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Do You Want to Make a Difference in South Queensferry

A community development trust presents the opportunity to create local ideas, prioritise which to deliver, design it, plan it, fund it, deliver it, manage it, all for the benefit of the community.

We need people passionate about the area, willing and able to get involved in whatever way they can.

If you would like to be part of that, then please email: queensferrycdt@gmail.com

Queensferry Community Development Trust
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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Chairs Report QDCC Business Meeting 26th February 2024 by Teams

February has been one of the busiest months I have had in my time as the Chair of QDCC. Communications have been numerous and constant on many fronts being the High School agenda,

Almond Network Business, Place Plans, Cala and Lovell Homes, Almond Community Councils, INEOS, ChiQ, Collective Architecture and meetings with QDCC Councillors.

I attended the following meetings representing QDCC.

Liner Forum

Along with Graeme and Anne I attended the 2024 Liner Forum held in the Hilton Tree Tops Hotel North Queensferry facilitated by Cruise Forth, Peter Wilson, to be updated on the programme for the year. Potentially 39 Liners plan to visit Queensferry with 5 staying overnight. The Liner market is rapidly changing with the clientele getting younger and looking for different family experiences. I was introduced to Carlyn Fraser the new CEC PFSO responsible for the Liner Visits. This presented an opportunity to hold a further meeting with Carlyn, Anne and Graeme and discuss the Queensferry liner operation. She is keen to see improvements to the TRO's and customer experience. A very satisfactory meeting was held later that week.

EACC Meetings

Monthly Business Meeting 25th Jan & Board meetings 1st & 15th Feb '24

I attended all three meetings. Presentations were given at the business meeting Cllr. Tim Pogson (Vice Chair) and Mike Massaro-Mallinson (Director of Operations) from the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB), which leads the strategic planning, resourcing and operational oversight of health and social care services in the city. EIJB has a critical remit; wide array of challenges; big pressure; consequences for every community.

The Board meetings are preoccupied by the proposed changes to the Community Council scheme and even more so with the motions presented at the council meeting by the elected members. Minutes can be made available.

Hawes Anti-social behaviours meeting

As reported by the Secretary I attended a meeting called by Councillor Younie with Hawes Promenade residents to discuss the impacts on them from driver anti-social behaviours.

INEOS Community Council Meetings Forum

Along with Community Council representatives from the north side of the river I was given an update about the INEOS business. Note attached.

Almond Neighbourhood Network Meeting (ANN)

I chaired the quarterly Almond Network meeting held in the Rosebery Hall which was well attended.

The guest speaker was Gareth Barwell Service Director, Operations, who presented an organigram for the Place Team and spoke about the responsibilities and structure and to the topic of S75 developer's contributions. The organigram has been circulated. The minutes will be issued when they are made available.

An outcome from the ANN is to look at the open space CEC estate and a walkabout took place with George Norval Housing Officer responsible for open space. William Black Place into Dundas Avenue and Hill Court former Rose Garden were surveyed. As reported by Anne and Neil.

Meeting with Cala Homes

A meeting was held with Cala homes to get an update about Queensferry Heights and Builyeon Rd developments. Forty per cent of the homes are near completion with the first phase of the affordable homes for Manor homes now occupied. The second phase will start soon. Cala are focusing on the east end of the Builyeon Rd development commencing with the building of flats and terraced homes. The Cala pledge is being worked up for 2024 and will be publicised going into the spring.

Other meetings & business

As reported by the secretary the volume of work this month warranted a couple of meetings to discuss ongoing business and at the bequest of QCCCC met with Gillian and Liz to outline the consultation work about the council asset being carried out by Collective Architecture.

Forth Bridge World Heritage

The quarterly meeting was held this month. Transport Scotland are reviewing how they engage with the public and both the Forth Bridges Forum and Management Committee terms of reference are under review. Halcrow have been contracted to review how Historic Environmental Scotland interacts with government agencies and stakeholder group/s which will no doubt influence some changes. Transport Scotland are considering how the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Forth Road Bridge should or could be celebrated. Draft minutes can be made available upon request.

Keith Giblett

Chair QDCC 25th Feb 2024

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – February 2024 Report

1. The QDCC mailbox has been quite busy since the January business meeting with some quite unusual requests received.

As is quite common 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.

- Further to the January Business meeting a separate meeting of QDCC Councillors and Nominated Interest Groups was held on 29th January to discuss the Assets and Services Review Process, Collective Architecture involvement and to agree the next steps in the formulation of a Local Place Plan using Ironside Farrar as consultants. I wrote to IF to confirm the QDCC position moving forward.
- Following on from this a further meeting of QDCC was held on 19th February to discuss and agree the 2024 Business Strategy Agenda.
- A further update on the Community Council Election and the Community Council Scheme/Boundary review has been received and circulated. The next stage of the consultation will run from 19th February until 12th April. In terms of impact to QDCC there is a proposal to remove Craigiehall from our boundary and transfer it to Cramond and Barnton, and an increase in the number of elected and co-opted members from 9 to 12 resulting in an overall potential of 18 members. QDCC has received an invitation from CEC Governance for a virtual meeting to discuss the overall process. The online consultation tool is now active.
- No further information has been received from CEC relating to the ongoing review of the existing Locality Improvement Plan.

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 complaint regarding a messy garden in a local property, a request to meet a Housing Officer, a complaint about the apparent dangerous condition of an external gas meter on a local property, a query relating to the road resurfacing works for Echline Avenue, an application for a young persons bus pass, inconsiderate parking in a local street, a query on communal space, a request to assist with a university students dissertation survey, a complaint relating to poor road surfaces, a query on tree pruning works in Rosebery Gardens and a request for information from a local resident on the CALA Community Pledge. Once again a somewhat mixed bag!

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. Along with The Chair I attended a meeting with Cllr Younie and locally impacted residents on the ongoing issue of “boy racers” in and around Edinburgh Road/Hawes Car Park.
3. Along with The Chair I met with Gillian Smith and Liz McIntosh of QCCC to discuss the ongoing CEC Assets and Services Consultation and the role of Collective Architecture
4. I met with The Chair to discuss the QDCC 2024 book of business and to agree the agenda for the meeting held on 19th February.
5. I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and local residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC related activity.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 25th February 2024

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Treasurer' Report – Diane Job February 2024

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Alistair Pryde - Retirement Gift for Myles Ogelthorpe - £30

Total CC Funds - £1519.22

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18540.25

95 Day Notice Account - January interest £214.68 - £63406.58

Nationwide Building Society - £87588.43

Barclays Bank - £85335.24

RBS - £88270.79

Charity Bank - £62144.97

Community Facility Funding Total = £405286.26

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](#).



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Education Report – David Flint

Ed/Rec. Report February 2024.

Queensferry primary School Parents Council meeting, in school. 21st February.

The meeting was joined by Paul Murrell, from School Crossing Patrols.

The main request was for a review of the crossing situation in Rosebery Avenue, the discussion widened to include the Scotstoun area. As a result further surveys were promised.

There was a request to re-open the cafe in the community centre – this request will be passed on to the management committee.

Concern was being expressed over the lack of child minders and nursery places.

The 3 classrooms in the 'old building' have been renewed and will soon be ready for use.

Reading is being treated as a priority and there is a proposal to install class libraries.

DONM. 29th May.

Echline Community Woodland.

I have been liaising with the volunteer group and Neil regarding the next maintenance session. This is now planned for Saturday 6th April. 10am – 1pm.

Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Echline Primary School



Just a quick reminder that Echline Parent Association is hosting a quiz night on Friday 15 March, at Lodge St Margaret from 7.30pm. Tickets are £30 per team (team max 6 people). All proceeds go to the EPA. Spaces are limited, so if you would like to book, please email echlinepa@gmail.com.

General information for parents

The Parental Employability Support (PES) team are now live and starting to promote the service:

The main aim of the PES team is central support for parents to help them access all of the services that will help them overcome their barriers and enable them to find, sustain and progress in work.

Parental Employability Support

Are you a parent living in Edinburgh?

Are you unemployed or struggling financially while in work?

Are you looking for support to overcome barriers?

The Parental Employability Support service is free and confidential. You can get one-to-one support to build an action plan and help you to:

- Access services that will help you to overcome barriers,
- Support you to move towards an employment goal,
- Gain new skills and qualifications,
- Gain more confidence,
- Understand how to maximise your income and your benefits,
- Complete job applications, a CV and prepare for interviews.

You could be eligible for support if any of the following apply to you:

- Lone parent
- Parent or child with a disability
- Parent of 3 or more children
- Parent from a minority ethnic background
- Parent with a child under 1 year old
- Parent under 25 years old

To find out more:

Visit: www.edinburghguarantee.org/parents

Email: ParentalEmployability@edinburgh.gov.uk

Call: 0131 529 2482



Parental Employability Support (PES) Vision

<p>VISION</p>	<p>Edinburgh’s parents have equitable access to holistic support that will enable them to move towards, into, and to sustain employment, ensuring they are free from poverty</p>		
<p>PRINCIPLES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents often have barriers that require addressing before sustainable employment is an option. • Prioritise prevention, early intervention, and support. • Support parents to build resilience and access all relevant interventions. • Employers can benefit from adopting the wider fair work principles that will support parents. 		
<p>AIMS</p>	<p>Parental Support Provide holistic, person-centred support that enables parents to progress in their employment journey and ensure they are free from poverty. Families should have access to the support that they need to maximise their resources, increase employability, and make informed choices to improve their financial situation.</p>	<p>Integrating Networks Supporting integration and alignment of parent/family services at both a strategic and delivery level to ensure the best support for parents, including referral pathways. This includes ensuring awareness of the parental employability support (and wider employability support under the Edinburgh Guarantee) across the city.</p>	<p>Employer Engagement Upskill employers to understand the benefits of adopting flexible working and understanding the needs of their current and prospective workforce.</p>
<p>THE TEAM</p>	<p>Supporting parents to access the personalised support that they need, including an individual action plan for each parent.</p>	<p>The team will follow the localities model, focusing on 1 locality each to ensure engagement with parents, services and communities at a local level. North West: Fangxu Jin - 07395356685 North East: Jonny Breedon - 07395356684 South West: Lucia Dominguez - 07395356683 South East: Lucia Dominguez/4th vacant</p>	
<p>CONTACT</p>	<p>Visit: www.edinburghguarantee.org/parents Email: ParentalEmployability@edinburgh.gov.uk Call: 0131 529 2482</p>		

Autism Parent/Carer Information Sessions

P1-3 March-April 2024

- Autism information sessions are now planned for parents and carers of **children with an autistic diagnosis, or for parents/ carers who have mentioned autism as a possibility.**
- Children must currently attend a mainstream City of Edinburgh Council School
- Sessions will take place throughout the year on **Microsoft Teams**
- Pre-recorded versions of the sessions will be made available to those who register via Eventbrite and links will be sent after each live session. Subtitles in most languages are available when watching the pre-recorded videos.
- Parents/ carers to book through Eventbrite up to 4 days before the start date to secure your place or to receive the recordings

P1-3: March- April 2024			
Title	Date	Time: Lunchtime	Lead Professional
1-Introduction to Autism at the P1-3 stage	06-03-24 Wednesday	12:30-2pm	Education: Additional Support for Learning Services (ASLS)
2-TBC: Supporting sensory differences and skills of independence	TBC 13.03.24 Wednesday	TBC 12:30-2pm	To Be Confirmed
3-Supporting communication	20.3.24 Wednesday	12:30-2pm	NHS: Speech and Language Therapy (SLT)
4-Understanding anxiety and positive behaviour support	27.3.24 Wednesday	12:30-2pm	NHS: CAMHS
5- Play and leisure & where next? / other sources of support	17.4.24 Wednesday	12:30-2pm	NHS: Speech and Language Therapy & Learning and Development
Easter Holiday			
Optional Live Q&A*No recording will be made of this session.	24.4.24 Wednesday	12:30- 1:30pm	SLT/ ASLS/ CAMHS/OT



Click here to book via [Eventbrite](#)

Or scan the QR code

If there are no more places through Eventbrite, call **0131 469 2850** and leave a message with the following information

1) child's name	2) child's school	3) parent's name	4) postcode
5) parent's email address (for the invite)			

Youth Engagement

The youth clubs are running at full capacity at the present time The Tuesday youth café is on average seeing 50 young people every week attending. We had a successful inspection from Education Scotland. Graeme Mckinley and Mary Giblett came and spoke with the inspector about the collaborative working the Rosebery Hall management committee and QDCC do with the youth club and how as a community we all work closely together. The inspector was happy with what he saw and heard.

Open all Hours remains as popular as ever with around 50- 60 young people attending every week.

Tesco continues to support us every week with snacks and any cooking the young people want to take part in.

We are currently working on putting together a Transition club to help support P7s who need a little more of an enhanced transition to high school this will be a focus group of young people. Any parent who feels their young person needs extra support please speak to your school who will refer them to the club.

Anne Marie Boyd

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Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

QDCC – Environmental Committee Report for February 2024

Dangerous wall at the Leuchold Gate entrance to the Dalmeny Estate

A positive development to report as work has finally commenced to rebuild the section of dangerous wall that has been starting to lean over towards the main road. Once completed the long standing one way traffic restrictions can be lifted.

Enhancement to Open Spaces

I accompanied Anne Mitchell and Keith Giblett on an inspection of open spaces within the town with George Norval from CEC Estates Department. There is a CEC Estates Improvement budget available to enhance open space areas where some social housing is located.

Two specific areas were identified appropriate for enhancement being William Black Place and the grass area in front of the flats at Hill Court at the foot of the Loan. The former area has a number slabbed open space areas with concrete planters that are now looking very “tired”. There is potential to refurbish these areas to make them more attractive whilst not adding a significant demand of resource from an ongoing maintenance perspective. The grass area in front of Hill Court flats also has the potential to be made more attractive with some new design features.

CEC will engage with the residents in both locations to seek their input as part of the design process. A further examination of the sites will be undertaken following which costings will be drawn up.

[Other](#)

Fiona Chandler Chair of the GreenFerry group and myself have been invited to meet with a Lar housing representative next Tuesday to provide input to their proposals to landscape certain areas of land within the proposed housing development project down at Port Edgar.

After a considerable absence work has been undertaken by members of the CEC Parks and Green Spaces team to tidy up the shrub border on Mclvor's Brae. Additional follow up enhancement work was undertaken by the Friends of Ferry Glen/GreenFerry team and the border area is now looking much better. The CEC team plan to return again to reduce the height of some of the larger shrubs that are restricting the views over the Forth.

The CEC Forestry team have been contacted again to expedite the long outstanding tree topping works that require to be undertaken in the Rosebery Halls gardens.

Neil McKinlay

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Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

Health and Wellbeing report February 2024

[FSPAN](#) continues to develop as a local group focusing on suicide prevention. They have a face book page for anyone interested in their work. Applying to OSCR to be a recognised charity and planning a summer event for adults to meet and get to know each other realizing how difficult it can be for working age people living here but working elsewhere to become part of the community.

[West Edinburgh social isolation group](#) met to progress a day focussing on volunteer opportunities across west Edinburgh which does include Queensferry. This will be held in the Space to be Gyle centre, top floor 4pm – 7pm on 7th March. In tandem with this working with QPC and QCCC we are creating a poster advertising local opportunities for Queensferry and will display this in public areas of the town -dates TBC

[CEC Housing](#)

With Keith Giblett and Neil Mckinlay met and walked round with George Norval from CEC Community Estates to identify areas associated with CEC housing that may benefit from landscaping improvements. Focus was on William Black place and Hill court communal areas.

As a follow on to a meeting a year ago identifying how City of Edinburgh owned property and grounds could best be utilized for the benefit of the community met the team moving this forward as a representative of both Community centre and Rosebery hall.

[Mental Health](#)

Attended north west Edinburgh community mental health and well being needs analysis. They had identified through focus groups that the need for funding should provide safe spaces for people age 25-50, particularly men. There are 14 applications for funding in the area with requests from 2,500 to 20,000! Very difficult choices to make with a very limited pot of money. This allowed discussion of each bid and deeper understanding of what service would be offered. Our comments have been documented and will support final outcomes. My voice was to remind people that Almond is part of north west Edinburgh and people here have needs to be covered by some of these bids

[Other](#)

Attended: EVOG New Scots mental health awareness meeting by zoom

Discussion and walk round with Carolyn Fraser CEC around implications of Cruise ship visits (including toilets) with Keith Gibblett, Graeme McKinley, and Karen Stewart

Almond Neighbourhood Network

2 extra sessions of QDCC

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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[Applications](#)

During the four week period five applications were received

24/00277/FUL - Single storey flat roof extension to the side of the property. Facing brick finish to match existing property - 9 Long Crook

24/00557/FUL - Change of use class 4 to class 11- Unit 13 Bankhead Steading 1B Bankhead Road

24/00248/FUL - Construct new garage adjoining existing - 43 Hopetoun Road

24/00479/FUL - Proposed amendments to shop front incl. New retractable awnings, signage and painting. No change of use - 23 High Street

24/00658/FUL - Section 42 application for the amendment to Condition 1 of Planning Ref: 19/05158/FUL for the Dalmeny Contractors Village - Ineos FPS Ltd Standingstane Road Dalmeny

[Decisions](#)

During the four week period twelve decisions were made

23/07173/FUL - Replacement of single window to rear side of property - Flat 2 18C Hopetoun Road - GRANTED

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

23/07495/CLP - Garage conversion - 13 Henry Ross Place - GRANTED

23/07304/LBC - Proposed replacing existing with uPVC windows. Existing stone paintwork to be removed back to the existing stone. Various internal alterations - 4 High High - REFUSED

23/07032/FUL - Installation of a Medpoint solo prescription collection machine to the existing pharmacy tarmac area to the front of the property - 2 Ferryburn Rosebery Avenue - GRANTED

23/07031/ADV - Vinyl wrap to the front and side of the proposed Medpoint prescription collection machine with operation instructions, name and logo - Llyods Pharmacy 3 Ferryburn Rosebery Avenue - GRANTED

22/05925/HSC - Application for hazardous substance consent for a new whisky maturation warehousing site - 31 Royal Elizabeth Yard - GRANTED

24/00035/FUL - A loft conversion to form a second floor for a semi-detached house within the Queensferry Conservation Area included the addition of a new accommodation stair, two bedrooms and storage space. Conservation style roof, windows to the front and rear. Previous application 23/06749/FUL withdrawn - 6 Brewery Close - GRANTED

23/07302/FUL - Proposed replacing of all windows. Existing stone paintwork to be removed back to the existing stone. Various internal alterations - 4 High Street - REFUSED

23/06739/FUL - These proposals are for the extension/alterations of an existing detached house. Proposals include the demolition of a bay window, various alterations to existing fabric and extension to the north and west of the dwelling forming a new entrance porch, larder and living room - 3 Station Road - GRANTED

23/06652/FUL - Proposed change of use from Class 3, Food and Drink, to Class 11, Assembly and Leisure, Proposed Gym - Unit 13 Bankhead Steading 1B Bankhead Road - WITHDRAWN

23/02466/FULSTL - Stationing of three shepherd's huts for short-term let holiday let use - Toley Wells Grange Westfled Toley Wells - 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 have made enquires for more information on the design of the traffic calming and timescales

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village

Building has started on the Cala land of this development

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

No further news or updates this month

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

208 homes have been completed. The play park has been installed and hopefully will be open by the Spring.

[Forthview Development \(Corus site\)](#)

No further news or updates this month

[Bridgewater Village \(Builyeon Road Development\) Care Home Planning Application](#)

23/07301/AMC - Application of matters specified in conditions 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 of planning permission in principle 21/04018/PPP to erect 60 bed care home - land 288 metres Southwest of 10 Builyeon Road. Awaiting a decision

[Scotstoun House](#)

21/04755/FUL | Redevelopment of Scotstoun House including conversion and extension of existing buildings to residential use, part-demolition of office extension, and erection of new build residential development with associated infrastructure, landscaping, access and parking. (as amended) | 1 Scotstoun House South Queensferry EH30 9SE

QDCC have e-mailed the case officer twice for an update on this application but have received no reply.

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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[Transport – Grant Sangster](#)

[Transport Report for February 2024](#)

[Road & Pavement Conditions](#) – In addition to filling potholes in response to recent damage from winter weather, the scheduled resurfacing of Echline Avenue was queried last month. Lewis confirmed this project was originally intended for the 2023-24 budget but has now moved into the 2024-25 period. However we don't yet know if the whole road length will be resurfaced, as some sections are in a better state than others depending on traffic type. Still no reply from Hopetoun Estate on their plans (if any) to repair Loch Road. The short stretch between Morison Gardens and Stewart Terrace is approaching the stage where it may be impassable to some vehicles. If there isn't a repair plan forthcoming perhaps the road should be closed off.

[Correspondence](#) – In addition to the Echline Avenue resurfacing query, concerns were raised about vehicle parked around the junction of Whitehead Grove with Ashburnham Road. Although awkward situations around junctions aren't unusual on these types of roads and the issue is mostly created by nearby residents, it may be possible to put formal restrictions here. Similarly, the junction of Young Drive with Ferrymuir near the Dakota hotel has been earmarked by CEC for yellow lines however it isn't obvious why this junction was identified for formal restrictions rather than others.

High Street Resurfacing – Traffic orders specifying changes to road use associated with the intended High Street scheme should be promoted over the spring/summer period, followed by a statutory opportunity for people to make comments. Unresolved appeals are passed to a Reporter for a decision, something that can take up to a year. We'd like to set up regular meetings with the new project manager at CEC to monitor progress.

Scotstoun Avenue Traffic Calming – Although two separate traffic calming schemes for the whole length of Scotstoun Avenue were drawn up, neither has been implemented. Developer contributions from nearby housing estates were made against various S75 categories, with more to come in future. But it remains unclear whether budget is now ring-fenced for traffic calming on Scotstoun Avenue alone or if either scheme would be deliverable within that budget. To address concerns from local residents there's a further proposal developing for a short-term hybrid scheme. The advance work would install features from one scheme without compromising future delivery of the other. We'll continue to seek clarity on these proposals, as it seems the suggested third way (short term scheme) could be complicated by future kerb line changes.

Forth Road Bridge Automatic Barriers – Various closures took place in February as reported last month, plus some others. In addition to weather problems there can be delays due to reluctance of drivers to stop at red crosses on overhead gantry signs. Although we haven't heard back from BEAR it is hoped that the project is now complete.

Public Transport – No news recently on retendering CEC's 63 bus service, although the expectation remains that the route will only run between Queensferry and the Gyle, with the section to Balerno taken from there by another service linking to new houses around Cammo. Some changes are intended to Lothian County's 43 bus service, where additional evening journeys will operate every night of the week from 24 March. This ensures a half hour frequency to the end of service, which is an increase on the present hourly bus. A couple of new X47 rush hour journeys will be introduced between Barnton and the city centre to reduce passenger demand on the 43 service around Clermiston and Blackhall.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee Convenor

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Cllr Lang, cllr Young, cllr Younie

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City of Edinburgh Council Budget – 2024/25

The Council confirmed its annual budget on 23rd February. After individual budgets from each political group, amendments were then proposed to the administration budget. Amendments from the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives were accepted by the Administration and that combined budget was voted through.

In the budget the Liberal Democrats not only rejected the school cuts, but proposed an additional £2m towards Devolved School Budgets, which was accepted as part of the amendment. We also secured funding for subsidised bus routes, additional tree planting, and a record amount of £12m to help tackle the backlog of road, pavement and path repairs.

Kirkliston High School

At the 8th February Full Council meeting a report by officers recommended approval of the Leisure Centre site – this was despite 74% of local residents objecting to the proposals. The Liberal Democrat amendment prioritised instructing officers to explore negotiations with landowners who has expressed an interest in selling land for a school site (with no condition of housing) and to report back on options to develop a planning application. This follows a letter sent to the Scottish Government, led by the Councillors and with support from the parliamentarians, to request an exemption on greenbelt land (which exists already) to be expanded to include schools as part of ‘essential infrastructure’. While the ScotGov did not agree to amend their framework this early on, they did leave open the door for the council to determine how to apply the framework. An alternative Kirkliston site could resolve the concerns from the Kirkliston and Queensferry communities. We will keep local residents updated through our newsletter.

Echline Path resurfacing

Thanks to repeated calls from residents and councillors, the spinal path is finally be resurfaced. While not owned by the council, it has deteriorated to such a state that officers have decided to absorb the cost and restore it to a usable condition, with works commencing in the coming months.

Pavement parking ban

The parking ban is now in full force and vehicles are prohibited from parking partly or fully on a pavement (usually identified as by the placement of the wheels). Enforcement has already been out in rural west Edinburgh and resident are able to report vehicles that repeatedly break these rules at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/reportincorrectlyparkedvehicles

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Other Documents

Police Report



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward January 23rd – February 25th 2024

Road Safety

Local Officers have carried out targeted action across the Almond Ward over the past few weeks, utilizing the 'speed gun'. Specific roads within South Queensferry have been subjected to speed checks where reports of speeding, careless or dangerous driving have been received. Said roads include Builyeon Road and Bo'ness Road.

Further checks will be carried out across the coming weeks and months as we aim to increase awareness of the dangers of speeding, particularly in built-up areas.

Anti-Social Driving– 8 x reported incidents

All incidents refer to anti-social behavior/anti-social driving, whereby vehicles and motorcycles have been reported to be excessively revving engines/sounding horns as well as driving in excess of the speed limit and racing, in the area of Hawes Brae.

The issue of anti-social driving/racing and noise complaints, remains a priority for Police Scotland, with high visibility patrols conducted at every opportunity. We have planned an initiative to be implemented in the near future. This will utilize local Officers as well as specialist resources, to put as much pressure as possible on those responsible for disruption and to dissuade problematic drivers from attending in South Queensferry, causing distress to residents and members of the public.

Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: 1 x reported incident

Incident refers to a group of youths shouting and causing a general disturbance in the area of the Dalmeny Estate.

Vandalism/Damage: 1 x reported incident

Incident relates to 1 x tyre punctured by a nail/screw – Enquiries ongoing.

Bogus Caller: No incidents reported

Police Drop-In

We are planning to hold a 'Community Drop-In' event from 1730 – 1930 hours on Monday 11th March 2024 within South Queensferry Library, 9 Shore Rd, South Queensferry. This is an opportunity for members of the community to speak with local Officers, in person, to discuss issues that are affecting them.

This will be advertised via posters at various locations across South Queensferry and on social media over the coming weeks.

We look forward to meeting with residents and offering assistance where we can.

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Twitter: @EdinPolNW

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Local Officers: PC Donald Macleod/PC Euan Sinclair

Rotary Club of South Queensferry

No report this month

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Queensferry Heritage Trust

No report this month.



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Agenda

QDCC February Business Meeting
Monday 26th February 2024 at 7.30pm (Online Meeting)

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (January 2024)
5. Any Matters Arising
6. Chair's Report
7. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Secretary's Report
10. QDCC Sub Committees Reports
11. CEC/EACC/QDCC updates
12. Any Other Business
13. Questions from the floor
14. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 19th February 2024

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QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 22 January 2024 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, Muir Kay, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, Michelle Gordon (QHS), Cllr Lewis Younie, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Gavin Sharp (CEC) & John Hawryluk (EVOC), Lyndon Cane & Adrian Hopwood (Plymouth Brethren Christian Church), Kenny Manson (QHS).

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended his best wishes for 2024. He congratulated and thanked all involved with Christmas in Queensferry on a successful festive lights event and the Ferry Elves for another year providing support to families across Queensferry.
2. Apologies	David Learmond (QHT), Mark Meredith (QBC), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Karen Stewart (FBTS Manager).
3. Police Report	Report not submitted, to be circulated on receipt. (actioned 24/1/24)
4. Ukraine Refugees	Keith welcomed Gavin Sharp and John Hawryluk and invited them to update the meeting on further work with resettling Ukrainian refugees. Gavin outlined numbers involved. A joined-up approach was being provided across public, business and other sectors. Around 75% were in employment and the UK was looking into formal recognition of qualifications for some professions. Arrivals had slowed to around 10/day via the Hub, and some areas to be resolved, eg on visas. Housing the main issue, particularly for Edinburgh. Working with partners on schemes such as the Taylor Wimpey development where 20 properties secured for refugee families initially. School places had been found and GP practice registrations looked into, but those already registered elsewhere were able to continue with existing registrations, eg in the city. John referenced 3 rd sector approach, and support via communities.

	<p>Neil noted the good work all round and asked about those in temporary accommodation. John explained challenge to provide housing for all, not only Ukrainian people. Working with other partners and neighbouring local authorities on variety of options.</p> <p>Anne asked about registration system for others wishing to be allocated housing at Taylor Wimpey. Gavin outlined the Edindex system, noting criteria involved.</p> <p>Keith queried vacant MOD housing across Edinburgh and whether it could be brought back into habitable use. John confirmed being looked into and a UK govt meeting that week may help provide solution on logistics and funding. Other opportunities include 8-10 sites across Edinburgh where there may be further SG funding. Keith thanked them for the update. He referenced ANN and extended invitation to approach the Network as a means of spreading the message on work being undertaken.</p>
<p>5. Plymouth Brethren RRT</p>	<p>Keith introduced Lyndon and Adrian from the Plymouth Brethren Rapid Response Team (RRT). Lyndon outlined the RRT role and background as the Brethren’s charitable arm delivering hope and relief across the world. He covered the areas of support provided by volunteers and how delivered - proactively, reactively and via products such as care kits and food boxes.</p> <p>Anne reported linking with Lyndon on support for a family recently flooded. Neil asked how the RRT was making its aims and objectives more widely known, and commented on these being similar to the Rotary, for example. Lyndon outlined the PB background in Edinburgh, building a platform to engage and work with others. Neil suggested a separate meeting along with Anne to explore this further.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to provide RRT contact details to Neil. Neil and Anne to set up meeting with Lyndon and Adrian, to discuss matters of mutual interest.</p> <p>Regarding the church at Milton Farm, currently finalising relevant permits, then appoint contractor.</p> <p>ACTION: To provide Terry with Project Manager contact details when known.</p>
<p>6. Minutes from Last Meeting (Nov 2023)</p>	<p>Minutes proposed by Neil and seconded by Anne.</p>
<p>7. Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u> Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: CEC in discussion with Cala regarding McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. All other streets now formally adopted. Cllr Work advised CEC awaiting information from Cala. Keith spoken with Cala, all paperwork submitted, works completed, and CEC notified. Unsure what CEC still requires, Nov 23. ONGOING – Cllr Work pursuing with CEC, response awaited, Jan 24.</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2022</u> CDT: Terry to initiate work on taking forward CDT proposal in early 2023.</p>

DEFER – pending outcomes of planned discussion with CEC and Queensferry Assets workshop. Met with CEC 27 Nov, and follow-up 18 Jan, on formulation of Local Place Plan and other initiatives.

FEBRUARY 2022

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

ONGOING – Cllr Lang has notified resurfacing to be done by CEC. Unsure if this is the ‘slurry spray’ referred to in Chair’s report. To be checked, Jan 24.

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. Awaiting feedback from CEC regarding land at Builyeon Road, Sept 23.

ONGOING – Cllr Work pursuing with CEC, response awaited. Jan 24

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. See above.

JULY 2023

Leuchold Gate Wall: CEC and Dalmeny Estate in dispute over cause of the damage to wall.

ONGOING – Unable to reach satisfactory agreement on responsibility for repairs. Escalated to respective legal teams, traffic control lights to continue meantime. Jan 24.

AUGUST 2023

QHS Business Contacts: Michelle to follow up QHS contact arrangements with Cala, INEOS, TW and keep Neil informed. QHS met with INEOS and Cala. TW not yet responded, Oct 23.

CLOSED – Follow up now confirmed.

SEPTEMBER 2023

Scotstoun Avenue: LibDem Cllrs to update QDCC on action involving s75 funding.

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. Has become more complicated due to Active Travel, trying to do too much. CEC reviewing approach, calming measures need to be actioned.

ONGOING – Chair received email from Paul Lawrence, CEC. Jan 24.

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

ONGOING – Response awaited, revisit Jan 24.

NOVEMBER 2023

	<p>LAR Housing, Community Engagement: Keith to liaise with Aileen Aitken (LAR) re setting up meeting with local groups to discuss LAR Community Engagement Strategy.</p> <p>CLOSED – Agreed Aileen to contact Keith re future engagement.</p>
<p>8. Chair’s Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. Keith commented on the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assets Workshop, consultants appointed by CEC to look at all assets. Had met with himself, Terry and Diane the previous week. • Place Plan, Ironside Farrar providing assistance, to be pursued via the Planning sub-group. • High Street, new project manager appointed. Met with Keith and Grant previous week.
<p>9. Almond Ward Councillor’s Reports</p>	<p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting, presented by Cllr Younie.</p> <p>With reference to previous night’s storm Lewis asked residents to get in touch regarding any debris or damage across Queensferry.</p> <p>Diane referred to the consultation report on new Kirkliston High School. If Kirkliston Leisure Centre site is deemed unsuitable and the outcome is to extend QHS, which isn’t wanted, she asked how as a Cllr covering both areas he would vote. Lewis acknowledged this was difficult and don’t want to cause issues across both communities. Diane queried seeking relaxation of green belt to allow school to be built on new site. Lewis explained it was the Critical Infrastructure List that had been looked at, thought school infrastructure should be included, but hadn’t been accepted. The consultation report was in the Business Bulletin for Tuesday’s Education Committee and thereafter would go to full Council on 8 Feb for discussion and vote on the recommendations.</p> <p>Diane also asked about the Builyeon Road Primary School catchment review, noting only 29 submissions. The recommendation was for Option 1, though none were ideal. This split the Taylor Wimpey houses into part Builyeon Road and part QPS. Concerns remained about the walk to Builyeon Road being a safe route for young children. Lewis noted a conflict of interest and that Kevin & Louise would provide written response to the points raised. He encouraged members to log onto the Education Committee meeting the next day to hear any comments ahead of the full Council meeting.</p> <p>The Chair expressed disappointment that a collective view from the LibDem Cllrs on this matter wasn’t available, as such an important topic. He had hoped that they might have provided an agreed way of handling these reports. Lewis noted this but commented that QDCC didn’t have Cllr Work’s perspective on how he too was intending to deal with these reports.</p>

	<p>Following meetings with Robbie Crockatt on the assets workshop Terry asked for Cllrs views on next steps. Cllr Younie had no additional information to what QDCC already has.</p> <p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. Any queries to be sent to Norman directly.</p>
10. QHS	<p>Michelle provided an update on activity at QHS. She highlighted work underway on planning and organising for next school year, including course choices, transition planning and implementation. She highlighted challenges getting Kirkliston Primary pupils to QHS for transition events, funding was needed for transport this year. Other activity covered staff recruitment, newsletters, working with business partners. Terry asked what funding was needed for KPS. Michelle thought £200-£300 per trip for a bus, or perhaps minibus. Anne also suggested the Dakota Hotel minibus may be a possibility.</p> <p>This was her last QDCC meeting as she was leaving to take up 2-year secondment at CEC and she introduced Kenny Manson who would takeover as QDCC liaison. Keith welcomed him to the meeting and looked forward to working together. He thanked Michelle for keeping QDCC informed of QHS activity and wished her well in her new position. In response to query from Anne on Team Around the Cluster, Michelle advised Kevin Thomas would be new contact.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to liaise with Michelle/Kenny on funding for KPS transition related transport to QHS.</p>
11. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
12. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
13. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups	<p>Reports submitted and circulated before the meeting. The following points and actions were noted.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> Comments in Cllr Work's report on EV charging points at FRB plaza being decommissioned noted. ACTION: Graeme to raise decommissioning of EV charging points at FRB plaza with Transport Scotland.</p> <p><u>Health & Wellbeing</u> Number of families requiring help in 2023 noted.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> Santa's Sleigh had been well received across Queensferry.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p>

	<p>Some P7 children going to camp struggling to get all the items needed. Online request for help had been very successful, including toiletries donation from Tesco. It was suggested QDCC should formally thank Tesco for their support of several local community activities in the past year.</p> <p>ACTION: Anne Marie to consider formal thank you to Tesco for their assistance on various community projects across the year.</p> <p><u>QBC</u> Harbour repairs completed. Sean Fahy, CEC, thanked for the work done.</p>
14. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	<p>Relevant CEC and EACC correspondence, updates etc circulated by Terry and Keith respectively between meetings.</p> <p>Terry highlighted the CC Scheme boundary review. Information being forwarded to QDCC as received.</p>
15. AOB	No items raised.
16. Questions from the floor	None raised.
17. Forth Bridges WHMC	<p><u>Post Meeting Note - Report from Karen Stewart submitted via email</u></p> <p><u>Forth Bridges Trail signs</u> Phase 2 - manufacture progressing for signs to be installed this financial year. Phase 3 – funds approved for final phase by CEC through the Regional Prosperity Framework. Expect to begin official procurement of these in next few weeks.</p> <p><u>Forth Road Bridge 60th anniversary</u> Transport Scotland has formed a group to plan activity around bridge 60th anniversary (3/9/24). Refurbishment of the plaques and memorials at the Viewpoint and old toll plaza being worked on as part of this programme. Details on other events will be announced in March.</p> <p><u>RNLI 200th anniversary</u> UNESCO has recognised the 200th anniversary of the RNLI is an internationally important anniversary. Attending meeting to see how UK UNESCO designations can work together to celebrate this anniversary. Clearly the positioning of the Forth Bridge and Queensferry Lifeboat Station should inspire anniversary events and activities.</p>
18. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 26 February 2024, at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.