

March

2024

Monthly News

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Meeting Agenda
Previous meeting minutes

HAVE YOUR SAY!

King George Vth Play Park

Children and Families Activity
South Queensferry Library
Drop-in activity for children and families

Let us know how you would like to see the play area of King George Vth Park improved

- How do you use King George Vth Park?
- Does the existing play equipment meet your needs?
- What play equipment would you like to see in the park?



Scan QR code to complete online

Tuesday
9th April
2024
1-3pm



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
Together we can create



Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Chairs Report QDCC Business Meeting 25th March 2024 by Teams

EACC Meetings

I continue to attend EACC meetings and attended the monthly business meeting held 29th February 24. The CEC Governance Officers were attending to give a talk and take questions about the review and consultation of the scheme for community councils. I have attended board meetings and along with Terry and Graeme attended the forum held in the CEC Business Centre on Saturday morning.

A presentation was given by Councillor Walker Convenor for Culture and Communities about the work of the Empowerment Team. Councillor Walker expressed interest in the work of Community Councils thanked them for the contribution they make to the city and was interested in learning the views of community councils about the scheme. Governance Officers were in attendance and a lively discussion was held where CC's expressed vocally their strong views seeking changes to the scheme which are generally aligned with QDCC's views.

Collective Architecture

Along with Terry I was invited to attend a meeting with Collective Architecture to be given an update on the CEC asset review and stakeholder meetings they have held to date. It was also an opportunity for Ironside Farrer to be introduced to CA and discuss the Queensferry Place plan and discuss what information will be available for the Place Plan. CA reported they were making good progress and are on plan.

Met with Lovell Homes

Secretary, Planning Convenor and I were invited to meet representatives from Lovell Homes.

The meeting was an opportunity to learn about the Lovell Homes business, their plans and it provided the opportunity to exchange information; QDCC about Queensferry and the community council and Lovell about their business. See attached leaflet.

Keith Giblett

Chair QDCC 24th March 24



LOVELL, SCOTLAND
Builyeon Road, South Queensferry

Partners:
Scottish Government
Sanctuary HA
Sigma Capital

Completion date:
Summer 2026

Value:
£104m

Design team
Architect - EMA Architecture
Energy - Carbon Futures
C&S Engineers - David R Murray

Mixed tenure development of 398 homes and 14 commercial units

The Project
To aid the high local housing demand in South Queensferry, we are delivering 398 homes and 14 commercial units, in line with the principles of '20 minute neighbourhoods'.

The project will deliver two-storey homes, townhouses and apartments. The tenure split is:

- 100 social homes for Sanctuary Housing Association
- 185 private market rent homes for Sigma Capital
- 113 open market homes for sale by Lovell, across a range of price-points
- 14 Commercial Units

The high specification homes will be designed and built by Lovell before being handed over to Sanctuary HA and Sigma Capital in phases during 2024 - 2026.

A tenure blind approach has been taken on this project, where all homes have been designed to blend seamlessly with the wider development.

This is a land led project, where we purchased the land and approached our development partners with a view to creating a mixed tenure community.

The Challenges
The proximity to the A90 dual-carriageway presents a challenge in terms of noise - the layout has been planned to protect open spaces from noise and up-rated windows and trickle ventilation has been used to minimise sound impact internally.

The Benefits
The development will also provide for the provision of:

- two new commercial areas, a care home and a school
- new public realm areas and open space
- multiple new jobs have and will be created for local people along with training opportunities
- social impact activities are ongoing and being measured in line with National TOMS

Energy Strategy
We have employed a number of features to reduce the carbon emissions on this development, these include:-

- 'Fabric First' approach - highly insulated buildings
- solar panels to every property including flats
- energy efficient boilers
- EV charging points to every driveway

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LOVELL

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – March 2024 Report

1. The QDCC mailbox has been fairly busy since the February business meeting and as usual there have been some quite unusual requests received.

A number of telephone calls and website queries have been dealt with and once again my thanks go out to fellow Community Councilors who assist with the varied questions that I circulate requesting help to formulate replies.

- 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 now run until Friday 3rd May. My thanks to all Community Councillors who participated both in ongoing discussions on this topic and the online meeting with CEC Governance Officers to discuss the process and share our collective views.
- Discussions continue with CEC on the next steps associated with the Queensferry Assets and Services review.
- Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry.
- A response has been received from CEC Governance relating to questions raised associated with the operational activities of QDCC.

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 number of calls and responded to a few online queries from residents on diverse topics such as (yet again) boy racers at Newhalls Road/Hawes Carpark, speeding and dangerous driving on Scotstoun Avenue, a request to participate in an alcohol abuse survey, a request for assistance for a litter picking event, a query relating to current plans for the CALA/Lovell Homes development at Builyeon Road, two queries relating to the progress of the commercial units at the Builyeon Road development, a request from Manor Homes for assistance in contacting local interest groups, a notification relating to a forthcoming consultation on the re-development of the King George Vth playpark, a complaint relating to the poor road surface and blocked drains on Scotstoun Avenue and a further query relating to the CALA Community Pledge. Once more 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. I facilitated a discussion with Community Councillors ahead of a meeting with CEC Governance Officers to discuss the ongoing Community Council Scheme/Boundary review.
3. Along with the Chair I met with representatives of Ironside Farrar to discuss the concept of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry
4. Along with the Chair I met with representatives of Ironside Farrar, Collective Architecture and CEC Officers to discuss the ongoing Assets and Services consultation and how best to bring all stakeholders together.
5. I facilitated a meeting between QDCC Councillors and CEC Governance Officers to discuss opinions, concerns and queries relating to the ongoing Community Council Scheme/Boundary review.
6. Along with the Chair and Treasurer I attended a meeting with representatives from Lovell Homes to discuss community participation opportunities.
7. Along with the Chair and Communications Convenor I attended a meeting of EACC in the CEC Chambers. Cllr Val Walker (Convenor Culture and Community) and Andrew Field (Head of Community Empowerment and Engagement) spoke on consultations and engagement. Clear message that even more change is coming – again. Cllr Scott Arthur (Convenor Transport & Environment) spoke on the vision for transport moving forward.
An open and frank discussion also took place on the CEC scheme and boundary review. In common with QDCC many Community Councils have grave concerns moving forward.
8. I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councilors, and local residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 24th March 2024

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Treasurer' Report – Diane Job

March 2024

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - TSO HOST Invoice - £86.26

Keith Giblett - Printer Materials - £12.99

Zurich Insurance - Public Liability insurance - £112.00

Total CC Funds - £1307.97

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18540.25

95 Day Notice Account - February interest £201.51 - £63608.09

Nationwide Building Society - £87588.43

Barclays Bank - March interest £319.13 - £85654.37

RBS - £88270.79

Charity Bank - £62144.97

Community Facility Funding Total = £405806.90

I will send out the account balances after our year end is complete on 31st March

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](#).



Explore South Queensferry

A new initiative is presently in progress. Explore South Queensferry is run by a digital marketing consultancy, Triovia, who are moving in to digital marketing education. Aim is to equip small businesses with tutorials to help boost their leads and sales, complemented by a live community platform launching this month, promoting businesses and the town to residents, visitors and tourists alike. A free weekly newsletter 'From The Ferry' is being launched shortly. Possibility of local Podcasts later in the summer too.

This has great potential but will need the support of businesses and residents alike to build momentum. The website <https://www.facebook.com/exploresouthqueensferry> is presently under construction as businesses enter their free listing and a Facebook page is running. <https://www.exploresouthqueensferry.com/>

It adds to two significant FREE business support platforms, **The Forth Bridges** <https://www.theforthbridges.org/> and **Forever Edinburgh** <https://edinburgh.org/>, both of which will list your business for free, where relevant.

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Education Report – David Flint

Ed/Rec. Report March 2024.

28th Feb. **CAP meeting**. 6 attendees, only Allan Simpson and myself from previous meetings. We were joined by 3 police representatives and Tom Scott who has taken over from Isla, responsible for Youth Provision in SQ. The summer programme was discussed and Allan agreed to see if he can find funds to support it.

13th March; **QHS Parents Council**. There was an update on the school meals provision. HT reported about the staffing situation. There is a proposal to look at community projects. Eg. a school garden. They are developing pupil leadership and looking at support for family learning.

The meeting was addressed by Cllr. Kevin Lang regarding the future provision of high school(s) in the area. There followed much discussion about the situation, in particular the future need for temporary buildings.

14th March. I was interviewed by Abbie Irving, a PhD student, regarding QDCC involvement with CAP.

19th March. **Echline Primary School Parents Council**. There was a discussion regarding the use of PC funds to support the school. They are reviewing their constitution. Future fund raising events were being planned. Robbie Crockatt attended the meeting and Julie Duncan joined through Teams. They discussed the development of Builyeon Road Primary School which could possibly have 21 classes in the future. Julie was particularly interested in the provision of facilities. Robbie is very keen to see cooperation between Echline and Builyeon primary schools.

I mentioned the work party in **Echline Woodland** planned for 6th April, looking for support. Charlotte Davie (chair) told us that she has posted a request notice on Facebook 'Volunteering in Queensferry'.

David Flint
22/03/24

Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Early Learning and Childcare

Are you looking for nursery space for your child there is lots of information here:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare>

Queensferry also has a Forest Kindergarten based in the Vat run they run full day spaces over 4 days or you can have a blended space between forest and nursery or a childminder.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/early-learning-childcare-three-four-year-olds-forest-kindergarten>

Youth Engagement

Youth clubs will end after the Tuesday club, until after the easter break. This term between Open all Hours on Fridays and The Youth Café on Tuesdays we have had 263 unique young people attend the clubs in total. This is a fantastic amount of young people who are accessing the provision within the area and shows that it is needed. Tesco South Queensferry have continued to support us with snack items every week for both clubs.

Queensferry Primary School

Mrs Macgregor will return to Queensferry Primary School as headteacher on Tuesday 21st May.

Afterschool Provision

Jets Activity Club is Queensferry is expanding! A new club at the local cadet hall – Rosebery Avenue, EH30 9NX has opened up.

If looking for spaces they collect from St Margaret’s Primary School and Queensferry Primary School. For further information contact :

jetsadmin@jetsactivityclubs.org





Queensferry Easter Camps 2024

To Book A Space:
Enter the booking code at
<https://getedinburghactive.spydus.co.uk/>



Heather Brownlee
Active Schools Coordinator
heather.brownlee@ea.edin.sch.uk

Closing Date Tuesday 19th March (contact me after this date)
Wear appropriate kit for the activity & remember boots for 3G
Email me if any High School Pupils wish to help with younger groups
Please contact me if finance is a barrier to your child participating

Sport	Age	Time	Dates	Cost	Venue	Booking Code
Netball	P4 – P6	9am – 11am	Tues 9th April Wed 10 th April Thu 11 th April	£20	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ Games Hall	QUE-504B
Netball	P7 – S3	11am – 1pm	Tues 9th April Wed 10 th April Thu 11 th April	£20	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ Games Hall	QUE-505B
Netball	S4 – S6	2pm – 3pm	Tues 9th April Wed 10 th April Thu 11 th April	£10	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ Games Hall	QUE-506B
Dance	P7 – S3	9am – 11am	Tues 9th April Wed 10 th April Thu 11 th April	£20	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ Dance Studio	QUE-501B
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Rugby	P4 – P6	9am – 11am	Tues 9th April Wed 10 th April Thu 11 th April	£20	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ 3G Pitch	QUE-507B
Rugby	P7 – S2	11am – 1pm	Tues 9th April Wed 10 th April Thu 11 th April	£20	Queensferry High 80 Station Rd, SQ 3G Pitch	QUE-508B

Easter Camps

Led by QHS PE teachers – a great opportunity to meet them, make friends from other local schools and become familiar with the fantastic sports facilities, especially P7s attending QHS after summer.

Closing dates online is March 19th but you can still book spaces by Contacting Heather Brownlee, Active Schools Coordinator.

Heather.brownlee@ea.edin.sch.uk



Inclusion Review

Lynn Binnie, Head of Education.

We are now into a period of public and colleague engagement to help inform how we take forward the recommendations of the collaborative Improvement, an expert review into inclusive education in Edinburgh. The flyer below has information on how people can get involved and share their views on this improvement opportunities.

Edinburgh's Vision for Inclusion Survey: The survey is live and can be completed on the council's consultation hub at:

<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/inclusive-education/>

Edinburgh's Vision for Inclusion

Inclusion should be at the heart of everything we do in our schools and learning communities. We're committed to recognising diversity, minimising exclusion and supporting our children and young people to achieve their full potential.

A recent improvement project involving experts from across Scotland found that we have much to celebrate in our vision and approach, but also made recommendations for improvement.

We want your views on how we can make these improvements.

There are two ways you can share your views and get involved...

1. Attend a Vision for Inclusion locality or online event

At these events you will hear about the findings of the improvement project, share examples of good practice and take part in discussions on how to take forward recommendations.

Locality Events
For school leaders, learning and teaching staff, parents, carers and organisations who provide support to our learning communities:

- Fri 8 March 2024 1.30pm to 3pm @ Craigroyston High School
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Online Events
For parents and carers only

- Thursday 21 March 10am to 11am or Tuesday 26 March 6pm to 7pm

For colleagues working in schools or partner services

- Tuesday 23rd April 4pm to 5pm or Tuesday 24th April 4pm to 5pm


Sign up to an event at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/inclusionvision or use this QR code to take you to the registration form.



2. Complete the Edinburgh's Vision for Inclusion Survey

We are also gathering views via a survey on the council's consultation Hub.

Complete the survey by going to <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/inclusive-education> or use this QR code to take you to the form



If you have any questions or suggestions, please email: inclusion@edinburgh.gov.uk



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Please email the Interpretation and Translation Service at

its@edinburgh.gov.uk quoting reference 24-9666

Online Safety

There is a large WhatsApp group that many pupils across the learning community of Queensferry are a part of. Concerns about this group have been raised. There is information here with regard to safer use of WhatsApp:

[Helping Your Child with WhatsApp Safely](#)

Additional Education update from Graeme McKinley

Following the decision of CEC councillors to narrowly vote against the new Kirkliston High School on the existing leisure centre site recommended by council officers, there lies a significant risk that Kirkliston will now not see a new high school and Queensferry High School will be extended instead. This was the default option in the event of failure to vote for the leisure site build in Kirkliston. The amendment created and voted for by CEC cllrs, to seek another site in Kirkliston will be re-investigated by council officers but plans for the QHS extension are currently being worked on. QDCC do sincerely hope that an alternative site in Kirkliston can be agreed but given the uncertainty, the pressing timescales and the limited funding available, it is, in QDCC's opinion, highly likely that this will not be feasible.

It is also fact that either way, QHS will now need to be extended on a temporary basis if not permanent, due to the continued delays on a deliverable decision against rising school roll projections. We do not hold confidence that adequate mitigation to support the surrounding area (e.g. parking, school bus management) will be delivered with an extension of QHS but QDCC will continue to push all the way.

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Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

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[Dangerous wall at the Leuchold Gate entrance to the Dalmeny Estate](#)

Although work has commenced and the old wall has been removed rebuilding will not take place until the root cause of the wall tilting has been determined by structural experts. Accordingly the single file traffic restrictions could be in place for some time yet.

[Other](#)

The Greenferry Team will be working with both St Margaret's Primary School and Echline Primary School pupils over the month of April to sow or plant vegetables in their raised beds.

I will be working with Echline Primary School to support their new Skills Workshops Programme over the next 4 months and will work with a group of circa 20 pupils and get them involved in activities to support the local Community which may well involve some environmental tasks.

[Rotary](#)

The environmental team are active again after the winter lay off. They are currently working on the renovation of a garden for one of their own members who needs a hand and will shortly be undertaking some improvement works to the new front patio/ garden being created by QCCC up at the Haven

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Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

Health and Wellbeing report March 2024

Pleased to see that FSPAN from EVOG for establishing the group and covering activities

The West Edinburgh social isolation group

Held a volunteer's day in the Gyle which was well attended. Lorna Russell from QCCC and I attended but agreed that something different was needed in Queensferry. Working with Charlotte Davie from Dalmeny and Queensferry Parish churches we have a poster to highlight generic ideas for volunteering which will be posted in Tesco then the library and alongside this we have a facebook page volunteering in Queensferry where we hope to match volunteers and groups who could do with a few more bodies either adhoc, one off or regular commitment. Currently there is good activity on the site.

Ferry elves

Found a couple of funding opportunities that require us to have a safeguarding policy therefore currently working on this. Despite being out with the Christmas period we are still getting requests from HV which we are able to support.

Many thanks to the zoo who have provided 11 families with tickets for a visit plus bus fare. Families interested were drawn out of a hat, one is getting the opportunity to feed lemurs, another gained an enjoyaball party and a final family got tickets for a day at Conifox. Thank you to everyone who contributed – this has all been well received.

Homestart

Met with to discuss options of raising their profile in this area. They used to run baby PEEP and baby massage for more vulnerable families but had paused this currently as fewer volunteers. There is also an option to create a stay and play session for limited families.

Care home

Providers have offered a tour of their new facility in Dalgety Bay which Anne and Diane will attend



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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

March 2024

Applications

During the four week period nine applications were received

24/00771/FUL- Proposed front porch extension- 19 Ashburnham Loan

24/00821/FUL - Proposed garage conversion and extension - 20 Ashburnham Loan

24/00838/FUL- Alter the external entrance stair configuration. Proposed access stair re-located adjacent to new extension - 7 Ashburnham Gardens

24/00972/FUL - Sub-divide existing to create 2 x dwelling houses - 2 Bankhead Grove

24/01037/LBC - Remove stone base of original Timber potence (existing potence is rotten and damaged). Open up 3 no. window openings that have been infilled with stone internally. Remove existing timber external door and inner stone wall with small metal door to underside of stone lintel. At the entrance opening internally remove internal stone packing out back in line with the circumference remove timber enclosure to flight holes - Dundas Castle Dundas Estate

24/01046/FULSTL - Change of use from derelict dovecot into short term holiday let - Dundas Castle Dundas Estate

24/01239/FUL - Proposed rear extension to replace existing conservatory - 4 Springfield Place

Trees in a Conservation Area

24/00799/TCO - 2 large Poplar, x 1 small conifer, x 1 medium pine, x 1 cherry we are looking to prune the small cherry and remove the poplars, conifer and pine - Queensferry Parish Church 26 The Loan

24/00922/TCO - Large mature ash approximately 40-50 ft in height we are looking to reduce a small overhanging limb by approx 1.5-2 metres. Sycamore approx 20 ft in height we are looking to remove x 4 small lower branches - 4 The Glebe Dalmeny

Decisions

During the four week period seven decisions were made

24/00922/TCO - Large mature ash approximately 40-50 ft in height we are looking to reduce a small overhanging limb by approx 1.5-2 metres. Sycamore approx 20 ft in height we are looking to remove x 4 small lower branches - 4 The Glebe Dalmeny - GRANTED

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

23/02467/FULSTL - Change of use from dwelling house to short term let (Sui Generis) - Totlely Wells Grange Totlely Wells - GRANTED

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

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

22/01987/FUL - Conversion of existing listed buildings to 49 residential units, cafe/restaurant and serviced apartment - Development North of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar - GRANTED WITH LEGAL AGREEMENT

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 - GRANTED WITH LEGAL AGREEMENT

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 - progress on this is given in the Transport Report

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village

On the Lovell land which is to the west of the development the project will deliver two storey homes, townhouses and apartments. The tenure split is 100 social homes for Sanctuary Homes Association, 185 private market rent homes for Sigma Capital, 113 open market homes for sale by Lovell and 14 Commercial units.

The sale of homes has so far been disappointing.

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

No further news or updates this month

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No further news or update this month

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

This application has now been granted with legal agreement. This application was heard at the Dev Management Committee last year but has taken a considerable time to conclude the S75 agreement.

There will be no affordable housing built within this development but a commuted sum will be payable towards affordable housing and that the sum to be used to support affordable housing within the same area of the city within ten years of the payment being made. A contribution will also be made towards Education

I have been unable to view the S75 agreement in full as was mentioned in the decision notice but will be contacting CEC for this to be published in the planning portal.

[Port Edgar - LAR Development](#)

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

This application has now been granted with legal agreement. This application was heard in October 2023 at the Dev Management Committee meeting but has taken time to conclude the S75 agreement.

There will be £773,352 towards education infrastructure and £10,290 towards Healthcare. The full S75 agreement can be viewed in the planning portal.

I attended two meetings of the Responsible Construction Working Group with CEC Officials and Councillors to discuss options to encourage more responsible construction with key issues for a report to the Planning Committee. Communication to neighbouring residents was one of the main issues highlighted

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport – Grant Sangster

Transport Report for March 2024

Road & Pavement Conditions

We didn't hear back from Hopetoun Estate on their plans (if any) to repair Loch Road since the initial alert in November 2023, so this has been raised again with their estate office. The short stretch between Morison Gardens and Stewart Terrace is approaching the stage where it may be impassable to some vehicles and may not survive next year's winter weather. If there isn't a repair plan forthcoming perhaps the road should be closed off.

High Street Resurfacing

Traffic orders specifying changes to road use associated with the intended High Street scheme are expected to come through in the first half of this year. We've requested another update from the new project manager at CEC but haven't heard anything back yet.

Scotstoun Avenue Traffic Calming

CEC are drafting plans for a short-term introduction of speed tables along the length of Scotstoun Avenue, coinciding with where the road is intersected by paths. Junction narrowing would be addressed on implementation of the wider Active Travel scheme, involving major kerblin movement. Traffic lights at the junction with Kirkliston Road seems the best way to help pedestrians who cross here and is part of the Active Travel proposal but isn't viable yet. An unresolved design difficulty with the short-term scheme is at the Moubray Grove crossing as there are several accesses and services nearby. We thought a residual S75 traffic calming allocation from the Dalmeny Park housing development could be used for future Scotstoun Avenue work but that may have gone towards recent work on Station Road. More S75 contributions are likely from Taylor Wimpey's South Scotstoun houses. However the project scale is such that neither S75 sum would make much impact in the full cost. We're trying to arrange a meeting with CEC reps to establish the position with this and also the Echline path network projects, which falls within the Active Travel scheme too.

Public Transport

Earlier this month CEC released their tendered bus service requirements through the new dynamic purchasing system, with bids expected from prospective operators in early April. Requirements for the 63 bus service are shown in the table below and are similar to the spec prior to McGill's taking over of First's Livingston depot and being unable to resource the service level. However note the tender is only for a Queensferry to Gyle service. On Lothian Buses, the increase in late evening frequency of the 43 route to half hourly every night of the week takes effect from 24 March, along with a couple of X47 journeys between the city centre and Barnton, intended to ease demand on the 43 from Parkgrove and Clermiston passengers.

Grant Sangster

Transport Sub-Committee

Convenor 23 March 2024

Indicative Timetable: Queensferry - The Gyle				
Monday - Friday	D/A	First Service	Frequency	Last Service
Queensferry	Depart	06:45	Then every hour until	18:45
The Gyle	Depart	07:00	Then every hour until	19:00
Saturday	D/A	First Service	Frequency	Last Service
Queensferry	Depart	07:45	Then every hour until	18:45
The Gyle	Depart	08:00	Then every hour until	19:00
Sunday	D/A	First Service	Frequency	Last Service
Queensferry	Depart	08:45	Then every hour until	18:45
The Gyle	Depart	09:00	Then every hour until	19:00

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Cllr Lang, cllr Young, cllr Younie

March 2024 report

Queensferry Town Centre status

At the March meeting of the full council, one of the councillors for Drum Brae / Gyle ward came forward with a motion to look at changing the 'local centre' planning policy status of Queensferry to one of 'town centre' status. While this may, on the surface, be thought of as a good idea and something that recognises the growing size of the town, we had deep concerns about a number of unintended consequences.

Planning policies associated with town centres can bring significant additional requirements for planning applications in terms of studies and other supporting documentation. All of this added bureaucracy could risk deterring small businesses in Queensferry. Planning policy relating to 'local centres' also brings specific protections in terms of positive contributions to the shopping environment and appearance of the centre, which is particularly relevant to Queensferry as a conservation area and World Heritage Site. These kinds of protections don't exist in designated town centres.

We also felt the motion was silent on the considerable frustration over the delay to the delivery of the long-awaited upgrade and renewal of the Queensferry High Street which was agreed with community groups as a priority project but where, despite six years of discussion and consultancy spend, very limited changes have been delivered.

This is why we brought forward an extensive amendment which will instead mean a report comes forward, setting out the advantages and disadvantages in planning terms of Queensferry being designated as a town centre as opposed to a local centre and the process by which any change could be expedited if that was considered appropriate. This should allow for a fuller and more thorough discussion.

Our amendment also means a written update must come to the next meeting of the Transport & Environment Committee on a) the current status of the High Street project and b) the timetable to delivery given there has been no substantive committee update since February 2023

We were very grateful to the councillor for Drum Brae for accepting our amendment in full.

Queensferry High School / new Kirkliston High School

Kevin attended the last meeting of the Queensferry High School Parent Council to set out the rationale for the motion which all four ward councillors backed in February to look at alternative sites for a new Kirkliston High School. There was a good discussion and Q&A as part of the meeting.

We are keeping in close contact with officers on this and are pleased to see that discussions/negotiations are ongoing with relevant landowners on alternative sites.

Scotstoun Avenue traffic calming

We are hoping that, after years of delay, we can finally see progress on the traffic calming at Scotstoun Avenue. Officers have now identified two locations (one at Wellhead Close and one between Moubray Grove and Atheling Grove) where raised table pedestrian crossing / traffic calming features could be installed.

These would require some accommodation works and a slight moving of the adjacent bus stops though. This is being checked with the Public Transport team and Lothian Buses.

[Edinburgh Green Space Trust consultation on George IV Park](#)

As with the community council directly, we've been informed by the Edinburgh Greenspace Trust of its intention to run a consultation on how George IV Park can be improved. The online survey will run until Friday 19 April.

[New primary catchments agreed](#)

The revised school catchment maps for Queensferry have now been agreed. These take into account the future building of the new primary school as part of the Builyeon Road housing development.

The vast majority of existing housing in Queensferry is unaffected by the changes. However, the new Taylor Wimpey homes at Scotstoun, along with Ferrymuir (not Ferrymuir Gate) and a very small part of Echline, will be moved into the new Builyeon Road catchment when the school is ready. It is expected that the new school will be built in time for take pupils from August 2027.

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Cllr Work

March 2024

[Dalmeny Kirk Café](#)

I was invited by Lindsay D'Onofrio, Manager of the Dalmeny Kirk Café to visit and meet the volunteers and users on Wednesday 20th March. This is Community Cafe run as part of the Edinburgh Community Cafe Network. One of the many initiatives they run is a community lunch at which people are given a hot two course meal, the opportunity to socialise and get advice from local organisations and they leave with a goody bag which they put together. One of the focuses at this lunch is on Fairtrade produce to tie in with Fairtrade's 30th anniversary.

[King George V Consultation Launch.](#)

Online Survey Questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ELGTKGVth> - this will be open from **Monday 25th March to Friday 19th April 2024**. There will be a drop-in event for children and families at **South Queensferry Library on Tuesday 9th April from 1-3pm**, where there will be opportunities for children, as well as parents/ carers to share their views on the park and the play area.

[Villa Road,](#)

I was contacted by several residents in Villa Road about a dispute over the area above the shops which I believe was at one time a communal drying area. It has been a car park for a while but there is a dispute over ownership, and I was contacted for help. I understand that residents who

live on the terraced houses on Villa Road have been told they can't use the car parking area above the shops as Hair Chair own this area.

As this area is private, I advised that if Hair Chair can prove they own/have bought this area and it does not affect Villa Road itself then the council would not get involved in a private legal dispute. I also advised to seek legal advice. I also suggested they may wish to contact QDCC, maybe knowing more about the history of this area.

Queensferry Town Centre

My colleague representing Drum Brae/Gyle, Cllr Euan Hyslop put a motion to Full Council last Thursday regarding Town Centre Status for Queensferry. I've attached the full motion. The motion was amended after the mover agreed to accept amendments from the Labour & Liberal Democrat Groups. I'll don't have the amended motion at hand but will try to get this for Monday.

8.10 By Councillor Hyslop - Queensferry Town Centre Designation "Council Notes:

(1) That Town and Local Centre designations are reviewed through the Local Development Plan process and that work has started on the Evidence Report that will inform early consultation as part of the preparation for City Plan 2040.

(2) That there are currently eight Town Centres in Edinburgh, outside of the City Centre Retail Core, that serve as a focal point for their local communities with a mix of shopping facilities and other commercial and community services.

(3) Notes that in the most recent review of Town Centres as part of the CityPlan2030 process Queensferry was ruled out of consideration due to the relatively low number of retail units when compared to other Town Centres.

(4) a) That the designation of 'Town Centre' grants protections to the important retailing function of defined centres through planning policies and can also lead to the allocation and prioritisation of Council resource

(b) One recent example of Queensferry's lack of designation meaning it has lost out is the Edinburgh's Winter Festivals tender specification which stated "The Contractor must deliver a programme of events (especially for Edinburgh's Christmas) within the city centre and reaching into the eight local town centres" which excluded Queensferry. City of Edinburgh Council - 21 March 2024 Page 13 of 28 Agrees:

(5) That Queensferry High Street and Local Centre is a focal point for the residents of Queensferry and surrounding communities of rural West Edinburgh that offers vital access to shopping facilities and other commercial and community services for local residents, and that this function must be enhanced and protected in order to allow residents in these growing communities to 'live well locally'.

(6) a) That the vitality of our local high streets is at risk due to the Cost of Living Crisis and the impact of associated pressures on small businesses and households.

(b) That the retail function of Queensferry High Street faces particular risk without the same protections that officially designated Town Centres are granted.

(7) That Edinburgh Council should consider Queensferry to all extents and purposes a ninth 'Town Centre' when considering its economic, social and cultural policies and that any future reports which outline expenditure or resource allocation to Town Centres include provision for Queensferry Town Centre regardless of any official designation in planning terms.

(8) That for reasons set out in this motion, there is a strong argument for designating the Local Centre of the historic Royal Burgh of Queensferry as a Town Centre in planning terms beyond mere consideration of the quantity of shopfronts. Requests: (

(9) That Officers prepare a report to the Planning Committee in 3 cycles which outlines the correct process for officially designating Queensferry High Street and Local Centre as an official Town Centre in Planning Terms. This should consider any possible way of expediting this designation before the adoption of the CityPlan 2040.

Regards,
Cllr Norman Work.

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Other Documents

Police Report



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward

Report To follow

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- [Property Security](#) * [Vehicle Security](#) * [Lock Snapping / Drilling](#) * [After Dark Home Security Advice](#)
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Forth Bridges Area Tourism – Karen Stewart

Forth Bridges Trail signs

New interpretation signs have been installed at the Forth Bridges Viewpoint and High Street Steps. Photography is planned by end of March to complete the page on the website [Forth Bridges Trail \(theforthbridges.org\)](https://theforthbridges.org) Launch activity will follow.

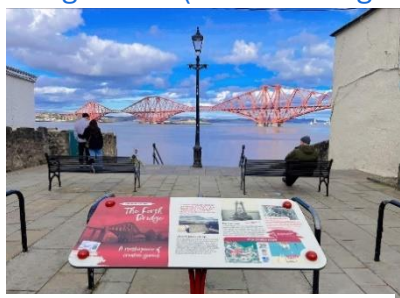


PHOTO BY LYNSEY KNOX

The directional signs at either end of the Forth Road Bridge are expected to be installed by BEAR in May.

The tender for the final phase in 2024/25, which is funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, has a submission deadline of 22nd March, covering refurbishment of 3 x Queensferry gateway signs and further directional fingerpost signs. I will share the proposed locations for discussion with QDCC when available.

Website and social media

Features and local social media coverage continue with new articles covering "Dine With a View" and Easter activities.

[Dine with a View at The Forth Bridges](#)

[Spring in Scotland: The Forth Bridges at Easter](#)

Pre-season tourism business meeting

A meeting has been arranged for 23rd April in Thirty Knots for local tourism businesses to meet for updates on Forth Bridges Tourism, Cruise Forth and Forever Edinburgh, with networking opportunities.

Rotary Club of South Queensferry

No report this month

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Queensferry Heritage Trust



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March 2024

Talks Programme

Our final talk of the season is on 19.30 Wednesday 27th
March 2024:

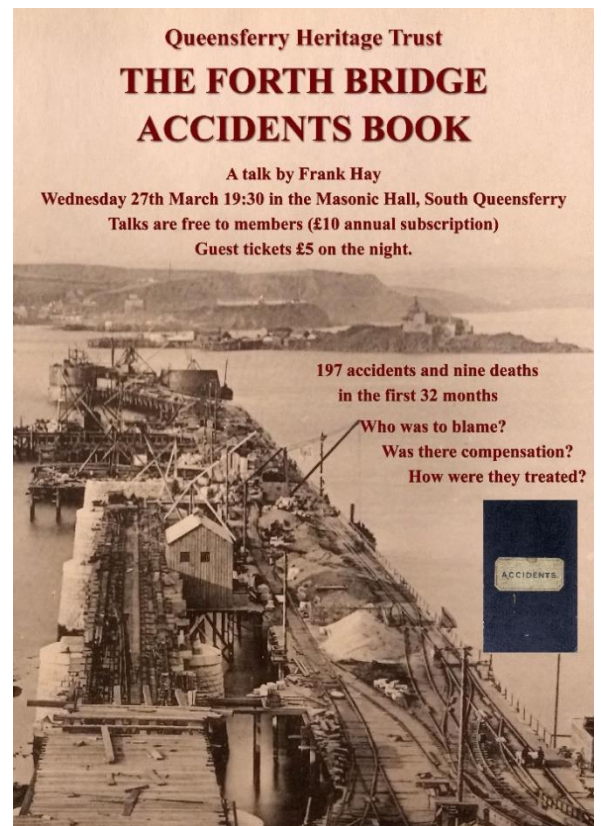
Annual General Meeting: 19.00 Wednesday 17th April
2024

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Agenda

QDCC March Business Meeting
Monday 25th March 2024 at 7.30pm (Online Meeting)

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

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 18th March 2024

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Previous Minutes

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 26 February 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, Kenny Manson (QHS) (part meeting), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Apologies	David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Louise Young, Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	<p>Keith summarised the key points from this month's report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road Safety – speed checks including Builyeon and Bo'ness Roads, with further checks in coming weeks. Anti-social driving incidents continue to be a priority.• ASB – incident reported near Dalmeny Estate.• Vandalism – involving damaged tyre. <p>Community drop-in event on Mon 11 March, 17.30-19.30 at the Library, for residents and others to discuss any issues affecting them.</p>
4. QDCC Business Query	<p>Keith drew members attention to email correspondence received that day with Cllr Young, following the issue of his Chair's report. The report noted 2 recent additional meetings for elected Community Councillors, with the 2nd meeting extended to Local Interest Group representatives and one had attended. The meetings had been organised to discuss how best to handle the significant increase in QDCC's business workload in 2024 and the volunteer resource available. A project group approach was proposed for each business item comprising 2-3 people working alongside existing QDCC sub-committees and groups. Cllr Young had queried whether the additional meetings were compliant with the CC Scheme rules as they hadn't been made open to the public or advertised and had referred them to the CEC Governance team for advice. QDCC discussed the point being made but did not feel that the action taken in arranging these meeting was non-compliant. This would be relayed back to Cllr Young.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> – after further feedback from members it was proposed QDCC would also contact CEC Governance for clarity on the CC Scheme regulations for the circumstances described.</p>

	ACTION: QDCC to seek guidance from CEC Governance on the acceptability within the CC Scheme rules of holding meetings of elected Community Councillors to discuss handling conduct of business.
5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Jan 2024)	Minutes proposed by David F and seconded by Anne Marie.
6. Matters Arising	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. CEC awaiting information from Cala, understood paperwork submitted, works completed, and CEC notified. Unsure what CEC still require, Cllr Work pursuing.</p> <p>ONGOING – Cllr Work to chase with CEC.</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2022</u></p> <p>CDT: Terry to initiate work on taking forward CDT proposal. Subject to outcomes of discussions with CEC, Queensferry Assets review etc.</p> <p>CLOSED – to be progressed via separate LPP proposals.</p> <p><u>FEBRUARY 2023</u></p> <p>Echline Footpaths: CEC contacted by QDCC and agreed to inspect paths and consider temporary repairs. Adoption status questioned. CEC agreed to resurface, unsure if this is ‘slurry spray’ referred to Jan 24 or full repair.</p> <p>ONGOING – queried with CEC.</p> <p><u>MARCH 2023</u></p> <p>Future Cemetery Provision: CEC estimate 2-3 yr capacity available at Queensferry cemetery based on current data. Looking into potential sites locally, and more generally across West Edinburgh.</p> <p>CLOSED – to be included in Local Assets Review work.</p> <p><u>JULY 2023</u></p> <p>Leuchold Gate Wall: CEC and Dalmeny Estate in dispute over cause of damage to wall.</p> <p>CLOSED – covered in Environment report, repairs to wall now underway.</p> <p><u>SEPTEMBER 2023</u></p> <p>Scotstoun Avenue: Status of traffic calming work using s75 money to be queried with CEC. Chair received update from Paul Lawrence, CEC. Jan 24.</p> <p>ONGOING –proposals for work and timing being queried with CEC.</p> <p>Ferrymuir Road: Cllr Work to check with CEC re status of proposed crossing point on Ferrymuir Road nearer to Echline Roundabout.</p> <p>ONGOING – response awaited.</p> <p><u>JANUARY 2024</u></p> <p>Plymouth Brethren: 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>Lyndon to provide Terry with Project Manager contact details for church at Milton Farm when known. CLOSED – Terry in dialogue with Plymouth Brethren.</p> <p>KPS Transport: Terry to liaise with Michelle/Kenny on funding for KPS transition related transport to QHS. CLOSED – transport provided.</p> <p>FRB EV: Graeme to seek additional info from Transport Scotland on decommissioning EV charging points at FRB plaza. IN HAND – Min Secy to forward background info.</p> <p>Tesco: Anne Marie to consider formal thank you to Tesco for their assistance on various community projects across the year. CLOSED – thank you letter agreed.</p>
<p>7. Chair’s Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
<p>8. Almond Ward Councillor’s Reports</p>	<p>Cllr Work. Verbal report. Norman commented on the Education report on options for new KHS discussed at Full Council. He had supported the LibDem amendment asking CEC to explore options for a new site and bring these back to Council in June. He didn’t wish to see QHS extended and would vote for the K’liston Leisure Centre if that was the only option available in June. Laura asked about the correspondence between Cllr Lang and SG on allowing schools to be sited on green belt land. Norman advised the response from the Minister had laid the planning for the amendment. ACTION: Cllr Work to share SG correspondence on schools and green belt land with QDCC.</p> <p>Diane added a concern over timing and how long it would take to build a new school, QHS would likely reach capacity before ready for opening. Norman noted that if QHS were extended it could be on a temporary basis. Keith understood the extension option was to be permanent and asked that QDCC be kept updated on developments.</p> <p>Norman also advised that CEC had passed its budget for next year. Been a difficult decision on allocations to individual elements with each group offering up amendments. The background to the Council Tax freeze and SG offer of additional funds was also explained. ACTION: Cllr Work to send budget data analysis to QDCC for information.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting, In Louise’s absence any questions to be forwarded separately to LibDem Cllrs.</p>
<p>9. QHS</p>	<p>Kenny provided an update on current activity at QHS covering –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing changes with Kevin Thomas succeeding Michelle and Michael Clark backfilling Kevin’s post. • Recruitment exercise concluded with new staff joining in August.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLT conference looking at collaboration with other LAs and use of AI. • Curriculum plans and timetabling. • Preparation for SQA exams post Easter. <p>Neil asked if the JET programme is running and if effective. Kenny confirmed it was, support provided and this year success best for some time. Neil offered to discuss further with QHS, Kenny to pass this onto the person responsible.</p> <p>Keith thanked Kenny for the update, acknowledging a very busy time for QHS currently.</p>
<p>10. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised. Diane reminded everyone of 31 March financial year end date. Any outstanding payments or claims should be submitted within next 2 weeks.</p>
<p>11. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised. On the CC Scheme Review Terry added CEC officials had proposed an online meeting on the boundary review and scheme changes. He asked those wishing to attend to let him know, and he will confirm with CEC.</p> <p>ACTION: QDCC members to advise Terry if wish to attend CEC meeting on CC Scheme and Boundary change proposals.</p>
<p>12. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups</p>	<p>Reports submitted and circulated before the meeting.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> Diane seeking design plans for Scotstoun Avenue traffic calming. Cala housing at the east end of Builyeon Road started building. Completion on 208 properties at TW Hawthorn Gardens, play park being created. Scotstoun House checking status planning approved but not recorded in CEC portal, involves s75 funding. Keith suggested checking via Empowerment Team and would send link to Diane.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> Neil reported membership drive across Queensferry planned for Spring. He asked for help identifying new street names and locations, Diane to advise. It was understood plans were being considered on land at Ashburnham discussed at a previous meeting. Diane would monitor and advise further when any formal application is made.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> Grant commented on the deteriorating condition of Loch Road. He would chase up with Hopetoun Estate.</p> <p><u>Health & Wellbeing</u> Anne noted EVOG Community Mental Health Fund bids, one submission from Queensferry and had been supported. Neil asked about the local directory and asked if it could include the Rotary. He would provide a short note on this to Anne.</p>

	<p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>Graeme referred to meeting with Carolyn Fraser on this year's liner visits, and actions or improvements arising from last year including Bankhead Road arrangements. First liner due end April, Traffic Orders would be issued in March.</p> <p><u>Youth Development</u></p> <p>Anne Marie advised application for Community Grant been submitted, other funding sources being looked into. Keith suggested approach INEOS.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>David F reported request for crossing at Rosebery Avenue raised again by QPS, further surveys to be carried out. Volunteer numbers at ECW were reducing, Neil offered to provide help via Rotary, and suggested getting pupils involved in some Spring planting. David also proposed asking EPS parents to provide some assistance in maintaining the area.</p> <p><u>Environment</u></p> <p>Nothing further to add.</p> <p><u>QBC</u></p> <p>In Mark's absence Keith asked if Muir had any news to report on QBC. He noted the Club was getting ready for this year's sailing season. Muir also commented that the Harbour steps hadn't been repaired. He would check them again and advise Keith.</p>
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	<p>Relevant CEC and EACC correspondence, updates etc circulated by Terry and Keith respectively between meetings.</p> <p>Terry referred to the CC Scheme Review. Consultation ends mid-April, with new Scheme effective June. CC Election date on hold pending announcement of UK General Election date. EACC holding meeting Thurs 29 Feb, Gavin King to speak about the Scheme and Governance. Meeting link to be forwarded, QDCC members encouraged to attend.</p>
14. AOB	<p>Anne reported the continued unsafe condition of Jacob's Ladder, missing handrail and damaged steps. Neil undertook to contact CEC Park Ranger and seek an inspection of steps across Ferry Glen, including the Ladder. He would also consult with Rotary colleagues on handrail repairs.</p> <p>ACTION: Neil to contact Park Ranger regarding inspection of steps across Ferry Glen, including Jacob's Ladder.</p>
15. Questions from the floor	None raised.
16. Date and time of next meeting	<p>Monday 25 March 2024, at 7.30pm, via MS Teams.</p> <p>April meeting to be in-person, location/timing tbc.</p>