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# Monthly News

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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.

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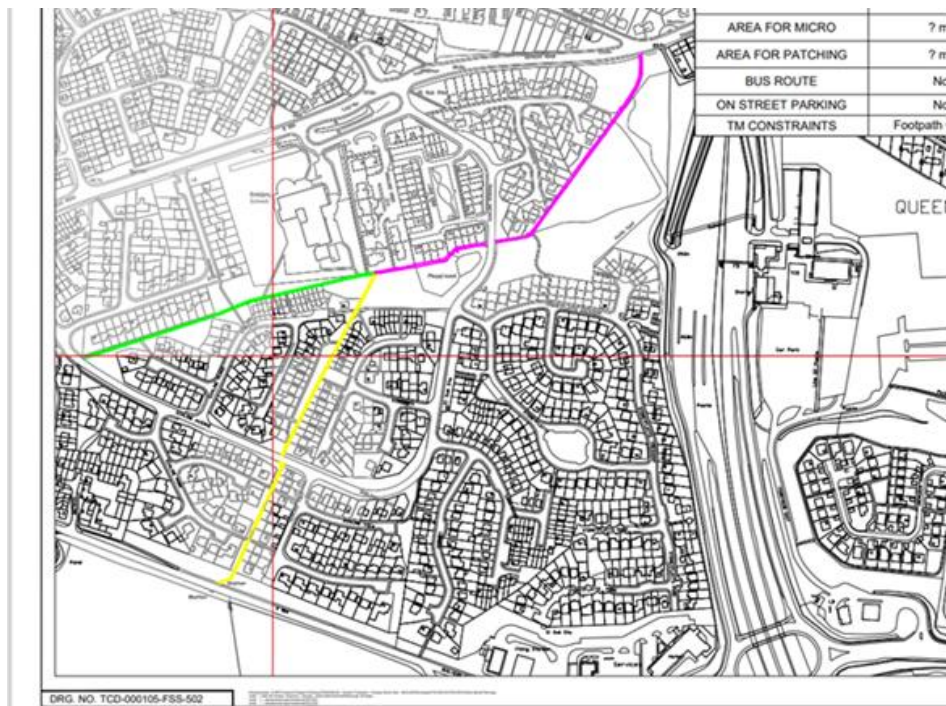
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# Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

QDCC Chairs report for business meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

## Echline Spinal Path

Following a meeting with active travel officers I was in email correspondence with them about the Echline spinal path. I have been advised...



*The Echline spinal paths can be divided up into three sections, shown coloured magenta, yellow and green on the map.*

Transport Contracts and Design team are currently preparing a contract for slurry sealing work, under which all three sections of these paths will be slurry sealed. This will not bring the paths up to adoptable standard but should still deliver a significant improvement in the short term.

In addition, the Active Travel team is currently managing design work for Transport Actions associated with the major new Housing developments in Queensferry, as set out in the [Local Development Plan Action Programme](#) (LDPAP). One of the Actions in the LDPAP is to upgrade the yellow and magenta path sections, which link the new developments south of Builyeon Road to the town centre. I'm not aware of any proposals to upgrade the green section.

Earlier this year QDCC had submitted a grant application to the PBIP fund for the work of upgrading the path. It has now been agreed that that any funding from the PBIP could be pulled from multiple sources and the Community Council and existing council project could work together on overall scheme improving the paths and crossings of the road etc further along the entire path.

## Other QDCC Business

Any other QDCC business I have been involved in has been supporting Executive members and convenors and will be reported by them.

Keith Giblett 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024

# Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – April 2024 Report

1. The QDCC mailbox has once again been fairly active since the March 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.

- The next stage of the Community Council Election and the Community Council Scheme/Boundary review consultation runs until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. My thanks to all who have provided feedback. A submission on behalf of QDCC is being prepared. A detailed response on behalf of EACC has also been shared.
- Discussions continue with CEC on the next steps associated with the Queensferry Assets and Services review. A formal update has been requested and will be shared as and when received.
- Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry. Next steps will be agreed once a response has been from CEC as above.
- Discussions have taken place with CALA Homes on the formulation of the CALA/QDCC Community Chest

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, (See Police report for further details), speeding on Scotstoun Avenue, multiple blocked gullies and subsequent flooding on Scotstoun Avenue (I have subsequently reported the blocked gullies to CEC), blocked drainage outlet in Morison Gardens, multiple mailings from SEPA, a bus lane query relating to The Forth Road Bridge, a request from Trainline to publish links on our website (which was rejected), a request for assistance from Hill Court residents relating to planned building repairs, a request for assistance in getting a birth certificate, a query from a concerned resident relating to the scaffolding above Ashley Clarke hairdressers the dropping of render into the gardens whilst still open to the public with no signage or barriers and a request for assistance relating to social housing availability

As usual an interesting selection of queries!

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

2. I attended an online meeting facilitated by Grant with Miles Wilkinson of CEC to discuss plans for the Echline path network, active travel and Scotstoun Avenue traffic calming.
3. Along with the Chair I met with representatives of CALA Homes to discuss plans for the Community Chest and to agree next steps in this process – details of which have already been shared.
4. I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councilors, and local residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.  
Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC related activity.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2024

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## Treasurer' Report – Diane Job April 2024

### **Money in this month:**

None

### **Money out this month:**

None

**Total CC Funds - £1182.97**

### Community Facility Funding

#### **Virgin Money**

Cash Management Account - £18602.65

95 Day Notice Account - £63824.18.

**Nationwide** - £90260.36

**Barclays Bank** - £85654.37

**RBS** - £88969.11

**Charity Bank** - £62144.97

**Community Facility Funding Total = £409455.64**

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 launched this month, promoting businesses and the town to residents, visitors and tourists alike. A free weekly newsletter 'From The Ferry' was launched on 9<sup>th</sup> April. 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 April 2024

The schools have been on holiday for two weeks and there have been no parents council meetings this month.

Next month, parents councils and Rosebery Hall will be holding their AGMs.

## Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

### Queensferry High School

The previously notified temporary absence of Mr Downie as Headteacher for the rest of term due to a personal health matter has been cancelled as of 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

### Information on Free School Meals

I wanted to share some information from the Scottish Government around free school meals as there have been some changes recently.

#### **Free school lunches in primary 1 to 5**

All children in primary 1 to 5, at schools run by their local council or funded by the Scottish Government, can get free school lunches during term-time. Your financial circumstances do not matter.

#### **Free School lunches after primary 5**

From 1 April 2024, children and young people will be eligible to receive free school meals through targeted provision if their parents or carers are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income support;
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance;
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance;
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Universal Credit (where their monthly earned income is not more than £796);
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, where their income is less than £19,995
- Both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit where their income is not more than £9,552.

The Regulations which seek to amend the eligibility criteria for recipients of both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit, or Universal Credit, can be viewed through the following web link: [The Education \(Scotland\) Act 1980 \(Modification\) Regulations 2024 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/2024/1000/1)

For more information about FSM along with details on how to apply, please see the links below:

<https://www.mygov.scot/primary-school-meals>

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/food-clothing/free-school-meals-school-clothing-grants>

### Youth Clubs

The youth clubs all return this week w/c 22/04/2024 after the easter break. The new Transition club to support P7s going into s1 starts May 2<sup>nd</sup>, this is a targeted club with up to 20 young people in attendance.

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# Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

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

I have spoken to the estates office regarding the lack of further work to re construct the wall. The same issue pertains, the estate is not willing to rebuild the wall until the root cause of the failure of the original wall has been determined as without this knowledge they believe it will simply fail again. And the respective engineers engaged by the estate and CEC clearly have differing views on the underlying cause.

However conscious of the protracted ongoing road traffic management measures in place the estate intends to erect a temporary fence in the affected stretch of the wall to allow the traffic management system to be removed allowing the free flowing of two way traffic and they hope this will be achieved before the end of the summer .

## [Jacobs Ladder](#)

I have reported the dangerous condition of some damaged risers and missing hand rails on the steps to the local park ranger and he has undertaken for repairs to be effected as they agree this presents a Health and Safety issue.

## [Rosebery Hall Gardens](#)

For the past 16 months the Rosebery Hall Management Committee supported by myself have been actively endeavouring to get the appropriate CEC department to reduce the height and width of the bank of trees toward the rear of the gardens as they are restricting the light to adjoining flats and are fowling overhead cables. Despite repeated approaches no work has commenced to date so a more firmly worded e mail has been sent to the department head by the Chair of the Management Committee and if this does not elicit action the matter will need to be escalated.

## [Schools Engagement](#)

With support from the GreenFerry team, practical vegetable growing lessons are being run at St Margaret's Primary School and Echline Primary School over the next 2 weeks. And Queensferry Primary School have also intimated they wish to be involved in sessions of this type.

I have run the first of 4 workshops at Echline Primary School to engage with 20 young people wishing to get involved in community support projects .Working with Anne Mitchell we will arrange for the pupils to write welcome letters to 20 "New Scots" families who have had to relocated to Scotland due to the situations within their own countries. Welcome packs will be made up containing the welcome letter a copy of the latest Spotlight magazine and a copy of a map of the town .We also hope to organise some contributions from the pupils/their families to support the local Community Fridge initiative and the Food Bank.

**Neil McKinlay**

**21st April 2024**

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# Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

April 2024

[Ferry Elves](#) have had their AGM and minutes attached. Accounts ready for submission to auditor. Also attached.

Participating with Rotary, school involvement to create welcome packs for New Scots. Also discussing how to optimize their strategy to cover mental health projects this year. To further this attended an open day in Cumbernauld shopping centre run by Rotary. It seemed to be a great success, mostly as all the stalls were in the middle of the shopping centre. Thinking hats now on.

[Voluntary sector forum](#) zoom meeting for north west area held this week

[Volunteering in Queensferry](#) poster is well visible in Tesco and the facebook page is well used by groups. Need to find a means of assessing success in recruiting help though.

[Carehome](#)

no further update

[New Scots in Taylor Wimpey](#)

no further update

[Fspan](#)

no further meetings

## Ferry Elves AGM 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

Present Anne Mitchell (chair), Liz Holmes (treasurer) Diane Job, Laura Sexton, Carol Duffin, Sandra Rennie, Ann Marie Boyd, Amy McKluskie, Janet Chambers

Apologies Lorna McAndie (secretary)

**Previous minutes** approved by Anne Marie Boyd seconded by Sandra Rennie with the inclusion of thanks to Almond neighbourhood network/ CEC for a very significant amount of funding of £2046, thanks to Rosebery hall plus 4 places for the pantomime from Forth Dimension

### **Chairs report**

Unusually, this year request for support have continued both through health visitors and primary school. This is not a large amount but is about 2 per month. Mostly from new families moving to the area with very tiny babies. So far have been lucky to get from the community and just clean or repair!

This is not what we asked peoples donations to cover but have managed to discuss with 2 donors who do not mind funds from them being used in this manner.

Do we need to review the constitution in light of this?



While applying for the Tesco tokens they would not progress without us having a safeguarding policy, I did point out that we never saw the children but as children are part of our focus had to create one. There are several templates on line and the one I selected does not focus on people having PVG but knowing what to do if concern is raised during our deliveries.

Edinburgh zoo were superb and provided us with tickets for adults and children allowing 12 families to visit between now and October. One of the families won a feeding experience which was incredible. Bus tickets were provided for adults too.

Unfortunately, because of the weather our numbers at the Rail bridge bistro were down to 20 but a great time was had by all who did manage – thanks to the volunteer drivers and the team at the Rail Bridge.

We have been nominated for an award by the Masonic lodge who are celebrating their 150th birthday. This ceremony will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> May

We have been successful in applying for a grant from Almond neighbourhood network /City of Edinburgh of £1200

### **Treasurers report**

Accounts ready to go to auditors with those of QDCC

Current balance £3359.18 having received £3845.60 and spent £ 2652.42

### **Office bearers**

During election of office bearers Laura Sexton kindly took chair

Chair remains Anne Mitchell; proposed Liz Holmes seconded AnnMarie Boyd

Secretary/ Administrator in absence but with agreement remains Lorna McAndie; proposed Sandra Rennie seconded Carol Duffin

Treasurer remains Liz Holmes; proposed Anne Mitchell seconded Amy McKluskie

Laura clarified that Ferry Elves are an informal group therefore unincorporated association. For the elected committee there is liability for debt incurred. In reality this is currently very unlikely as we have a healthy bank balance and only one person has the credit card for purchases and also has access to the bank statement. There appears no benefit to progressing to becoming a SCIO at present

Quorum is 4 members but Laura suggests we increase the actual number of members from 6. Diane Job and Laura Sexton both agreed to join

**Requests outside the Christmas** period were discussed. Currently these are about 2 per month and generally able to access from the community but we have paid for milk, nappies and more unusual individualised items. Concern was raised that Ferry Elves could become a default option for health visitors or schools as quicker or easier than an official route. Anne to discuss options available to health visitors and see if there is a way to pay forward/replace.

It was discussed about whether we should be able to gather data around families we support. In principle it is a good idea but then our ethos of anonymity makes this difficult. Several families come via health visitors or St Vincent de Paul who also deliver would mean very little comprehensive information would be available at present.

Request form for next year was approved.

**Constitution** should be reviewed annually. Felt that current constitution does allow for small numbers of referrals out with Christmas. It was agreed to add health visitor referrals to cover Kirkliston. Sandra offered to update the constitution

**Safeguarding** as our purpose states “support families with children” applying for funds from Tesco blue tokens insisted on a safeguarding policy. Finding a template that did not mean every volunteer had to have PVG was difficult and the one submitted was very legaleese! Suggestions to contact EVOG to get help to create a much simpler version.

Next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Rosebery Hall

25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Coats and shoes weekend

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 - bucket shake at Tesco South Queensferry. Now booked thanks to Anne-Marie.

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Gifts – Including Preloved items if wanted.

13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024 Food packages.

## FERRY ELVES TREASURER’S REPORT 2023-24

### Introduction

Ferry Elves opened its own bank account with Virgin Money in June 23, as discussed and agreed at the meeting on 23 April 23.

A table summarising transactions during the year is attached to this report. Additional detail is provided below.

### Receipts

The opening balance of £2,046 was transferred from QDCC between 28 June and 5 July 23.

During the year to 31 March 24 money received totalled £3,845.60 comprising -

- £2,546.50 in direct donations from 6 local and national organisations, and 3 members of the public. These range from a few pounds up to £800.
- £766.24 from the Just Giving online funding page.
- £526.40 from the Tesco weekend collection in November.
- £6.46 from bank cashback.

Tesco and Morrisons also donated gift cards to the value of £140, these were used to purchase items.

### Payments

Items purchased totalled £2,657.92 comprising –

- £983.78 for boys, girls and baby clothing.
- £435.20 for shoes, trainers.
- £649.84 on boys, girls, baby toys and gifts.
- £232.32 for parent/carer gifts, principally toiletry gift sets.
- £140 on purchase of All4One and Amazon gift cards for families.
- £42 on gift wrap, tape, labels.
- £15.28 for large black bags for item storage.
- £159.50 on ‘one-off items - a high chair, double buggy, TV remotes, kettle, baby formula and nappies.

Bank charges of £14.50 were incurred due to the increased number of transactions in Nov & Dec, as per bank account T&Cs.

### Closing Balance

The closing balance at 31 March 2024 was £3,359.18.

Liz Holmes  
Treasurer, Ferry Elves  
12 April 2024

## FERRY ELVES - RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS 2023-24

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening balance - ex QDCC	2,046.00
Donations	2,546.50
Just Giving	766.24
Tesco collection	526.40
Gift cards - Morrisons, Tesco	140.00
Bank cashback, Sept-March	6.46
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>6,031.60</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£</b>
Clothing – boys, girls, baby	983.78
Shoes, trainers – boys, girls	435.20
Toys, gifts – boys, girls, baby	649.84
Gifts - toiletry sets adults	232.32
Gift cards – All4One, Amazon	140.00
Gift wrap, tape, labels	42.00
Large black bags	15.28
Misc items	159.50
Bank charges, Nov & Dec	14.50
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>2,672.42</b>
<b>BALANCE at 31/3/24</b>	<b>3,359.18</b>

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# Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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## Applications

During the four week period eleven applications were received

24/01073/FUL - Erect outhouse home office - 7 Scotstoun Green

24/01300/FUL - Installation of replacement windows - 21 Rose Lane

24/01438/FUL - Proposed detached garage conversion - 92 Station Road

24/01505/FUL - Proposed side extension to dwelling to create utility, WC and storage on GF, new master bedroom and en-suite on first floor -33 Stewart Terrace

24/01424/ADV - Advertisement of the following types - Fascia sign, box sign, projecting sign. Up and down lights - floodlights - 24-26 Hopetoun Road (Inchcolm Inn)

24/01479/FUL - Change of use from Class 1 bakery to Class 3 (restricted) - 35B High Street

23/01782/FUL - Front porch extension - 21 Station Road

24/01379/FUL - Erect a new single story rear extension - 6 Gospatric Gardens

24/01672/FUL - Proposed change of use from garage to hobby room, install new glazing.

New proposed bay window at front. New window on first floor at rear and 2 no. new rear floodlights - 17 Hewlett Way

24/01770/FUL - Installation of replacement windows - 6 Ashburnham Loan

## Trees in a Conservation Area

24/01385/TCO - Large conifer approximately 35/40 foot in height (12 metres) - We are looking to remove this as it's growing in a wall and the wall is becoming unstable - Flat 4 22 Newhalls Road

## Decisions

During the four week period eight decisions were made

23/05568/CLESTL - The existing use of a boathouse as holiday let accommodation for more than 10 years of uninterrupted lettings - Boathouse Dundas Estate - GRANTED

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

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

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

23/04536/FULSTL - Change of use from flat (sui generis) to short-term let (sui generis) - 5 High Street - WITHDRAWN

24/01385/TCO - T1 - Conifer. Fell to ground level - Flat 4 22 Newhalls Road - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

24/00799/TCO - 1 small conifer, Fell to ground level 1 medium pine, Fell to ground level 1 Cherry, Fell to ground level 2 x Poplars - Withdrawn from notice - Queensferry Parish Church 26 The Loan - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

24/00658/FUL - Section 42 application for amendment to Condition 1 of Planning Ref:

19/05158/FUL for the Dalmeny Contractors Village - Ineos FPS Ltd Standingstone Road - GRANTED

## Planning Matters

### Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - whilst progress has been made for the traffic calming there hasn't been a date been given when this design will be finalised and the work progressed

### Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village

No update this month from Cala

### Bridgewater Village

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

### 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

QDCC were contacted from a homeowner in Hill Court asking if the community council could give advice regarding the survey taken by CEC to identify the repairs required for Hill Court and if there is any funding/assistance available to help homeowners with the cost, as the survey showed that the repairs needed to bring the block up to a required standard would cost just under a million pounds, which could be to the cost of approx £46,000 per flat. The survey also included the flats on West Terrace. There are 22 flats 6 of which are council owned. The building is registered in the Edinburgh Shared Repair Scheme and QDCC gave contact details of a CEC officer who may be able to help with advice. QDCC contacted our 4 councillors on their behalf with Cllr Work now progressing with this. It is a very worrying time for these residents

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

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# Transport – Grant Sangster

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- Road & Pavement Conditions** – Hopetoun Estate replied confirming their intention to progress Loch Road surface repairs would be carried out in April, and the patching is now complete despite the unfavourable weather conditions experienced. Slurry sealing of some Echline footpaths was also due in April but hasn't been done yet. Echline Avenue road resurfacing is due to begin on Monday 29 April, with the whole length of the street being replaced by the end of May. Access for pedestrians will be maintained throughout but drivers may be faced with occasional diversions via Bo'ness Road and some parking restrictions. Letters outlining expected working hours have been distributed to nearby properties. David reported that the issue with puddles forming around the driveway to 8A Station Road was highlighted to CEC last month and allocated a reference number. Given the recent heavy rainfall, impact photos are readily available.
- High Street Resurfacing** – Nothing new to report this month. 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 & Active Travel Proposals** – A meeting was held with CEC to review longer term plans for the Echline path network, and associated measures. This is mainly to assist sustainable people movement between housing estates around Echline or Builyeon Road and the central area of Queensferry. Under the proposals, paths would be widened to 3 metres where possible to support use by various modes and safer road crossing points installed. Short-term plans for Scotstoun Avenue were also reviewed, where the proposal is to introduce three speed tables along its length, coinciding with where the road is intersected by paths. These would integrate into the longer term proposals in the active travel design, which are considerably further-reaching.
- Future Streets Circulation Plan** – Some [proposals](#) from CEC were publicised over the past couple of months setting out changes that could be made to roads in the city centre and on key transport corridors. Some interventions are geared towards encouraging lifestyle changes and achieving net zero by 2030 targets. In general these could result in the private car becoming a less attractive choice for many journeys. The plans don't directly affect Queensferry or the A90, but given present intensive development in west Edinburgh an area highlighted for change is along the A8. It is recognised this may result in some traffic displacement which could affect Queensferry and the A90 corridor.
- Public Transport** – CEC's deadline to submit bids for the subsidised 63 bus contract passed in early April. The minimum service level that CEC proposed is an enhancement on the timetable McGill's run at the moment, which was introduced due to resource shortages a couple of years ago. Hopefully we'll hear more about the new contract award and operator within the coming months. McGill's will be operating the 3 Bridges Bus & Boat Tour service this year under their Brightbus brand, following Lothian's withdrawal. Minor changes to the 43 bus timetable took place at the end of March, as

previously advised. A half hourly frequency is now maintained until the end of service every night of the week.

Grant Sangster  
Transport Sub-Committee Convenor  
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## Cllr Lang, cllr Young, cllr Younie

### April 2024 report

#### Local Development Plan

With Queensferry rapidly growing in size and ongoing issues around local facilities, we know there has been concern over losing even more greenbelt land to housing or other development.

This is why we fought hard to make sure Edinburgh Council's new local development plan would protect all the greenbelt land around Queensferry and Dalmeny for the coming years. This would mean strict policies would be in place against further development. The development plan had been submitted to the Scottish Government for approval and, last week, it confirmed its broad backing for the new plan. It means further development for new housing in the coming years will instead be focused on the many brownfield sites in Edinburgh which are sitting empty or under used.

#### 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.

#### Tender issued for Service 63

The tender to operate the 63 bus service in the coming years has now been issued. While the service is currently operated under McGills, there is no guarantee this will continue with other operators expressing interest.

Under agreed changes and in response to passenger demand, the 63 will be changed to terminate at the Gyle instead of Heriot Watt University. It will remain an hourly service.

#### Early Years Provision in South Queensferry

One of the biggest issues being raised with us by families across Queensferry and Dalmeny is the lack of local nursery places.

There has a big focus on providing enough school places for the growing number of children living locally, including a new primary as part of the Builyeon Road development. However, we know there is an increasing problem with a lack of pre-school nursery places. It has meant that, even with government funded hours, parents have struggled to find local places

for their children.

Council officers are currently looking at what additional facilities are needed to support Queensferry's growing population. We think a key priority must be providing a new nursery.

We intend to present our petition on the matter to officers to ensure that a new nursery is given priority.

### [Echline Avenue Resurfacing](#)

Full carriageway resurfacing works will be carried out on Echline Avenue, with works commencing on 29 April and running for ten weeks. The works will be undertaken between 07:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs Mondays to Fridays, in phases between junctions to allow access into adjacent streets and cul-de-sacs.

Residents and businesses will be kept informed through on-street signage, letters and personal visits from staff or contractors.

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## Cllr Work

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### [Echline Rigg](#)

An action point from last months meeting was to enquire about parking in Echline Rigg after a resident confronted someone parking in the front part of Echline Rigg. I contacted the council's Terrier & Data Officer who confirmed that their records show that Echline Rigg is adopted as shown on the attached plan. It was adopted on 28.04.1992. Robbie Lyell stated that there was no information to suggest that the status has changed.

I then contacted parking enforcement who said that these residents only parking signs were not enforceable and that the signs department in the council had been contacted to investigate and remove the signs if necessary.

### [Adopted roads](#)

By the time of writing this report I have no update on when the remaining roads in Dalmeny Park will be adopted. I will email Karl Ivan again and try to get an update for Monday's meeting.

I may have more to report on Monday as I'm trying to find information about a survey carried out for repairs to Hill Court.

Cllr Norman Work

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work.

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## Other Documents

# Queensferry and District Community Council Annual Accounts 2023-2024 Summary

### Income for the year

CEC Annual Grant - £703.12

CALA Donation for Ferry Elves - £800.00

CALA Donation for Guardian Project landscaping - £650.00

### Expenditure

#### Echline Community Woodland Expenses (ECW)

CWA Membership - £10.00

#### QDCC Running Costs

Zurich Liability Insurance - £112.00

CEC Tenant Insurance - £117.17

Website & MS Teams Costs - £286.31

Accountant Fees - £90.00

Printer Materials - £12.99

CC expenses for care home visit - £20.00

Rosebery Hall Lets for meetings - £90.00

Priory Church let for INEOS presentation - £75.00

#### Donations etc

Remembrance wreath - £32.40

Get well Flowers £17.50

Retirement Gift - £30.00

#### Guardian of The Bridges

Deborah Ryan - Work on the Guardian of the Bridges Project - £1120.00

Fencing, signage, landscaping - £477.02

#### Hawes Seals Statue

Graciela Ainsworth - Work on the repair of the Hawes Seals - £1459.20

#### Ferry Elves

Cala donation transferred to Ferry Elves - £800.00

CEC Grant funding(from previous year) transferred - £2046.00

Grant funding was carried forward from the previous years accounts for the Hawes Seals repair, Guardian of the Bridges project and Ferry Elves - payments have been made in 2023-2024 accounts

Diane Job, QDCC Treasurer

# Police Report



## Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward March 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

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### **Road Safety**

Officers have been back out in the local area utilizing the hand-held speed radar (Speed Gun!). We have continued to carry out checks across South Queensferry, focusing on roads whereby the majority complaints have been received.

We will continue with targeted action in known problem areas over the coming month, concentrating our efforts around schools, addressing the issue of road safety for pupils and parents, making their way to and from the school premises.

### **Anti-Social Driving– 15 x reported incidents**

1 x incident relates to 3 youths on off-road bikes in the area of Station Road.

1 x incident relates to scrambler type bikes riding on Dalmeny Golf Course causing damage to the greens etc. – Enquiries ongoing.

All other incidents relate to anti-social driving/noise complaints in the area of Hawes Brae.

On 30/03/2024, we conducted a specific and targeted initiative in relation to the ongoing, frustrating and disruptive issues at Hawes Brae. The initiative was successful and has resulted in a number of warnings and formal action against drivers, alongside engagement on the evening itself. A full update was sent to residents, this has been added below for awareness.

We're currently working on options to increase the frequency of initiatives without the need to utilise additional resources, as this approach offers significantly more flexibility and will increase the number of initiatives we're able to plan and action. Upcoming initiatives will be high visibility with an emphasis on engagement, or will utilise in unmarked vehicles, targeting drivers committing road traffic offences.

### **Anti-social Behaviour/Youth Disorder: 3 x reported incidents**

2 x incident refers to youths in an unused building in the area of Society Road.

1 x incident relates to a large group of youths attending at Scotmid, The Loan, causing issues and assaulting a member of staff – Enquiries ongoing.

### **Vandalism/Damage: 3 x reported incidents**

2 x incidents relate to youths causing issues and damage at a property in the area of Moubray Grove – Suspects were identified and charged.

1 x incident relates to 2 x vehicles having been damaged in the area of Sommerville Gardens – Enquiries ongoing.

## **Bogus Caller: No incidents reported**

### **Update following Police action at Hawes Brae – 30/03/2024:**

*On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, local Officers carried out an initiative at Hawes Brae, throughout the evening and into the following morning. During the initiative, we observed numerous vehicles acting in an anti-social manner, excessively revving engines and driving in a potentially reckless manner. Retrospective action against those drivers has been/is being taken, with several drivers dealt with on the evening itself. At the conclusion of the evening, all drivers still within the car park were spoken with, warned against any form of anti-social behavior and advised of further Police action going forward, whereby a robust approach will be taken. Additionally, drivers were warned that Officers will be conducting vehicle checks to ensure vehicle standards are upheld.*

*All results were collated and recorded, to assist with future initiatives.*

*This issue remains a priority to Police Scotland, therefore, it is our intention to increase the frequency of initiatives going forward where resourcing, opportunity and proportionality allows. Euan and I, along with our command team within NW Edinburgh, are committed to tackling the ongoing issues, utilising a collaborative approach, alongside residents, the Queensferry & District Community Council, local Councilors and the City of Edinburgh Council.*

*Of note, we wanted to mention the importance of formal reporting and in particular, calls via 101. This allows us, when possible, to resource an incident at the time. As recently as the early hours of yesterday morning, an Anti-social Behaviour Order was issued against a vehicle in the area of Hawes Brae, by Officers in attendance following calls to Police. Additionally, calls to 101 allow us to evidence the impact the issues continue to have on residents. It is largely due to this evidence that we were able to plan and action this most recent initiative.*

*We hope this update provides you with reassurance that this disruptive, ongoing issue remains a priority to us. If you wish to discuss this further, we are happy to do so, either in person, via phone or email.*

#### **CONTACT US;**

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

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

**Twitter:** @EdinPolNW

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

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

## **Forth Bridges Area Tourism**

### **Cruise Ships**

The cruise ship season has started, with the first to arrive (Regal Princess) in Queensferry on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Currently 37 ships scheduled for Queensferry throughout the summer until October 3<sup>rd</sup>, with some staying over two days. MS Queen Anne will make its maiden voyage to Queensferry on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May and is expected to draw some attention. All subject to change.

The updated list of ships can be viewed on the [CruiseForth website](#) under 'Find My Ship'.

As part of the preparation, CruiseForth and Forth Bridges Area Tourism are holding a tourism briefing for local businesses and other stakeholders on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 10am at Thirty Knots.

### [Forth Bridges Trail](#)

New stops on the Forth Bridges Trail have been unveiled for World Heritage Day (Thursday 18 April 2024). The visitor trail, which showcases Scotland's iconic Forth Bridges and the distinctive historic communities of North and South Queensferry, has nine new trail stops along the route.

The Forth Bridges Trail is a five-mile circular route now bringing together 24 points of interest in North and South Queensferry and along the Forth Road Bridge offering historical facts, local tales and folklore and panoramic views of the three Bridges and the Firth of Forth. [Details on the Forth Bridges website.](#)

## Rotary Club of South Queensferry

April 2024

### [Relocation](#)

The club have recently re located from the Hawes Inn to the 30 Knots Restaurant.

### [Presentation](#)

I delivered a presentation to the Queensferry Heritage Trust members on the activities of Rotary following their recent AGM. We will meet again to consider ways in which both clubs can work together to raise awareness of our rich heritage and culture in an innovative and engaging way to a wider audience especially to our younger residents.

### [Gala Dinner](#)

On the 19<sup>th</sup> April our club hosted a gala dinner for 100 Rotarians (70 visiting members from Long Island USA and 30 Scottish members) at the Orocco Pier function suite . The "Briggers" gave a most informative talk and on the construction of the Forth Bridge which was well received. And the Forth Spirit ladies provided the musical entertainment. A wonderful evening was had by one and all and our club was very proud to showcase South Queensferry in all its glory.

### [Environmental team](#)

Our environmental team has started work to renovate the front garden area at the Haven, home of QDCC. Last year a new patio was built in the garden so folks visiting the Haven can sit out and enjoy the garden (weather permitting) .

**Neil McKinlay**

**21<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

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# Queensferry Heritage Trust



QUEENSFERRY  
HERITAGE  
TRUST

Promoting and protecting the  
heritage of Queensferry

## April 2024

### AGM

Annual General Meeting of Queensferry Heritage Trust was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024. QHT delivered a varied programme of talks on topical heritage issues including a particular focus on the creative arts this year. QHT has currently 73 members and a healthy balance sheet. The AGM was followed by an engaging talk from Neil McKinlay, President of Rotary, and a lively and productive discussion on areas of potential collaboration between QHT and Rotary.

### Queensferry Town Centre Designation

Our recent Newsletter included a piece to provide some background and context for the current debate on whether Queensferry should have Town Centre Designation. A copy of the paper is attached below.

## Should Queensferry have Town Centre status?

### Background

The 2013 Town Centre Action Plan was the Scottish Government's response to the National Review of Town Centres. The Town Centre Action Plan emphasised the role of town centres and the need to prioritise and support them. It promoted Town Centre First based around six themes (town centre living, accessible public services, proactive planning, digital towns, enterprising communities and vibrant local economies) to focus activities to improve town centres.

In June 2020, The Scottish Government commissioned a review of what had been achieved so far and what needed to change given the issues raised by the Covid pandemic and the challenges of climate change. The report, A New Future for Scotland's Town Centres was published in February 2021. See: [A New Future for Scotland's Town Centres - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/a-new-future-for-scotland-s-town-centres/pages/1-1-introduction.aspx)

Following this review The Scottish Government & COSLA (the voice of Local Authorities in Scotland) published a framework in 2022 which included new measures to revitalise town centres and regenerate local economies.

The proposed actions to better embed a "Town Centre First approach" includes:

- ensure town centre regeneration contributes to climate action by reducing emissions, investing in low carbon transport and creating more green spaces
- make town centre services as accessible as possible to help reduce unnecessary car journeys and prevent climate change
- incentivise entrepreneurship by delivering the ambitions set out in the National Strategy for Economic Transformation
- support businesses with town centre premises by exploring a new online sales tax that helps traditional businesses compete with those operating online



At the last full meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024, Councillor Hyslop (SNP Councillor for Drum Brae / Gyle) presented a motion to formally designate Queensferry as a “Town Centre” rather than a “Local Centre” in the Edinburgh City Plan 2040. He claimed that Queensferry was losing out by not being designated a Town Centre

and cited a recent example of not being included in Edinburgh’s Winter Festival’s Tender specification. He added that “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”.

An alternative motion was raised by Liberal Democrat Councillors for Council Officers to prepare a report on the pro and cons of Town Centre designation for Queensferry. They cited deep concerns about unintended consequences of bringing bureaucracy of the planning processes for retail businesses and losing protections in other areas.

See: [QDCC2024-Mar-Newsletter.pdf \(queensferrycommunitycouncil.co.uk\)](https://queensferrycommunitycouncil.co.uk/QDCC2024-Mar-Newsletter.pdf)

The alternative motion was carried and we now await the report.

## Observations

### **What defines a Town Centre?**

In designating Town Centres, City of Edinburgh Council seems to have relied heavily on the criterion of number of shop fronts. However, the 2021 Report warned against using specific criteria to define Towns:

“Defining by population, function, administrative governance or other measures can be excluding and raise artificial boundaries”.

Instead the report recognised that place principles to define the uniqueness of what makes a community special should be taken into account.

“Town centres comprise very diverse places across Scotland, and their exact nature depends on their local communities and local decisions”.

Meanwhile The Edinburgh City Plan 2030 has the following definition for a Town Centre in its glossary:

“Centres that provide a diverse and sustainable mix of activities and land uses which create an identity that signals the function and wider role”.

This would seem to allow ample scope for Queensferry to qualify as a designated Town Centre, given that we have a unique and eclectic mix of land uses including a functioning World Heritage Rail Bridge, a Promenade, Queensferry Museum, Queensferry Harbour, Rosebery Hall, Priory Church, Queensferry Library and Port Edgar as well as Residential Housing and Retail Units.

## Town Centres – a Tailored Approach

It is worth noting that the Edinburgh City Plan 2030 (p.139) recognises that:

“Each of the town centres in Edinburgh is different in terms of the current mix of uses and how well it is meeting the needs of those who live, work and shop in the surrounding area. In order to take account of these differences, this plan takes a tailored approach for each town centre”.

This approach, together with the specific protection relating to the World Heritage Rail Bridge (see p. 104), should go some way to mitigate concerns about unintended planning outcomes should Queensferry become designated as a Town Centre.

### Queensferry Place Plan

So we await the CEC report which will detail the pros and cons of Town Centre designation for Queensferry. Regardless of the outcome, we believe that creating a Place Plan for Queensferry is key to developing a vision and an actionable programme of works for the future development of our Community. Queensferry Heritage Trust looks forward to supporting Queensferry & District Community Council in making this a reality.

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# Agenda

QDCC April Business Meeting  
Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7.30pm – Rosebery Hall Court Room

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (March 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 – 15th April 2024

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# Previous Minutes

## Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 25 March 2024 at 7.30pm

## MS Teams – Virtual Meeting

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, David Flint, Diane Job, Muir Kay, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Grant Sangster, Laura Sexton, David Learmond (QHT), Mark Meredith (QBC), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

**Guest:** Kate Kirkwood, Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust (item 4).

<b>1. Chair's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting had been another busy month.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Keith Giblett (Chair), Kenny Manson (QHS), Cllr Kevin Lang, Police Scotland.
<b>3. Police Report</b>	March report awaited. <u>Post Meeting Note</u> – report received 27/3/24. Areas noted continue to be road safety, anti-social driving and behaviour, and vandalism. Drop-in session at the Library had offered opportunity to meet residents and others about issues important to them. Further session planned towards the Summer.
<b>4. King George V Park</b>	Terry introduced Kate Kirkwood, Greenspace Trust Project Officer for the King George V Park review. Kate explained the purpose and activities of the Trust. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Currently working with CEC on projects involving play.</li><li>• Consulting on play equipment at 3 parks in Edinburgh, including KGV.</li><li>• Seeking community views on existing equipment, suitability for use, accessibility to all ages, and what could be added or improved.</li><li>• Consultation closes 19 April, then report back to CEC.</li></ul> CEC will prepare in-house design following feedback and the Trust take forward delivery of changes/improvements. Diane welcomed the review asked about budget, previous experience at Dundas Park had raised expectations of things to include but financially couldn't all be provided. Kate advised will be a limit but the Trust may be able to assist, she would pick this up with colleagues.

	<p>Anne Marie asked about inclusivity and noted a parent raised money for swings. She also mentioned the work done by 'Play for All' charity and would pass on details to Kate to include in survey feedback.</p> <p>Terry thanked Kate for the update. Further QDCC help with the process and outcomes was available if needed.</p>
<b>5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Feb 24)</b>	Minutes proposed by Grant and seconded by Diane.
<b>6. Matters Arising</b>	<p><b><u>JANUARY 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption:</b> McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. CEC awaiting information from Cala, paperwork submitted, works completed, and CEC notified. Unsure what CEC still require. Cllr Work pursuing Jan 24.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Cllr Work continuing to chase with CEC.</p> <p><b><u>FEBRUARY 2023</u></b></p> <p><b>Echline Footpaths:</b> CEC contacted by QDCC and agreed to inspect paths and consider temporary repairs. Adoption status questioned. CEC agreed to resurface, with 'slurry spray'. More substantial work to bring north/south spine to required standard would be carried out later as part of Active Travel plans.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – spray sealing anticipated early April.</p> <p><b><u>SEPTEMBER 2023</u></b></p> <p><b>Scotstoun Avenue:</b> Status of traffic calming work using s75 money to be queried with CEC. Chair received update from Paul Lawrence, CEC. Jan 24. Proposals for work advised by CEC, include 3 raised 'tables', Mar 24.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – covered in Transport report, meeting arranged with CEC on plans and timing. Noted road condition is deteriorating.</p> <p><b>Ferrymuir Road:</b> Cllr Work to check with CEC re status of proposed crossing point on Ferrymuir Road nearer to Echline Roundabout.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – response awaited.</p> <p><b><u>JANUARY 2024</u></b></p> <p><b>FRB EV:</b> Graeme to seek additional info from Transport Scotland on decommissioning EV charging points at FRB plaza.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – awaiting response from Transport Scotland.</p> <p><b><u>FEBRUARY 2024</u></b></p> <p><b>QDCC Business Conduct:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – correspondence with CEC, and also picked up as part of current CC Scheme review, Keith handling.</p> <p><b>New School Site, Green Belt Land:</b> Cllr Work to share SG correspondence on schools and green belt land with QDCC.</p> <p><b>CLOSED</b> – done.</p>

	<p><b>CEC Budget:</b> Cllr Work to send 2024/25 budget data analysis to QDCC for information. <b>CLOSED</b> – done.</p> <p><b>CC Scheme Review:</b> QDCC members to advise Terry if wish to attend CEC meeting on CC Scheme and Boundary change proposals. <b>CLOSED</b> – EACC meeting with CEC officials 23 Mar, Keith Terry and Graeme attended. QDCC views submitted, points noted similar to those of other CCs. Consultation extended to May.</p> <p><b>Jacob’s Ladder:</b> Neil to contact Park Ranger regarding inspection of steps across Ferry Glen, including Jacob’s Ladder. <b>ONGOING</b> – Neil to action.</p>
<b>7. Chair’s Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. Questions to be sent to Terry to forward to Keith. None raised at meeting.</p>
<b>8. Almond Ward Councillor’s Reports</b>	<p><b>Cllr Work.</b> Report circulated before the meeting. Norman referred to the Council motion on Town Centre status raised by another CEC Councillor. Two amendments had been passed, including one from Queensferry LibDem Cllrs. He would send the amended version to QDCC. Benefits and disadvantages of adopting this specific status were discussed. More detail on Town Centre designation at p37 of Edinburgh City Plan. <b>ACTION: Cllr Work to forward approved CEC motion on Town Centre status to QDCC.</b></p> <p>Norman had been approached by Villa Road residents regarding parking. As the street is private and not owned by CEC he had asked them to contact QDCC with their concerns. Anne understood the query related to information on setting up a residents group or association.</p> <p>Anne Marie asked about a parking issue at Echline Rigg where residents were telling drivers it was their parking area, not public. As a result, visitors to EPS were parking on Echline Avenue which was dangerous and of concern. She asked if Norman could check if the area was public or private. <b>ACTION: Cllr Work to confirm status of car parking area at Echline Rigg, whether private land or council adopted.</b></p> <p><b>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</b> Joint report circulated before the meeting, In Kevin’s absence any questions to be forwarded to Terry to pass on. QDCC noted disappointment that this was 2nd meeting without LibDem representation.</p>
<b>9. Treasurer’s Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised. Diane commented on correspondence regarding the RBS account. Diane and Terry to discuss further with Chair.</p>

<p><b>10. Secretary's Report</b></p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
<p><b>11. Sub-Committees &amp; Local Interest Groups</b></p>	<p>Reports submitted and circulated before the meeting.</p> <p><u>Planning</u>  Diane confirmed s75 details for Scotstoun House development were being added to planning portal. She had attended a working group on more responsible construction, relevant more to the city than Queensferry. Muir enquired about work at Dalmeny House. It was understood this is to address a problem with the foundations. Part of the House was also now being used for weddings and events, Diane would review planning applications and confirm.</p> <p><u>Transport</u>  David L highlighted previous problem with drainage at Station Road, west end. The problem had resurfaced despite remedial work done last year. Grant to look into this and alert CEC. David would also advise residents that they can report concerns directly via the CEC website.  <b>ACTION: Grant to report recurrence of drainage issues at west end of Station Road to CEC, and seek feedback on previous remedial work including redress from contractors.</b></p> <p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing</u>  Anne and Diane had visited the Morrison Care Home at Dalgety Bay to get a feel for the style, layout, facilities etc. as this is the company providing the home at Builyleon Road. All was very positive. It was agreed appropriate notice of the opening date at Queensferry would be helpful to enable local residents to register interest, and for the community to seek employment opportunities.</p> <p>Terry asked about Ukrainian families now living in Queensferry. Anne had prepared some local information for them on health and other relevant matters but was uncertain if been issued. An update had been requested from John Beaton but no response was received.  <b>ACTION: Anne to check with John Beaton on provision of local information to Ukrainian families settling in Queensferry.</b></p> <p><u>Education</u>  Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p> <p><u>Communications</u>  Graeme highlighted a new information source 'Explore South Queensferry' currently in development.</p> <p><u>Youth Development</u>  Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p> <p><u>Environment</u>  Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p>

	<p><u>Rotary</u> Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p> <p><u>QHT</u> Next meeting Wed 27 March, on Forth Bridge Accident Book. Anne asked for contact on cleaning the Forth Bridge Memorial. David L would refer this to the Briggers at the meeting.</p> <p><u>QCCC</u> Gillian reported 10% cut to Health &amp; Social Care Partnerships contracts, effective July 24. This would be c£30k for QCCC. Review of individual care packages being carried out as a result. She thanked the Rotary for work on the garden area, including erecting a boundary fence, providing an area for people to sit out in good weather. A 'grand opening' was being planned.</p> <p><u>QBC</u> Mark asked about upgrade of facilities at the Hawes, for liner visitors. Graeme advised CEC working on temporary solution for toilets. Update on permanent solution also been requested, and shelter for volunteers.</p>
<b>12. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates</b>	<p>Relevant CEC and EACC correspondence, updates etc circulated by Terry and Keith respectively between meetings. Regarding CC Scheme review discussion earlier David L offered to submit comments from QHT. Terry confirmed this was acceptable and would liaise with David about this separately.</p>
<b>13. AOB</b>	<p>Graeme mentioned the recent 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of Queensferry Business Group. He had spoken about liner visits and the need to drive footfall through the High Street. A meeting on 23 April would discuss how local businesses might better target the cruise ship market.</p> <p>Muir commented on cars parking on Bankhead Road from B924 to Station Road on busy weekends. The road curved and has an incline making the sight-line when driving past the parked cars difficult and potentially dangerous. He felt this part of the road should be coned-off on busy weekend days.</p>
<b>14. Date and time of next meeting</b>	Monday 22 April 2024, at 7.30pm, Rosebery Hall.