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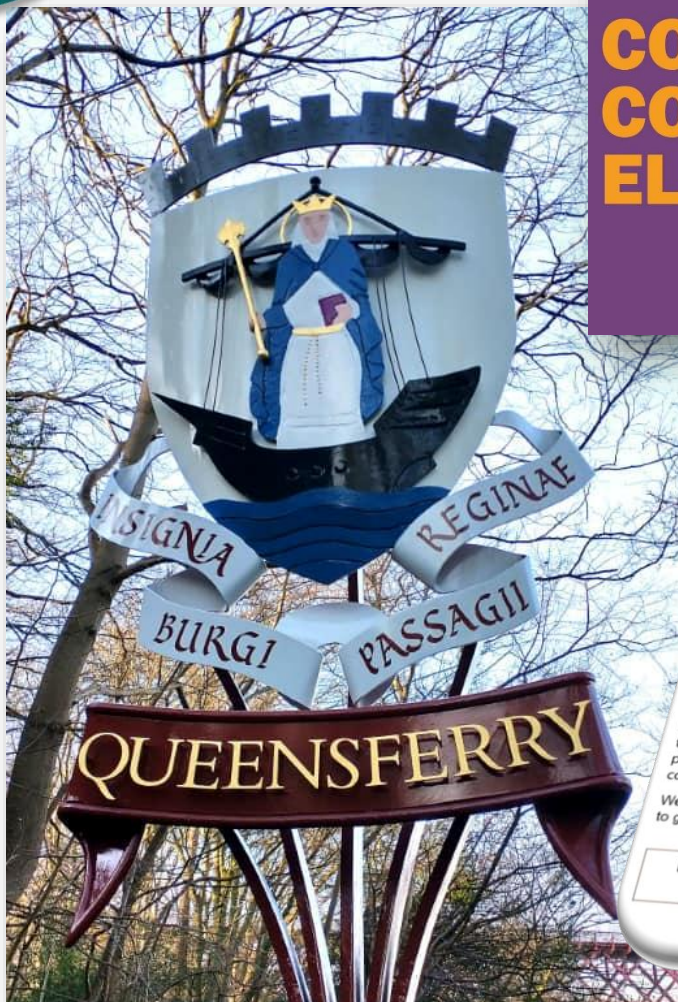
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Community Councils

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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 for the Business Meeting being held on Monday 27th Jan 2025

I have carried out the following duties over the last two months representing QDCC in my capacity as Chair supporting convenors and councillors undertaking community council work and activities. Some of the business below has been reported by the Secretary, Treasurer or relevant Convenor.

Community Council elections

QDCC has received a considerable amount of correspondence by CEC about preparations and intentions for the elections. The secretary has forwarded the relevant papers to you.

I attended the drop-in sessions held in the Library. The turn-out was disappointing but not surprising. QDCC needs to ensure we maximise the publicity promoting the vacancies on QDCC.

EACC Meetings AGM & Board meetings

I attended the EACC AGM meeting held at the end of November and supported by CEC governance officers. I was appointed to the Board. An interim Chair was appointed and the Board re-elected, attendance at the meeting was reasonable. Subsequently I have attended three board meetings the main topic being discussed is the CC Elections.

Anti-Social Driving – public meeting 18th December

Along with other community councillors I attended the public meeting held in the Rosebery Hall called by our MSP Alex Cole-Hamilton. The meeting was well attended and an update was provided by our MSP, Council officer, Police Scotland and Andy Scott. Attendees were invited to ask questions. The key points raised and discussed were a desire to close the Hawes Car park, the installation of speed cushions at the car park and the MSP has influenced the Scottish Government in establishing a working party to look at anti-social driving behaviours across Scotland.

Education Asset Review (Queensferry Living Well)

Along with the Secretary and Planning Convenor I have been working with CEC Officers to bring about the planned workshop to be held in February after the school mid-term break.

Place Plan

I have been in dialogue with Ironside Farrer about the Place Plan work and have an expectation that the first draft will come available shortly after the asset review workshop

High Street Improvement Meetings

I was invited to attend a meeting with the PM for the High Street works and be given an update. Funding has been secured to deliver the project and the desire is to start soonest.

There are few changes to the plans that had been previously briefed. The proposed plans were presented and discussed last week at the Queensferry Business Forum meeting which was well attended. The concerns by the High Street businesses is the impact on their business during the works and how this can be mitigated. Time-line options are now being worked on these will be presented to the businesses sometime in February.

Hawes Toilets Project

Along with QDCC convenors I was invited to a meeting to learn about the plans for replacing the Hawes Toilets. The project is being funded from the UK Prosperity Fund. The installation has to be completed by the financial year end. A modular unit is being proposed. I subsequently met on site with community Councillors and interested parties, HES, FBWH, and officers to look at suitable locations. More recently I attended a Teams meeting to be given an update. QDCC was asked for opinions about location, material colours and appearance. Later at their request I met with QHT Exec members.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 26th Jan '25.

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – Jan 2025 Report

1. QDCC mailbox activity slowed down getting closer to Christmas but has picked up again of late and we have returned to normal service since the November business meeting.

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

- Following notification from CEC on promotional events scheduled to advertise the forthcoming Community Council elections I wrote to CEC Governance on behalf of QDCC questioning the proposed venues – which didn't include either Queensferry or Kirkliston

Subsequently an event was held in Queensferry Library on 9th December that was attended by a number of Community Councillors and CEC Governance Officers. Some interesting discussions took place and a number of actions were agreed.

The Community Council election timetable has been finalized as follows:

- Notice of Election **5th February**
- Nominations **6th – 27th February**
- Where a poll is required **27th March**
- New CC term begins **28th March**

- Further dialogue with CEC Officers to discuss the outcome of the Assets Review (renamed Queensferry Living Well) has been ongoing since the November business meeting.

The next steps of engagement have been finalized as follows:

- Follow up stakeholder workshop (Feb 2025)
- 12 week online survey hosted on the Council's Consultation Hub (Feb -April)
- Two in-person public drop-in events in Queensferry (Feb/March)
- Primary and secondary stakeholder consultation email notification
- Young person focussed engagement with Queensferry PS
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Invitations to the follow up stakeholder workshop (February 18th Rosebery Hall) have been issued and dialogue with CEC Officers continues

- Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry.
- The CALA/QDCC Community Pledge was formally launched on November 1st and ran until 31st December. A total of 13 applications were received seeking funding of approximately £11000. A meeting was held with CALA to discuss and assess the applications as well as to agree awards. More details to follow shortly.
- An invitation from the office of The Lord Provost to attend a Civic Reception to celebrate. Views were sought and a response has been agreed and submitted.

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 couple of calls and responded to a number of online queries from residents on diverse topics such as (yet again) racers and anti-social behaviour on Newhalls Road/Hawes Carpark, speeding on Scotstoun Avenue and Dalmeny Park, concerns raised relating to a car event held on 2nd January in The Hawes Car Park, poor Scotrail provision of services at Dalmeny Station, Scottish Water updates on the sewer upgrade at Gote Lane, The QDCC/CALA Community Pledge, a request for information on commercial units at CALA Builyeon Road site, a request for help from a local resident relating to a roofing issue, concerns about the physical condition of Jacobs Ladder, updates on tree trimming activity on Dalmeny Estate, a complaint from a local resident on rubbish dumping/fly tipping and a request for information on plans for the High Street refurbishment.

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 QDCC, to Liz for recording and generating meeting minutes and to Graeme for organizing online meetings and the administration of our website and social media presence.

2. Along with fellow Community Councillors, I attended a session in The Library with CEC Governance Officers to publicise the forthcoming Community Council elections.

3. Along with fellow Community Councillors I attended a meeting with Robert Armstrong of CEC to receive an update on the plans and timetable for the High Street refurbishment
4. Along with fellow Community Councillors I attended a further meeting hosted by Marco Galli from CEC Parks and Greenspace to discuss plans for developing inclusive and accessible public toilet project for Queensferry as funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Options were discussed and a consensus reached on the preferred way forward.
5. I met with The Chair and The Treasurer to discuss ongoing QDCC business for the year ahead which included Community Council elections, CALA Pledge, Asset Review, Queensferry High School, Queensferry Place Plan, High Street refurbishment, Hawes Toilets and QDCC finances.
6. I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councilors, and residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC related activity.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 25th January 2025

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Treasurer' Report – Diane Job

December 2024 - January 2025

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - Place Plan Costs - £25.10

Total CC Funds - £6182.09

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - December interest £63.73 - £18792.50

95 Day Notice Account - Nov - Dec interest £385.64 - £65681.18

Nationwide - £90260.36

Barclays Bank - Sep - Nov interest £322.72 - £86618.93

RBS - £90429.80

Charity Bank - £62144.97

Community Facility Funding Total = £413927.74

Diane Job, QDCC Treasurer

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.

<p>QDCC Facebook Stats for 28 days up to 25 Jan : Views 36.9k, Engagement 2.5k. QDCC Website Stats for Dec : Views 921 from 480 visitors.</p>

Local Business Free Listings

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

Education/recreation report. January 25.

27th November. I attended the Queensferry High School Parents council meeting.

20th January. I attended the Rosebery Hall committee meeting. All reports were very favourable.

Unfortunately, the planned meeting of the Echline Community Group with Jude Moir (Echline PS.HT) on 24th January had to be postponed because of the storm. It is being rescheduled for 21st February. The proposal is to involve pupils in activities within the woodland.

Future meetings.

28th January. Queensferry High School. Parents Council.

30th January. Echline Primary School Parents Council.

David Flint.

Additional Education committee updates from Anne Marie Boyd...

Early Years Provision Models and Options

Tom Thumb Nursery closed on December 20th, I attended a meeting with the parent board from Tom Thumb, reasons for closure are due to staffing challenges and the increasing difficulty in competing with council-run nurseries and their more attractive salaries and benefits to recruit new staff. As a result, 30 children who were enrolled at Tom Thumb were required to find spaces within local Early Years settings. Most have found places, a couple didn't get the model they were previously using and have had to take what was available. This has now brought most of the nurseries up to full or near full capacity.

I have been in contact with schools and nurseries in the area to find out what spaces there are within their settings. While I am still waiting for responses from some settings, here's what I know so far:

Dalmeny Nursery: Currently full, with one child on the waiting list for the April intake.

Echline Nursery: Two full-day spaces available on Monday and Tuesday (8:30 am - 3:15 pm). However, there are two children on the waiting list for full-time spaces in April, which cannot be accommodated at the moment.

Forest Kindergarten: No spaces available, with one child on the waiting list for April (which currently cannot be accommodated).

All of the above can change with movement, people may leave or seek other provision.

Unfortunately, there is or soon will be a shortage of spaces within the early years provision in South Queensferry, with new estates being built locally there are concerns that even more children will struggle to find available places. Although Edinburgh City Council does have enough early years' provision in the wider locality, it may require some families in South Queensferry to travel into the city to access a funded space.

There are various early years models available to families, designed to accommodate different needs and preferences. All children after the term after they turn 3 are entitled to 1140 hours a year early years provision. These options include:

39-week settings:

Full-time, 5-day sessions.

Blended models: A child attends one setting for two days and another setting for two days, with an alternate Friday off, or they have a childminder.

52-week settings:

Two full days per week over 52 weeks.

Alternatively, morning and afternoon sessions can be arranged.

Forest Kindergarten (39 weeks):

Full days (8:15 am - 3:45 pm) for four days a week.

Blended model: A child can attend Forest Kindergarten for two days and another setting or childminder for two days.

Each family's needs are unique, so there are multiple options available depending on your circumstances. Additionally, some settings within Edinburgh Council now allow families to purchase additional hours if needed and there is also an option in some settings to purchase hours before your child is eligible for funding. You may be able to buy extra hours in Council nurseries before the term after your child's third birthday.

Example

child's birthday is 10th January 2022

you can buy hours from 10th January 2025 to 21st April 2025

funded nursery hours start from 22nd April 2025

The cost for extra hours is

£6.10 for 2 to 3 years olds

£5.60 for 3- to 5-year-olds

Information with regards to finding Early Learning and Childcare can be found here:

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

The Family Hub

The Family Hub provides support across Edinburgh to families who have a child or children not yet in an early learning and childcare setting. We can support families through one to one, home visiting support or through one of our Family Hub drop ins.

Northeast - Wednesdays at Craigmillar Library from 1:30pm - 2:30pm, term time only

Northwest - Family Hub drop-in groups offering stay and play sessions at Haven project within with Craigroyston Primary School, Wednesdays 9.30-11.30 and St. Thomas Church, Glasgow Road, Thursdays 1-2:30 pm. (term-time)

Southeast - Wednesday at Goodtrees Centre 10-11.15am and Valley Park Community Centre every Monday 11.30-12.30 for baby's aged 0-18 months.

Southwest - Monday - Oxgangs Neighbourhood centre from 10:30am-12:30 pm), Wednesday - St. Martins church from 10am-1pm (family time 10:30am-12:30pm); Thursday - Gate 55 from 10:30am-1:30pm (family time 11am-1pm)

For more information what we can do to help your family or families you work with, contact thefamilyhub@homestartedinburgh.org.uk

Youth Clubs

The youth clubs all returned week beginning 13th January. Tuesday club had 40 young people in attendance and Open all Hours 60. The clubs within Queensferry and Kirkliston still have the highest amount of young people attending. We are currently working on trying to secure funding for this year's summer fun programme. Anyone looking for information with regards to the clubs can contact Annemarie.youthtalk@gmail.com

School Information

Cyber Scotland Week 2025: Keeping children safe online

Tuesday 25 February 2025 | 5:30-6:30pm | Online (Zoom)

The internet can be a wonderful place for children and young people, but the online world also comes with risks, like inappropriate content, cyberbullying and scams. Police Scotland are keen to increase awareness around some of the risks associated with the digital world in order to keep the public safe online.

In partnership with Police Scotland's Cybercrime Harm Prevention Team, Parenting Across Scotland is hosting a virtual event for parents and carers during Cyber Scotland Week 2025. The event will explore how you can help keep yourself and your loved ones safe whilst online - there will be a short presentation by Police Scotland, followed by the opportunity to ask questions.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cyber-scotland-week-2025-keeping-children-safe-online-webinar-tickets-1109231424049?aff=Newsletterbulletin>

Anne Marie Boyd

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Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

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Storm Damage

The recent storm has felled a number of trees and fences across the woodland spine running through the centre of town which has blocked several pathways. This has been reported to the CEC Forestry Team and local Park Ranger. In the interim with the support of local volunteers we hope to clear sufficient material to permit passage along the paths

Jacobs Ladder

We are obtaining a quote from a contractor for the repairs to the steps and hand rails and thereafter will engage with various organisations, agencies and land owner to seek financial support to help pay for the necessary repairs.

Queensferry Heritage Trust

The local "Briggars" group will be showcasing their talk and riveting demonstration to various local primary school Head Teachers at Queensferry Primary School. Thereafter the intention is to run these presentations for pupils at each local primary school.

Echline Community Woodland Trust

ECW members will shortly meet with Jude Moir the Head Teacher of Echline Primary School to discuss how the pupils can become involved in the maintenance and development of the nearby woodland.

Neil McKinlay

25th January 2025

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

January 2025

Most of the work over December and January has been around the work of Ferry Elves. We supported 104 children over 45 families.

As well as providing our own families we shared preloved toys and clothes with Early years and the Baby bank. Older children's clothes were shared with Kids love clothes and toys for older children are waiting to be taken to River kids. Excess books have been donated to the Ferry fair bookshop

Even doing that we have a good store to start next year.

With financial donations from Just giving, our fundraising inside Tesco, donation from Cala, donation from the Scouts, donation from QPC, winning Tesco blue tokens funding and a surprise donation from Sigma we are in a sound position for next year

Gift donations were incredible -Tesco customers as always are incredibly generous, Ferry burn pharmacy, Scotts and 30 knots provided 6 families with a breakfast to meet Santa, people gave us turkeys to rehome and a brand-new bike.

This truly is a community charity that relies on community input including those mad elves that even did the looney dook.

Continue to work with GP practice and feedback to CEC comments on proposed boundary changes by other practices

Met with new lead for foodbank to discuss wider Queensferry needs

Pleased to see that a new group in Rosebery hall is supporting adult children from families affected by alcohol

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

December 2024 - January 2025

Applications

During the eight week period fifteen applications were received

24/05798/FULSTL - The change of use class, conversion and extension of an existing abandoned brick storage unit at shore level into a short term leased holiday let - 41 High Street (under car park old baths)

24/05900/FUL - Conversion of existing retail unit to "drive thru" restaurant and associated works - 1 Ferrymuir

24/05982/ADV - Advertisement of the following types: Fascia sign, box sign, projecting sign, hoarding, advance sign, building signage, site signage, totem signs and intercom equipment associated with Drive-Thru Starbucks -1 Ferrymuir
24/06029/FULSTL - Retrospective change of use from residential dwelling house (class 9) to short term let holiday accommodation (su Generis) - 11 Shore Road
24/06065/FUL - Internal alterations and roof alterations - 4 Harbour Lane
24/06030/FUL - External store - 30 Springfield View
24/06220/FUL - Proposed two-storey side extension and front porch - 1 William Black Place
24/05939/FUL - proposed extension to existing, wall-top mounted, stained timber and painted metal boundary fence - 3 Station Road
24/06257/CLP - Alterations to ground floor plan layout that will include addition of increase patio door width, move location of external single door on external elevations, extend into internal garage to form new utility room - 37 Dimma Park
24/06333/FUL - Single storey rear extension and single storey side extension - 45B Stoneyflatts Crescent

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

24/05705/CLP - Replacement of single glazed sash and case windows - Forthview West Station Road
24/06222/CLP - Proposed rear extension - 9 Packard Street
24/05932/CLP - Create a dropped kerb over the existing footway and creation of private driveway on my property for a single car - 37 Rosebery Avenue

Trees in conservation Area

24/05936/TCO - Common Holly removal - 3 Station Road
24/05874/TCO - 2 no. Conifer tree to remove all branches that are encroaching on car park lighting - Hawes Inn 7 Newhalls Road

Decisions

During the eight week period eighteen decisions were made

24/05105/CLP - Conversion of garage into habitable room - 3 Carswell Loan - GRANTED
24/04731/FUL - Proposed new three storey dwelling house on vacant land off Ashburnham Loan - Land 15 metres of 24 Ashburnham Loan -WITHDRAWN
24/05163/FUL - Garage conversion - 34 Echline - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT
24/04732/FUL - Proposed single storey extension to side of dwelling house - 18 Linn Mill - GRANTED
24/04633/CLE - Class 9 (Residential) use of the Lodge - Craigiehall Lodge Riverside Road Craigiehall - GRANTED
24/03680/FUL - 2 Storey side extension - 33 Long Crook - GRANTED
24/05936/TCO - Common holly removal - 3 Station Road - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
24/05457/LBC - Internal and external alterations associated with proposed residential development - 1 Scotstoun House - GRANTED
24/05459/CLP - Proposed rear extension - 49 Sandercombe Drive - GRANTED

24/04980/FUL - Section 2 to vary condition 2 to increase the gross floor area of unit 3 Petrol Filling Station/ancillary Convenience from 597 sqm to 580 sqm - Land 288 metres Southwest of 10 Builyeon Road - GRANTED

24/04984/ADV - Advertisement of the following types: Fascia sign, canopy - 7 Ferrymuir - GRANTED

24/04295/FUL - Single storey front and rear extension - 48 Springfield Crescent - GRANTED

24/04242/FUL - Retrospective application for outhouse and pergola. For outbuilding the start date is May 2020. The completion is May 2022. The pergola was started this summer (June 2024) and is still in progress - 5 Young Drive - GRANTED

24/05874/TCO - No 2 Conifer tree to remove all branches that are encroaching on car park lighting - Hawes Inn 7 Newhalls Road - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

24/05095/FUL - Propose erection of warehouse and all associated works (previously consented planning permission 22/03861/FUL) - Royal Elizabeth Yard Dalmeny - GRANTED

24/06239/WINPA - We are proposing to replace existing white painted timber window with new white double glazed uPVC windows. The new windows will harmonize with what is existing as with the surrounding buildings. The new windows will provide a slight nod to the existing by keeping the plant on astragals - 36 Ashburnham Loan - APPROVED

24/06222/CLP - Proposed rear extension - 9 Packard Street - GRANTED

24/04836/FUL - Convert an existing detached double garage into a granny annex - 11 Kirkliston Road – WITHDRAWN

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 - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

No update this month

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village - Lovell

Site build is going well last year Lovell completed approx. 120 properties which was a mix of private and rent, including 4 for CEC

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

No update this month

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No update this month

Forthview Development (Corus site)

No update this month

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport – Grant Sangster

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- 1. High Street Resurfacing** – At an update meeting in Q4 2024 we heard that preparations for High Street resurfacing were nearing completion and a way forward with the financial situation identified. The plan is to fund this project entirely from CEC's capital budget, breaking dependency on less stable sources. This relies on committee approval at the beginning of February formalising transfer into the City Mobility Plan. Contract tenders were being sought with a view to award in February 2025, at which point detailed phasing could be discussed. An April 2025 start date seemed viable under this plan. However in January, discussions between CEC and local businesses suggested they favoured postponing work until after the summer season. Additionally, traffic orders have not yet been advertised, where objections could also lead to delays. The true start date may become clearer over the next few weeks.
- 2. Active Travel & Traffic Calming** – We're aware some dialogue took place between CEC and Cala on the Builyeon Road situation but don't know the details. We requested a meeting with the council officer leading the project but haven't heard back yet. Other sub-projects within the scheme are the Echline spinal path and narrowing Scotstoun Avenue. An existing concern on Scotstoun Avenue is that school buses take advantage of its width by parking here for up to half an hour each day, arguably creating a hazard (although not yet acknowledged by the road safety team). If the road is narrowed as planned this may compound the issue, on top of the Queensferry High roll problem arising from last year's failure to settle Kirkliston's school catchment. Meanwhile interim traffic calming measures were installed by CEC on Scotstoun Avenue in the shape of white lining however it is still expected that further interventions can be done prior to full Active Travel rollout. The path between the Ambassador development and Hopetoun Crossroads is taking shape, which should help connectivity for High School pupils and general access to south-eastern Queensferry.
- 3. Edinburgh Airport Noise Action Plan** – The airport published an updated proposed noise action [plan](#) last year to cover the period up to 2029. This statutory document outlines how they intend to monitor, mitigate, and manage aircraft noise. Community consultation is a requirement and they're seeking any feedback by the end of January. Cramond & Barnton Community Council are submitting a detailed response. With few changes to the plan and the level of genuine concern over airport noise very low in Queensferry, we haven't offered comments. However note that the noise threshold to qualify for insulation assistance has been reduced by 3 dB for both day and nighttime flights, which may benefit some Queensferry residents.
- 4. Public Transport** – Welfare cabins occupying parking spaces at Dalmeny Station were removed as planned by the end of 2024. We received some correspondence about overcrowding and cancellations on Fife trains, which we took up with ScotRail. Several factors contributed to a carriage shortage during the final few months of 2024. These included driver unavailability for moving empty stock, manufacturer recalls, leaf slip damage, and breakdowns. Some of these are ongoing with others largely addressed.

ScotRail gave a summary of the number of carriages scheduled on each journey from Dalmeny. These are arranged to reflect passenger demand on the assumption that every train operates as planned. The list can be passed on to anyone interested. On the buses, fortunately a commercial service was operated in Queensferry over the festive season. There is no longer funding available from CEC to support routes at Christmas & New Year. We received an enquiry from Davidson's Mains & Silverknowes Association asking if QDCC are campaigning for improvements to the 43 bus service. Apparently they've picked up complaints from D Mains residents, although their nature wasn't stated.

Grant Sangster
Transport Sub-Committee Convenor
26 January 2025

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Cllr Lang, cllr Young, cllr Younie

January 2025 report

[Damage from Storm Eowyn](#)

We worked with constituents and officers in response to the considerable damage caused by Storm Eowyn last week. In particular, we were pleased to see action to address the damage caused to the roof of Echline Primary as well as other works to clear fallen trees and debris.

At time of writing, waste collections were returning to normal although some further delays were expected.

[Queensferry High School / new Kirkliston High](#)

We are concerned about a lack of follow up information after the majority decision of the Education Committee last year not to progress with a planning application for a new Kirkliston High School and instead to continue with plans for a permanent extension to Queensferry High. The Education Committee was supposed to get an additional report in September but no information has yet come forward. We are going to press officers on this at committee this coming week.

[Edinburgh Visitor Levy](#)

Edinburgh City Council has now approved the new visitor levy / tourist tax. It is expected this 5% charge on overnight stays from 24 July 2006 (booked from 1 October 2025) will bring in an annual income of almost £50 million by 2028/29.

We moved an amendment at committee which was accepted and enshrined the principle that all parts of the city should benefit from the levy income and not just the core city centre. We made specific reference to Queensferry as a key tourism destination and a place where additional investment was required.

[Queensferry Community Hub](#)

The consultation on the proposals for a community hub based around Queensferry Primary School is due to get underway in February.

The online survey will run for 12 weeks and be accompanied by drop in events at the library, Scotmid, QPS and Tesco. A separate stakeholder workshop will also take place in February with specific presentations to primary parent councils.

High Street project

We held two meetings with the team responsible for taking forward the High Street upgrade project. The good news is that confirmation of funding means the project can progress from this coming Spring with preliminary works commencing from April /May. After so many years of delays and uncertainty, it is exciting that works can begin at last.

We have also discussed with officers how the works can be phased along with traffic management options, to try and minimise disruption and impacting on local businesses. However, we recognise works of this scale will inevitably cause issues.

New Hawes public toilets

We held a meeting with the officer responsible for the new toilets at the Hawes. There have been two realistic options for the placing of the new toilets, the first near the Hawes Pier in front of the Bikers' Cove, the second at the west end of the Hawes car park.

We consulted with our constituents on these options with the western option being the preferred location. We have fed this into officers but have also set out our concerns on the initial design of the new toilets and whether these are in keeping with a conservation area and World Heritage Site.

While the delivery of these toilets is long overdue, we want to make sure we get the right solution for the long term.

Traffic calming Scotstoun Avenue / Dalmeny Park

In December, a petition was made to the Transport Committee to install traffic calming measures in the Dalmeny Park estate. A Liberal Democrat motion was accepted at committee in response to the petition which means a report will come to the March meeting setting out:

- a) Why the Scotstoun Avenue traffic calming measures, which were agreed as part of the 2013 planning consent for the Dalmeny Park estate, had still not been delivered.
- b) The current timetable for the delivery of these traffic calming measures.
- c) The work undertaken by officers in response to requests from ward councillors for new bollards within the estate to improve pedestrian safety.

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Cllr Work

No report at time of publication

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Other Documents

Rotary Club

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Burns Supper

The club will be holding its popular Burns Supper evening at Dalmeny Church Village Hall on the 31st January 2025

Casino Night

To support the cost of the events and programmes we run for local young people our Youth Servcie Team have organised a fund raising Casino Night at Kirkliston Bowling Club on the 7th February 2025

Neil McKinlay

25th January 2025

Queensferry Heritage Trust



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Proposed Toilet Facilities – Hawes Pier

Whilst recognising that new toilet facilities are long overdue, Queensferry Heritage Trust is disappointed in the quality, specification and visual aspect of this proposal. We do not believe it is appropriate in such a prominent position adjacent to our UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is also disappointing that there has been little public consultation on this matter.

We are grateful to Keith Giblett, Chair of Queensferry & District Community Council for meeting us at short notice brief us on his knowledge of the background. Our takeaway from this meeting is that:

- The project is part of an ongoing programme to improve access to public toilet facilities and is externally funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- If the project is delayed, or postponed, then there is no guarantee that the funds will be available.
- The replacement of the Hawes Pier facilities is one of a number of projects throughout Edinburgh with all these sharing a common design.
- No Planning Permission is required because of the size of these facilities.

- Refurbishment of the current facilities does not appear to be a viable option.
- There is a small budget within the proposal for landscaping and improving the visual impact.

QHT has contacted City of Edinburgh Council to make our views known and to ask for more detailed plans of what is being proposed. It seems that Queensferry has been presented with a fait accompli with little or no consideration of the appropriateness for our Conservation area and proximity to a World Heritage site. If the proposal is to go ahead then the location should be to the West and every effort should be made to mitigate the detrimental visual aspect.

Next Talk

INEOS

19.30 Wednesday 5th February 2025

A talk by David East, Communications Manager, INEOS O&P UK.

It is 50 years ago, this year, that oil first started flowing along the Forties Pipeline System. Our presentation will give an overview of this business, from North Sea fields to export at Hound Point. We'll also give you an insight into the work we have done, and continue to undertake, to ensure the sustainability of the INEOS businesses in Scotland and why that's important to a thriving modern society. All talks commence at 19.30 in the Masonic Hall, South Queensferry Talks are free to members (£10 annual subscription). Guest tickets £5 on the night.

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Police Report



Northwest Monthly Community Meeting Almond Ward

CONTACT US;

Email (for all ward areas): EdinburghCPTNorthWest@scotland.pnn.police.uk

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

Twitter: @EdinPolNW

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

Local Officers: PC Donald Macleod/PC Euan Sinclair

Report will be posted separately on QDCC's website if and when available.

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Agenda

QDCC January Business Meeting

Monday 27th January 2025 at 7.30pm – MS Teams online

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
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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 - including CEC Election Process & Promotion
12. Any Other Business
13. Questions from the floor
14. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 19th January 2025

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QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 25 November 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, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, David Learmond (QHT), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Edd Johnson, Hamways Ltd & Cameron Hall, BP Pulse.

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly business meeting, the last in 2024.
2. Apologies	Grant Sangster, Kenny Manson (QHS), Mark Meredith (QBC), Cllr Young, Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	The monthly Police report had been circulated. Keith highlighted the main areas of activity. These were road safety checks, anti-social driving, anti-social behaviour, and one vandalism incident. Questions or comments to be forwarded to Terry, none raised at the meeting.
4. Craigiehall Development	Keith introduced Edd Johnson and invited him to update QDCC on Hamways role at Craigiehall. Edd explained Hamways is a property investment company and manages 15,000 residential units across the UK. Currently in partnership with Miller Developments handling properties at Hillside Road, Hillside Terrace, Primrose Drive and Riverside Road. Some of those at Hillside Road are advertised for sale and a few are under offer. Diane noted children from Craigiehall fall into Queensferry schools catchment. QDCC would appreciate families being made aware of this particularly in relation to Dalmeny Primary. She also asked if prospective buyers were aware can't currently register with South Queensferry GP surgery. Edd undertook to ask the estate agents to note these points and advise new owners. Keith added due to a forthcoming change to CC boundaries, Craigiehall will come under Cramond & Barnton CC in future. Edd also noted this. Cllr Work asked if any social housing provision was included. Edd confirmed all for sale to general public. Keith thanked Edd for his update.
5. Builyeon Road Development	Keith welcomed Cameron Hall to the meeting to speak on the BP Pulse commercial development at the western end of Builyeon Road. Cameron

	<p>referred to the Dakota hotel presentation during the summer, which had been very well attended by local residents. Since then BP Pulse has purchased the site from Cala. Planning approval, including a 24 bay EV charging station, has been granted and work is underway with prospective operators for the supermarket and other 2 units. No named businesses yet, enquiries ongoing and will be notified in the new year.</p> <p>Diane raised a number of issues of potential concern including revised positioning of the supermarket, orientation and noise levels at the EV charging area, light pollution reduction measures as site will be 24/7, and impact reduction of odours from food outlet(s), especially for nearby Echline Cottages residents. Cameron gave assurances on these points.</p> <p>Anne asked if there was scope for change of use at one of the units, for a new dentist. Cameron advised usage been agreed and is unlikely to change. She also asked about placing a public access defibrillator on the site. Cameron agreed to contact her further on this.</p> <p>Keith asked about the existing BP petrol station once the new site is open and whether the company would be open to supporting it for community benefit, for example satellite GP surgery and dentist. Cameron said he would support community use and would ensure any proposal was presented to the appropriate people at BP.</p> <p>David L queried who the intended customers were at the new site and in relation to potential further expansion of the EV chargers. Cameron explained future thinking on this, placement next to major road network and the new bridge, just as previous location was next to FRB. Plans were for both local people and those travelling.</p> <p>Keith thanked Cameron for the informative update and wished to maintain dialogue going forward. He asked him to contact Diane or Terry if anything arose that needed QDCC input. Cameron advised potential opportunity for QDCC to speak with supermarket developer and others as the site progressed.</p>
<p>6. Minutes from Last Meeting (Oct 2024)</p>	<p>Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by David F.</p>
<p>7. Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. Information from Cala submitted, works completed, and CEC notified. Unsure what CEC still require. Cllr Work pursuing. CEC advise still waiting for CALA to submit forms for these streets, Oct 24.</p> <p>ONGOING – Keith to check with CALA what forms they submitted.</p> <p><u>SEPTEMBER 2023</u></p> <p>Scotstoun Avenue: Status of traffic calming work using s75 money queried with CEC. Proposals for work, including 3 raised speed ‘tables’ advised, Mar 24. Design phase largely complete for interim work to install three raised tables. Moubray Grove design remains a sticking point, Lothian Buses being consulted on requirements. With Active Travel and Road Safety Teams. Dave Sinclair reported there is a plan, needs Lothian Buses sign-off, Oct 24.</p> <p>ONGOING – Nothing further received from CEC, have asked Active Travel to contact QDCC for update.</p>

	<p>Ferrymuir Road Crossing Point: Cllr Work checking with CEC re status of proposed crossing point on Ferrymuir Road nearer to Echline Roundabout. Action pending conclusion of school catchment review consultation. Cllr Work monitoring. Also mentioned at public meeting on 18 Sept.</p> <p>ONGOING – Further 2 school reports now available, Cllr Work to forward to QDCC.</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 2024</p> <p>Local Assets Review: Terry to write to CEC requesting update on action. Met with Crawford McGhie, advised review in late stages and report being finalised. CEC also met with Ward Cllrs to discuss.</p> <p>ONGOING – Keith progressing, CEC considering another workshop in 2025.</p> <p>QHS Bus Parking: Safety and traffic calming concerns discussed with Dave Sinclair. Safety audit to be undertaken by the Roads Safety Team.</p> <p>ONGOING – CEC to carry out site visit.</p> <p>OCTOBER 2024</p> <p>John Muir Way: Cllr Work to check appropriate contact for rerouting JMW at Port Edgar and advise David L.</p> <p>ONGOING: In hand, Cllr Work to forward additional contact to David.</p> <p>GP Provision: QDCC to submit response to NHS Lothian on Barclays proposal to expand catchment area to include Queensferry.</p> <p>CLOSED – Response submitted, feedback awaited.</p>
<p>8. Chair’s Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p> <p>Keith noted 2024 had been a very demanding year for QDCC and he thanked all members for their input and meeting the challenges in the CC’s 38th year. The list of projects tackled had included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Street improvements, ongoing since 2008 • Liner visits, improvements in handling over last 2 years • Assets review, ongoing • Local Place Plan, ongoing • Community Chest funding, in association with Cala • Museum status and future • Hawes toilets improvements, to be in place by 31 March • Active travel and other transport related plans • Hawes car park issues, and Policing initiatives • Housing for Ukraine families • Schools engagement and support • Community support, including Ferry Elves, Christmas in Queensferry, and others. <p>Going forward, there are CC elections in March. QDCC will have an increase in elected Community Councillors from 9 to 12, important to ensure strong representation across the community. Promotion event at the Library on Mon 9 Dec, from 4-7pm. All encouraged to attend where possible.</p>

<p>9. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports</p>	<p>Cllr Work. Report circulated before the meeting. <u>Hawes Toilets</u> – Norman advised Ward Cllrs to be briefed that week on plans. He would send update via email. Keith noted location could be controversial, potential impact on World Heritage site. A site meeting was noted the following morning, Cllr Work to attend. Concerns on funding deadline of 31 March and on proposed design were raised. ACTION: Keith, Graeme, Anne, Terry, Diane and Cllr Work to meet to discuss Hawes Toilets Project. <u>Longcraig Pier Committee</u> – Graeme asked if any liner related issues had been raised at the recent meeting, and whether the Coastguard attend. Norman reported nothing material discussed on liners and that Coastguard do attend along with RNLI, the 2 tourist boat operators, and Carolyn Fraser from Forth Ports. Representation from Cruise Forth was queried, and would be discussed separately. Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Joint report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
<p>10. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised. Diane highlighted transfer of funds to Ferry Elves due to mistake by Cala. The £5,000 for the Community Chest had been received. A £25 donation had been made to Planning Aid for assistance on the Ashburnham planning application.</p>
<p>11. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting. David L queried the Queensferry Connections consultation correspondence circulated by Terry. ACTION: Terry to check status of Queensferry Connections, and advise David L.</p>
<p>12. Sub-Committees & Local Interest Groups</p>	<p><u>Planning</u> – report circulated before the meeting. Keith noted QDCC input on the Ashburnham Loan planning application and thanked all involved for their input. The application had been withdrawn. Neil also thanked those involved. A Residents Association had been formed as a result of this case, which would benefit all in the area concerned. <u>Health & Wellbeing</u> - report circulated before the meeting. Anne advised Ferry Elves awarded Tesco 'blue tokens' funding. This year's referrals were less than previous year. <u>Education</u> - report circulated before the meeting. David F reported a quiet month. Queensferry and Echline Primary Schools were both concerned about plans for QHS mainly those with younger children as they would be most affected by the time capacity is reached. <u>Environment</u> - report circulated before the meeting. Neil commented on the deterioration of Jacob's Ladder. Repairs were becoming a priority. Keith taking forward with relevant parties. <u>Rotary</u> - report circulated before the meeting.</p>

	<p>Neil advised ready for Christmas in Queensferry on the 28th. Santa's Sleigh schedule for tours of the burgh and static sites still being finalised, details would be sent to Graeme. Anne asked if routes were being revised to take in new housing developments, she had been asked about Taylor Wimpey. Neil was unsure but was dependent on volunteer resource availability.</p> <p><u>QCCC</u> Gillian provided an update on current QCCC matters, including Christmas plans. Four new volunteers had come forward for the Trishaw. Work was also ongoing on next year's funding, to be discussed further. ACTION: Gillian to meet with Anne and Laura on QCCC funding.</p> <p><u>QHT</u> - report circulated before the meeting. David L referred to the review report produced on the Barnados event. This had made some good points, including having a permanent visitor & education centre at the FRB.</p> <p><u>Youth Development</u> Anne Marie advised Blew Light disco on Fri 29th at QHS for P7 pupils. Training on use of Naloxone had been provided to adults and youngsters aged 14+.</p> <p><u>Communications</u> Graeme reported Facebook post on Harbour sewage works had 21,000 views. Website views were 1,000 in October. Christmas in Queensferry planning for Thurs 28th all in hand. He highlighted the main activities and organisations involved. Fundraising events included raffle and quiz night. The focus thereafter would be promoting QDCC elections, as discussed earlier.</p>
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	CEC/EACC updates circulated as received. Keith noted EACC AGM on Thurs 28 th .
14. AOB	None.
15. Questions from the Floor	None.
16. Date and time of next meeting	Monday 27 January 2025, via MS Teams.