keen to get local input for a heritage display and for site landscaping design

[Click here to view drone footage of the site](#)

[Full presentation available on QHT website](#)

### Talks Programme

Our Winter talks programme continues with talks scheduled as follows:

**Wednesday 6 December: ‘Free to Go’** Esa Aldegheri, Author

**Wednesday 17 January: The Paul Hogarth Company** Paul Hogarth

All talks take place in the Masonic Hall.

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

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





# Agenda

QDCC November Business Meeting

Monday 27th November 2023 at 7.30pm (Online Meeting)

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Nadir Khan-Juhoor - Morrison Care Homes
5. Aileen Aitken – LAR Housing Community Engagement
6. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (October 2023)
7. Any Matters Arising
8. Chair's Report
9. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
10. Treasurer's Report
11. Secretary's Report
12. QDCC Sub Committees Reports
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC updates
14. Any Other Business
15. Questions from the floor
16. Date and time of next meeting

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

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# Minutes

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 23 October 2023 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, Diane Job, Muir Kay, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Michelle Gordon (QHS), David Learmond (QHT), Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Lewis Younie, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

**Guests:** Paul Dunne & Alan Steel from Mackenzie Construction, and 1 local resident.

<b>1. Chair's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	Keith welcomed everyone to the October meeting.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	David Flint, Laura Sexton, Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager), and Police Scotland.
<b>3. Police Report</b>	<p>Keith asked for comments or questions on the report. He noted the increase in youth related ASB and suggested seeking more information to help understand this further. Anne Marie also proposed raising it at the next OAH session.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Terry to request additional information on recent youth related ASB incidents from Police Scotland.</b></p> <p>Cllr Younie commented on the follow up meeting with Hawes area residents regarding car related ASB. This had been positive with progress made, including proposal to install speed reducing measures on Newhalls Road and the car park.</p>
<b>4. Scottish Water, Sewer Network Upgrade</b>	<p>Grant introduced Paul Dunne and Alan Steel from Mackenzie Construction appointed by Scottish Water to carry out sewer upgrade work at Echline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alan and Paul explained this was required to increase capacity due to the new Cala development.</li><li>• Involves Echline View and the Echline Place/Avenue junction.</li><li>• Work commenced 23 October and expected to take around 8 weeks to complete.</li><li>• Residents informed and any specific needs taken into account.</li><li>• Traffic management plan in place, including road closures and temporary traffic lights.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact number for additional information, or reporting any incidents, been provided to affected residents and also shown on signage.</li> </ul> <p>Paul and Alan encouraged people to use the contact number as this helps Scottish Water formally record, monitor and follow up reports via their customer contact log. They offered to provide periodic feedback and agreed to update Grant on progress for the November QDCC meeting, plus an email update nearer to Christmas. QDCC would post the reports on the web and facebook sites.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Grant to receive progress reports on Echline sewer upgrades from contactors.</b></p>
<p><b>5. Ashburnham Gardens</b></p>	<p>Keith welcomed a local resident who wished to discuss potential sale of amenity land at Ashburnham Gardens. The land had been advertised for sale by auction with potential for development, but then withdrawn. Residents' deeds show the area as public land not to be built on and were concerned that they had not been notified of the proposed sale. Cllr Younie advised he had also been contacted by residents on this. He was making enquiries and would respond, with copy to Keith, once he had further information. The possibility of the land being sold on was recognised and that, subject to any legal constraints, a new owner could apply for planning permission, at which point residents would be able to raise objections or other relevant points.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold a separate meeting with residents and QDCC Planning Sub Committee to look into the matter in more detail. Residents would propose date(s) for this and consolidate their views and wishes beforehand.</p>
<p><b>6. Minutes from Last Meeting (Sept 2023)</b></p>	<p>Minutes proposed by Anne and seconded by Grant.</p>
<p><b>7. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p><b><u>JANUARY 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption:</b> CEC in discussion with Cala regarding McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. All other streets now formally adopted.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Cllr Work advised CEC awaiting information from Cala. Cllr Work to provide details to Keith &amp; Diane, will contact Cala requesting update, Oct 23.</p> <p><b><u>OCTOBER 2022</u></b></p> <p><b>CDT:</b> Terry to initiate work on taking forward CDT proposal in early 2023.</p> <p><b>DEFER</b> – pending outcomes of planned discussion with CEC and Queensferry Assets workshop. Terry contacted Robbie Crockatt for update, response awaited, Sept 23.</p> <p><b><u>FEBRUARY 2022</u></b></p> <p><b>Echline Footpaths:</b> 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. Cllr Young provided Keith names of 2 CEC officers, awaiting contact from them, Sept 23. Cllr Younie to check for update, Oct 23.

### **MARCH 2023**

**Future Cemetery Provision:** 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.

**ONGOING** – Terry awaiting feedback from CEC regarding land at Builyeon Road, Sept 23.

**Additional action Sept 23:** Cllr Work to check with CEC if potential site in Varney's area identified.

**ONGOING** - Cllr Work to chase with CEC, Oct 23.

### **JULY 2023**

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

**ONGOING** – Cllr Younie discussed with ACH, wider issues involved, being escalated to Transport Scotland, Oct 23.

**Leuchold Gate Wall:** CEC and Dalmeny Estate in dispute over cause of the damage to wall. Neil picking up with Dalmeny w/c 2 Oct.

**ONGOING** – Dalmeny Estate structural surveyor looking into options for repair/rebuild whilst in discussions with CEC regarding level of input needed from them. Neil has asked for indication of timescale for these works to commence, Oct 23.

### **AUGUST 2023**

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

**ONGOING** - QHS met with INEOS and Cala. TW not yet responded, Oct 23.

**Wasp Attack, Kirkliston Road:** Cllr Work to check CEC procedure and advise, Sept 23.

**ONGOING** – CEC will attend if nest is on public land but not if private property. Noted issue about 2-week time to respond, concern not seen as urgent by CEC. Cllr Work to pass response to Terry and Anne Marie, Oct 23.

### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Station Road Snagging List:** Cllr Young to request snagging list update for Station Road residents, particularly drainage issues, flooding at west end.

**CLOSED** – Cllr Younie checked with CEC, they are aware and been notified to contractor, to be fixed.

**FRB EV Charging Points:** Karen Stewart to check FRB public electric vehicle charging points with BEAR. Are they still operational, and free or paid.

**CLOSED** – see item 13 below.

	<p><b>Harbour Repairs Compound:</b> Terry to forward compound break-in details to PC Macleod.</p> <p><b>CLOSED</b> – Terry contacted Sean Fahy, CEC. Additional security measures in place, all OK. No Police contact requested unless further incident(s).</p> <p><b>Scotstoun Avenue:</b> LibDem Cllrs to update QDCC on action involving s75 funding.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Terry discussed with CEC, project become larger than originally planned. Update on traffic calming associated with s75 monies from both Dalmeny Park and Hawthorn Gardens developments requested, Oct 23.</p> <p><b>Ferrymuir Road:</b> Cllr Work to check with CEC re status of proposed crossing point on Ferrymuir Road nearer to Echline Roundabout.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Response awaited, Oct 23.</p>
<b>8. Chair’s Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Any questions to be forwarded to Keith.</p>
<b>9. Almond Ward Councillor’s Reports</b>	<p><b>Cllr Work.</b> Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p> <p><b>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</b> Joint report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Younie had spoken with Anne Marie regarding meeting on Child Care provision organised by Alex Cole-Hamilton, online Wed 25 Oct. Agreed Anne Marie would attend on behalf of QDCC.</p>
<b>10. Treasurer’s Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane advised no contact from Priory Church regarding payment to them.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith to check on expected payment request from Priory Church.</b></p>
<b>11. Secretary’s Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>No questions raised.</p>
<b>12. QHS</b>	<p>Michelle provided the following update –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up with Kenny Manson (DHT at QHS) to chase up Business Partnership contact with Taylor Wimpy.</li> <li>• Inspection report to be published either prior to Christmas break or just after. Had been a positive experience, supported by the school community.</li> <li>• Support for Ukrainian and Afghan refugees been positive and they have reported feeling comfortable at school and welcomed in the community.</li> <li>• Reduction in number of ASB police reports, all are followed up via robust process with QHS community link police officer. Noted that if those involved don’t attend QHS then won’t receive police reports, so good to be aware of the content in the monthly QDCC police report.</li> </ul> <p>Keith thanked Michelle for the update and commented it was good to hear the positive outcome of the inspection.</p>



<p><b>13. Forth Bridges WHMC</b></p>	<p><u>Post Meeting Note - Email Update submitted by Karen Stewart</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning applications for next phase of tourism signage submitted to CEC, 5 Oct. Should be shown on QDCC Planning Summary from Diane in due course. Fingerpost directional sign at Dalmeny station included, but likely this will move to 2024/25 financial year once further funding approved and path condition issues are explored.</li> <li>• EV charging points in the CEC carpark, BEAR confirmed no issue regarding electrical supply to the points, 28 Sept, but unable to access the units as not owned by BEAR. No update received beyond that regarding status.</li> <li>• Queensferry business forum with CEC, am contacting tourism business owners regarding a date. Awaiting feedback from a few more owners before proposing suitable time.</li> </ul>
<p><b>14. Sub-Committees &amp; Local Interest Groups</b></p>	<p>Reports submitted and circulated before the meeting. Keith asked if there were any questions on the reports, none raised. Keith therefore proposed that due to other priority business the meeting accept the reports and move to the next agenda item. This was agreed.</p>
<p><b>15. Builyeon Road PS Catchment Area Consultation</b></p>	<p>Keith commented on the public meeting held to discuss the options presented for the new Builyeon Road primary school. Attendance had been disappointing but recognised that this was unlikely to be a current issue for most residents/parents. QDCC views were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Against youngsters from South Scotstoun and Ferrymuir using Ferrymuir Road and the Echline roundabout to get to the new school, this was not a safe travel route.</li> <li>• Against splitting South Scotstoun between QPS and Builyeon Road, not good for community needs.</li> </ul> <p>Additional points noted included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for Forthview (Ambassador) children to be in EPS catchment with Ferrymuir at QPS, subject to pedestrian crossings.</li> <li>• Capacity at St Margarets for non-RC children, or use for early years and free up space at QPS.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Terry to draft QDCC response and circulate for review and feedback ahead of submission date, 31 October.</b></p>
<p><b>16. New High School Consultation</b></p>	<p>The options proposed were to build a new school for Kirkliston pupils at the Leisure Centre or expand QHS. The Kirkliston meeting had been well attended, mainly by residents living close to the Leisure Centre who were against that proposal. Majority of Kirkliston residents do wish to have a separate school but currently no other site available for this. Legally not able to build critical social infrastructure on green space. QDCC recognised the difficulties involved but agreed their view was that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QHS should not be expanded.</li> <li>• New school be built in Kirkliston at an agreed location.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION: Terry to draft QDCC response and circulate for review and feedback ahead of submission date, 31 October.</b></p>

<b>17. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates</b>	Relevant CEC and EACC correspondence, updates etc circulated by Terry and Keith respectively between meetings. No additional comments from members/attendees.
<b>18. AOB</b>	<p>Keith asked for nominees to lay the QDCC wreath on Remembrance Sunday, 12 Nov.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> – Muir volunteered to do this.</p> <p>Keith notified his intention to stand down as EACC Vice-Chair in November. But would offer to remain on the EACC Board so would need to be nominated by QDCC. This was approved by QDCC.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Terry to raise a nomination paper and send to EACC Secretary.</b></p>
<b>19. Questions from the floor</b>	None raised.
<b>20. Date and time of next meeting</b>	Monday 27 November 2023, at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.