



# Community Newsletter

June 2025

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# Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

June 2025

I have in the last month representing QDCC corresponded with CEC Officers and stakeholders and individual's enquiries.

## EACC Meetings

I have attended two EACC Board meetings over the last month. The business discussed that could be of interest to QDCC is noted below;

- CEC is to open a consultation (mid-summer) on 'community wealth-building' (CWB, Scot Gov-driven theme). CWB points at the periphery to the idea of community ownership of assets – potentially rewarding propositions but potentially 'ruinous'. (Same applies to community asset transfers).
- Living Streets AGM: Attended by Cllr. Stephen Jenkinson, Convener, Transport & Environment Committee. Appears to be taking a conciliatory line on over-ambitious / over-imagined / over-designed 'street' projects that cause public 'exasperation'. (Budget pullbacks are cutting the project 'shopping list' too.)



## Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Group (FBWHMG)

The management plan consultation has been launched, a press release has been issued, and the questionnaire will be promoted via social media from the organisations involved.

You can provide feedback through the link here : [Forth Bridge World Heritage Plan](#)

## Almond Neighbourhood Network Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> May '25

I chaired the Almond Neighbourhood Network meeting held in the Haven. I will circulate the minutes when they become available.

## Correspondence

- Jacobs Ladder: My enquiries to Network Rail and Scotrail about support and funding for repairs to Jacobs Ladder is as reported by the Environmental Convenor.
- Queensferry Museum: I have requested a meeting with Head of Museums, Karl Chapman for QDCC and the local interest groups to be given an update on any progress with improvements to the museum operations. A meeting date was offered for a date in July that clashes with summer holidays.

- Hawes Toilets Installation: I have requested a project update from the CEC Project Manager.
- As reported by the Planning Convenor I attended a meeting with Lar Housing to be given an update about their plans to commence building works.
- I have been corresponding with Council Officers who will be attending the June meeting to give updates to QDCC about the High Street Improvements project and the Active Travel and Builyeon Road Primary School.
- I represented QDCC at the Queensferry High School Junior Awards Ceremony. Approximately one hundred and fifty pupils in the presence of their Parents and Careers were recognised for their hard work and educational endeavours by being presented with a certificate and medal.

Keith Giblett Chair 15/06/25

## Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

June 2025

1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained fairly constant since the May meeting of the Community Council, and I continue to respond as best I can in a timely manner.

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

- Dialogue with CEC Officers to discuss the outcome of the Assets Review (renamed Queensferry Living Well) continues. A follow up meeting has been arranged for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June with Jane Iannerelli and Robbie Crockatt from CEC.
- Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry. We await confirmation on the availability of the draft plan and a date for the next workshop/public consultation.
- A virtual meeting was held with Robert Armstrong of CEC who is the Project Manager for the High Street Refurbishment. As a result, Robert will speak to the QDCC June Business Meeting to provide an update and next steps in the project
- A meeting was held with representatives from Lar Housing Trust who provided an update on the project. LHT indicated an onsite presence in terms of next stage activities from 28<sup>th</sup> July. A Facebook page will be launched and a section of the website dedicated to the site will also be set up. A start of construction mailshot is scheduled for early July.
- E-mails regarding Community Council management and ongoing activities have again been received from CEC Governance. All relevant details have been circulated for

information as required. I have updated the QDCC information for the CEC Community Council Directory with The Governance Team

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 full Community Council meeting, I have fielded a number of calls and responded to several online queries from residents including an uptick in the reporting of anti-social driving activity across Burgh again. Others included a request for information regarding placement of a traffic island between The Shell Garage and Tesco at Ferrymuir, a request for directional signage between Hopetoun Road and Shore Road, a request for assistance in giving away/donating a Yamaha Piano and a request for assistance from a local resident wishing to set up a mobile sauna.

My thanks as always go out 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 the administration of our website and social media presence.

2. 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.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Secretary – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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## Treasurer’ Report – Diane Job

June 2025

[Money in this month:](#)

None

[Money out this month:](#)

None

Total CC Funds - £917.99



## Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18852.58

95 Day Notice Account - May interest £172.83 - £66575.40

Nationwide - £93244.02

Barclays Bank - May Interest £288.76 - £87214.06

RBS - £91742.63

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £423718.38

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.

**QDCC Facebook Stats for 28 days up to 14<sup>th</sup> June :** Views 38.2k, Engagement 3,182. Interactions 131. Followers 4,031.

**QDCC Website Stats for June:** Views 410 from 205 visitors.

### 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 – Anne Marie Boyd

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## Queensferry Campus review

The Burgess Park Early years Campus review public consultation closed on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Some of the points raised by people filling in the consultation were.

- The loss of part of Burgess Park and the impact that would have on the community
- The impact on traffic and parking on Burgess Road and surrounding area
- The development potential of the depot site
- The opportunity to provide better access to services and facilities in Queensferry
- Access to NHS services in Queensferry
- Afterschool provision within Queensferry.

Some of the frequently asked questions and answers can be found:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/new-education-buildings/queensferry-campus>

I will be attending a meeting on June 16th, alongside several QDCC colleagues, with Jane Lannarelli and Robbie Crockatt from Edinburgh Council. The agenda will include the campus review, plans for the Builyeon Road school, and early years provision.

As of now, I've not received an update on the request I submitted to Robbie in early April regarding the current early year's capacity within the Queensferry community.

## High School Extension plans

There is no update as of yet.

## Echline Primary School

We would like to share that Mr. Moir, Headteacher of Echline Primary School, will be moving on to a new role as Headteacher of Corstorphine Primary School. His final day at Echline will be 26th June 2025.

Mr. Moir has been a tremendous asset to our school community, and his leadership, dedication, and warmth will be greatly missed. We thank him for all he has contributed during his time at Echline and wish him every success in this exciting new chapter.

## Queensferry primary School

I attended the Queensferry Primary School Council meeting and provided an overview of the key areas the Community Council has been focusing on over the past year, as well as ongoing projects.

Some points talked about:

- The need for a safe crossing point across Builyeon Road for new families in the area. I confirmed this is already on our radar, and our Transport Convenor is currently following it up.
- In relation to the high school extension, addressing the logistics around coach access and traffic flow on Station Road and Scotstoun Avenue, ensuring the best possible outcome for the community.
- We also discussed the High Street refurb, particularly around concerns and misinformation suggesting it will be closed throughout the upgrade works.

Additionally, the redirection of Builyeon Road through the new housing development was noted as a key issue, given its relevance to both the school and the wider school community.

I will share any further updates or information that may be of value or interest to the school community.

It was a really informative meeting. Notably, the pupils and staff have recently updated the school's Anti-Bullying Procedure and Policy, with significant input from the children themselves—their views, voices, and experiences played a major role in shaping the revisions.

## Youth Clubs



All four clubs remain well attended and popular. Will close for the summer break and work is continuing on the Summer Fun programme during three weeks of the holidays, thanks to the support of INEOS, CALA Community Chest and hopefully the Almond CGF, to be heard next week.

The clubs are much more than just activity based. Much of the work includes chat with young people around social issues, confidence, community ownership and pride, support

services and sometimes just someone who they can be open and relax with.



**AFTER SCHOOL ADVENTURES!**  
An exciting outdoor programme for P3-P7s based in the local green spaces of South Queensferry! School finish – 5:15pm

**OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS .SCOT**

**What will we do?**  
OutdoorClassrooms.Scot are delighted to offer after school adventures including **school pickup and walking bus from Echline and Queensferry Primary!**  
Our sessions are packed with nature-based activities, games, and exploration, it's the perfect way for children to unwind after school, have fun, and connect with the outdoors.  
**Prices from £15 per participant per session!**



**Where and when?**  
Our adventures will take place after school every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during term time, starting in August.  
We will collect pupils straight from each school and have a 'walking bus' to our green space of the day. Families can pickup at the end of the session from the car park at The Queensferry Sports and Community Hub at 5:15pm. We also have use of indoor space here when needed – perfect for shelter, games, and warm-up breaks during poor weather.

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# Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

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## Jacobs Ladder

Our Chair, Keith Giblett has approached Network Rail to ascertain if funding for the repairs might be possible via a Scotrail grant available to support local community initiatives or funded via a joint Network Rail /Scotrail project or with possible support from Balfour Beatty the main Forth Bridge contractors who have previously provided support. This issue remains a top priority for QDCC as a whole.

## Rosebery Halls Community Garden



The Greenferry and Rotary environmental teams have almost completed the renovation of the gardens and new steps have been installed in the first raised flower bed which to provide easier access to the rear areas of the garden.



## Queensferry Planting

Our annual delivery of plants courtesy of the Inch Nursery and CEC is expected early next week so the team will be busy planting up all the tubs and planters across town to help make the town look even more attractive for residents and visitors.

**Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor**

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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# Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

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## Community Grants

Attended open forum at Fountainbridge library to look at how local grants should be handled going forward for the whole city including Almond. This included decision making, how frequently applications should be made and equity.



## Housing Developments

Continue to liaise with Lovell homes about community impact issues around site. They have linked with local schools and are in discussion with various groups about the small number of retail units included in the plans. Preference by Lovell is to sell to one owner and they would manage subsequent lets but at least one company has stated a preference to buy the property outright. City of Edinburgh has obtained 20 properties. Both Sigma and Sanctuary are amongst the homeowners on site.

Met with CEC Housing at the Almond Neighbourhood Network and got a commitment from the officer to work with us in seeking to address the local social support services void which so many new residents relocated from the city centre are experiencing.

## Ferry Elves

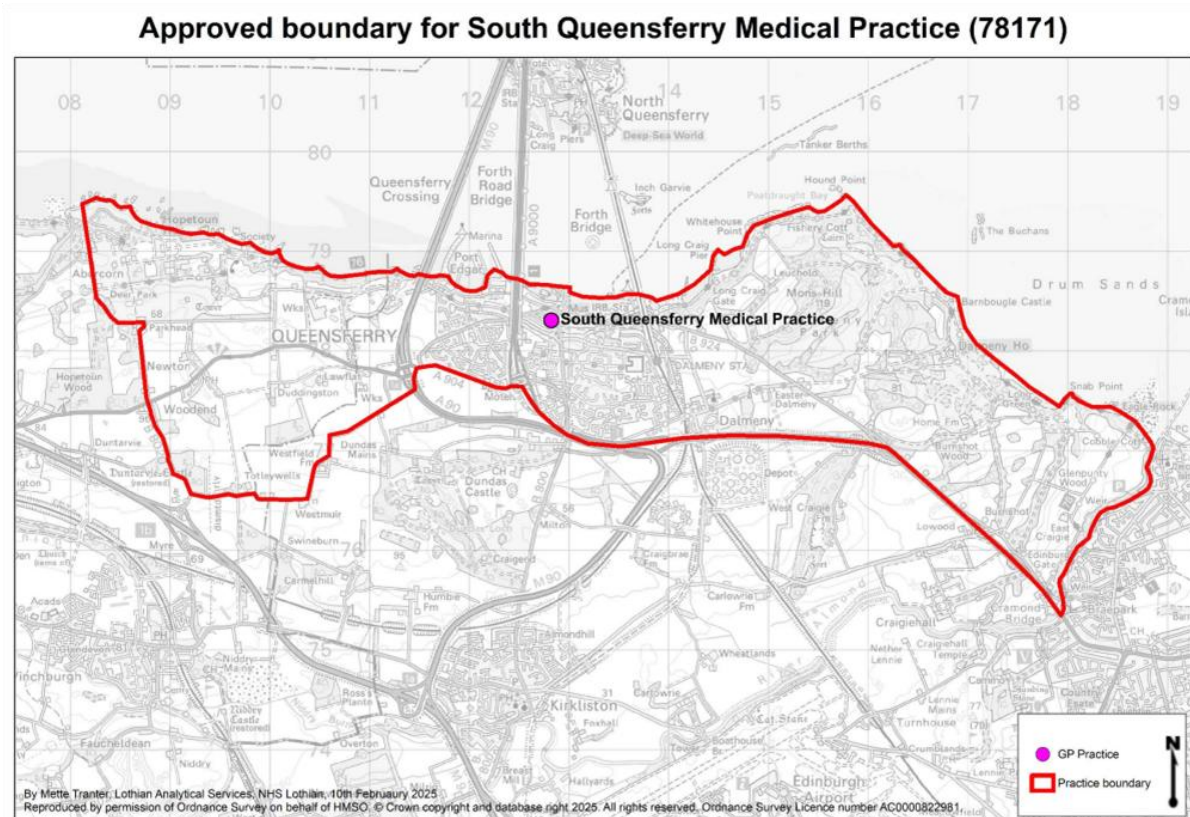
AGM is scheduled for 6.30 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June in Rosebery hall – all welcome

## Rosebery Hall AGM

Management committee have been re- elected; Mary Giblett chair, Anne Mitchell treasurer, Jan Cummings Secretary/vice chair, Margaret Lewis, Jane Harkin. Accounts were approved.

As a trial, management committee will employ janitorial cover Monday to Thursday evenings during term time starting in the August term. This should further reduce the need to share door codes and improve security for groups.

The committee is delighted with the work done in Rosebery Hall gardens by GreenFerry and Rotary. Paying for this project puts the gardens in a good place for regular maintenance which both Rosebery Hall and Orocco Pier support each year while the hard work is done by GreenFerry. Men's shed kindly created and donated a new sign for the garden.



## Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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### Applications

During the three week period six applications were received

25/02619/ADV - Advertisement of the following types : Fascia sign - 35 high Street (Debra Charity Shop)

25/02503/CLE - Material commencement of development at Dundas Estate granted planning permission on 15th August then extended for further five years. The development works comprise laying foundations prior to August 2000 - Land 285 metres southwest of Dundas Castle Dundas Estate

25/02147/FUL - Install a driveway on the sloped front garden and create an access to the garden (in retrospect) - 19 Burgess Road

25/02698/PRN - Prior Notification for a new GRP unit substation with chamber to cover electrical equipment - Proposed Substation 25 metres South Of 3 Lovers' Lane

25/02799/FUL - Proposed attic conversion and dormer extension to create bedroom and en-suite - 62 Rosebery Avenue

### Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

25/02717/CLP - Installation of replacement conservatory superstructure - 7 Ashburnham Loan

### Decisions

During the three week period eight decisions were made

25/01969/FUL - Proposed alterations and formation/replacement/enlargement of dormer - 3 Hugh Russell Place - GRANTED

25/01056/CLP - Proposed internal and external alterations to the existing double garage(as amended) - 11 Kirkliston Road - GRANTED

25/01786/FUL - Single storey extensions to rear and front - 30 Briggers Wynd - GRANTED

25/01659/ADV - Digital sign with posts in ground. Proposed Advertising Hoarding - 30 metres South of 1 Ashburnham Loan - REFUSED

25/01226/FUL - Alterations to and conversion of existing garage to form habitable accommodation ancillary to main dwelling - 75 Society Road - GRANTED

25/01183/FUL - Fit new windows below existing canopy to dorm porch and replace existing conservatory roof and frames with lightweight solid roof and new window - 16 Ashburnham Gardens - GRANTED

25/00243/FUL - External and internal alterations to existing dwelling house including removal of existing garage walls, erect two storey side extension and new rear dormer (as amended) - 11 Station Road - GRANTED

25/00244/FULSTL - Change of use of premises to short-term let accommodation - 18 Atheling Grove - REFUSED

## Planning Matters

### Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - work has been completed installing two speed tables and repositioning of 3 bus stops away from the speed tables - awaiting further information on the whole project

### Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

Cala are looking to have all the private units completed this year alongside 10 affordable units, which leaves one block of affordable apartments to be completed early 2026.

Cala visualise to be off site with all areas handed over to the relevant parties by the latest June 2026.

### Builyeon Road Development - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

Cala are waiting formal approval from Transport Scotland before they can complete the power supply to the development

Approval has been given for a construction access temporary road to minimise construction traffic activity with residential traffic and this will be just past the BP/McDonalds entrance which Cala aim to get underway over the next few months.

The western entrance will be reinstated with tar on Monday 17th June after delays due to Scottish Water. House sales are slowly picking up after an unusual quiet spell.

### Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village - Lovell

Lovell hosted an on-site meeting with QDCC reps and gave us an update on the homes being built. They have sold a few properties on the open market and hopefully more sales will follow. Private market rented properties for Sigma Capital (185 properties in total) are filling up and it is hoped that all will be handed over by the end of the year. It is hoped that all Sanctuary Housing Association social rented properties (100 properties in total) will be handed over by the end of the year. CEC are purchasing 20 properties in this development

### Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Nothing to report this month

### Forthview Development (Corus site)

No update

### LAR Development Port Edgar

QDCC reps met with representatives from LAR to discuss their plans for the site and the best ways of communicating with the Queensferry Community. LAR will be launching a Facebook page and a section of their website will be dedicated to this site over the next few weeks and have asked QDCC to share this information once available so they can reach as many local residents as possible. They will also be doing a mail drop regarding the start of construction on-site in July

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

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# Transport – Laura Sexton

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There are a number of roads and transport issues which are currently ongoing and are listed in the table below.

ISSUE	CURRENT POSITION
<p><b>Builyeon Road</b> – several residents have raised concerns on road safety matters regarding Builyeon Road. QDCC would like a temporary crossing installed as a matter of urgency to ensure that residents of the new Bridgewater village estate can have safe access to buses serving Builyeon Road and to provide safe access for pedestrians to walk to school and elsewhere.</p>	<p>QDCC has been in contact with CEC Road Transport officials about road safety concerns on Builyeon Road in response to several complaints by resident. CEC responded at the end of April 2025 confirming that the road safety audit has been undertaken in April 2025. The CEC team undertook a site visit to Builyeon Road and the team considered traffic movements, volumes and speeds, speed limits, the current road environment including signs and road markings, pedestrian generators such as bus stops, housing and retail, the temporary access arrangements that have been installed to facilitate the new development and any other factor which was observed to effect road function such as desire lines and road maintenance.</p> <p>QDCC sought a further update from CEC on 11 June 2025 and await a reply .</p> <p>QDCC have also raised the matter with Almond Ward Councillors who have been supportive and we are aware that the matter has been raised by our elected members directly with CEC..</p>



<p><b>High St refurb –</b>  QDCC welcome the plan for the work on the High Street refurbishment to be broken in to 20-30m chunks maintaining a traffic lane on north or south side for the majority of the schedule. The Queensferry Business Community has, however, raised the matter of support for businesses whilst the work is ongoing.</p>	<p>Lib Dem Councillors (Almond Ward) have confirmed that the CEC project manager is currently looking at the issue and will be communicating directly with businesses.</p>
<p><b>Burdock Rd</b>  Speed calming - the logic of the ramp at the north end directly at the roundabout is questionable. QDCC is not clear what purpose it serves as traffic is already slowed by the roundabout. There is also a risk that the next speed ramp gets avoided via the station car park.</p>	<p>QDCC has contacted CEC officials and Almond Ward Councillors on 11 June 2025 raising concerns and seeking removal of the ramp.</p>
<p><b>Anti Social Vehicle/ Motorcycles Use in South Queensferry</b>  QDCC attended the meeting on Anti Social Vehicle/Motorcycle use which was chaired by Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP. The speakers included the group of residents from Bridge House, Chief Inspector Clark from Police Scotland and Dave Sinclair, City of Edinburgh Council. There have been 3 public meetings on this issue over the past 12 months. This has led to a huge, ongoing Police Scotland operation focussed entirely on South Queensferry. There has also been significant investment in roadway redesign and traffic calming modifications around Queensferry. The Scottish Government has set up a Ministerial Task Force on Anti Social Vehicle Use, which will launch a nationwide campaign to crack down on the behaviour, this summer.</p> <p>The meeting heard from local residents who indicated that while some of the car racing has been reduced by the speed tables situated at the Hawes, the problem has shifted to motorbikes, driven largely by young men acting in an anti social way in the evening at night.</p> 	<p>There was agreement at the meeting to the proposal put forward by Alex Cole Hamilton MSP and Councillor Lewis Younie (Almond Ward CEC) to use the petition portal of the City of Edinburgh Council to take this out of the public meeting sphere and into the political sphere. If the petition gathers at least 50 signatures, the Transport Committee of CEC must put it on their agenda and vote on solutions.</p> <p>The solutions which they intend to put forward include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The closure of the Hawes Car Park at night including physical modification to make it inaccessible at night.</li> <li>2. The introduction of speed and noise monitoring of the High Street</li> <li>3. Enforcement action against pavement parking especially during anti-social hours</li> <li>4. Further traffic calming for areas still affected by racing e.g. Ferrymuir</li> </ol> <p>There was also advice given to provide any evidence of anti-social vehicle/motorcycle use, such as mobile phone footage to be sent to Police Scotland. Please send it to <a href="mailto:EdinburghCPTNorthWest@land.pnn.police.uk">EdinburghCPTNorthWest@land.pnn.police.uk</a></p>

<p><b>Hawes Brae</b> There is a need for double yellow lines on Hawes Brae south side and at the top of the Brae on the north side.</p>	<p>A community council is entitled to request a formal parking review which is required before a traffic regulation order process can progress (however the statutory processes mean this can take about 20 years in total).</p>
<p><b>Ferry Muir pedestrian crossing</b> There is an outstanding matter of a pedestrian crossing at Ferry Muir Road between Shell garage junction and Tesco service Rd. This was assessed by CEC a number of years ago and a pedestrian crossing was approved but has never been delivered</p>	<p>The pedestrian crossing was included in the transport committee list last year (<a href="#">see this link</a>). However, there are close to 100 sites which have been approved. The current levels of road safety funding being provided by the Scottish Government, coupled with what has been a big increase in the costs of new crossings (a pedestrian crossing now costs half a million pounds) mean only a very limited number of sites can be progressed each year. Given the growing concern over child safety, there has been a particular focus of the available money on new crossings and safety features around schools.</p>
<p><b>A90 Burnshot on slip road off the A90 for buses only</b> The CEC propose to have a bus gate operational between the hours of 0700 – 0900 hours on the slip road as you leave the A90 to get to the Burnshot Bridge.</p>	<p>QDCC has raised the matter with Almond Councillors seeking clarification and an assurance that residents from Craigiehall village and Kirkliston will still have access to the A90 during these times.</p>
<p><b>Binks Car Park: disabled parking bays</b> A disabled resident has asked whether CEC has undertaken an assessment of disabled parking provision being made available at the Binks Car Park.</p>	<p>QDCC has sought a response by CEC on this matter without success so far and has also raised the issue with Almond Ward Councillors</p>
<p><b>Ashburnham Estate:</b> residents are seeking double yellow lines on the entrance to Ashburnham estate. These are included in the traffic order for Station Road is expected to be published shortly by the City of Edinburgh Council. Ashburnham Residents have also sought the agreement of Queensferry High School to become a part of the Good Neighbour Scheme to ensure that parking by school staff/pupils is safe and considerate towards the neighbourhood surrounding the school.</p>	

<p><a href="#">Request for Road Sign to be installed at junction of Hopetoun Road at Shore Road</a></p> <p>A resident has asked for a road sign to be installed to clearly point towards the direction of the town centre at the junction of Hopetoun Road at Shore Road. The resident points out that the only signage that currently exists points towards Port Edgar and the Library.</p>	<p>QDCC will raise this with Almond Ward Councillors.</p>
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**LAURA SEXTON**

**QDCC: CONVENOR OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT SUB COMMITTEE , 15 JUNE 2025**

## Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

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### High St Refurb – Business Support

QDCC members met with Robert Armstrong, Project Manager and the issue of business support was raised. An explanation of the fully supported ITISON Voucher Scheme was given, which reimburses the business for the discount offer. This along with the support from Forever Edinburgh and Edinburgh Gateway, offers free marketing across the city and beyond. Disruption will be minimised throughout the construction plan with 20-30m sections worked on at a time and a traffic pass through for all but the pinch point sections. This effectively means that the majority of the High St remains intact throughout the project. Road signage and the business as usual message will be key to minimising psychological barriers. Dust and noise will also be controlled as best possible. No one is saying it will be trouble free but it would not appear to be the major upheaval and disruption being rumoured. QBG will continue to facilitate regular updates to businesses and a regular bulletin will be published for the community.

### Cruise Season

All ship arrivals can be viewed on the [CruiseForth website](#). The new public toilets are currently scheduled to be completed for a 20<sup>th</sup> June opening. The dedicated CEC team have been working on the coach management given the reduced car park space. Contrary to common misconception, liner visits do drive significant footfall as far as Port Edgar with varied results in trade, some businesses do very well, others report not. A number of businesses have taken the initiative to create a greater draw for passing footfall.

### Queensferry Museum

Recently hosted the Forth Bridges Creative Trail, which was very successful and the museum remains open Thursdays and Fridays. Early discussions on future use as a venue to support High St footfall and support local businesses based beyond the High St.

## General Trade

The recent BCN meeting discussed general support for businesses and what BCN should/ could be in future. There is support out there but gaining momentum in uptake is hard across the city. Forever Edinburgh are continuing their spotlight projects and will create video content free of charge to promote an area. We have requested Queensferry is brought forward in a very busy schedule but that demand and content really needs to come from the local businesses.



*Another local business has expanded in to the city centre with The Little Parlour opening a new shop in Stockbridge. The Crab & Lobster Fish Shack has now opened at Ferrymuir with great reception so far and Starbucks have now opened their new premises across the road. OutBoard have expanded their opening hours with entertainment on Friday evenings.*



The [Forth Bridges](#) , [Forever Edinburgh](#) and [CruiseForth](#) continue to promote the area citywide and beyond. There remains more opportunity to develop the VisitQueensferry brand, currently held by QDCC, for anyone wishing to take it onboard.



A great story about Harbour Lane Studio from Tori....

### Harbour Lane Studio

✨ A little bit of history behind our Harbour Lane shop in South Queensferry - the OG!

Before I moved in, it had been a mountain bike supplier, a photographer's studio with some very suspicious locks and lighting, a jeweller's workshop and a Thai massage place.

When I first stepped inside, it was full of random storage and slightly grim lighting... but something about it just felt right. I was originally looking for a creative workspace, but the moment I saw the layout, I knew it needed to be a shop too. Once I started peeling back the layers (and the plasterboard), we uncovered all sorts - random ovens, hidden nooks and little details that gave the place so much character.

There were quirks to fix... like swapping a strange extra door for a proper shop window (so I could do displays, my priority!) and transforming the old garage into an additional room with a roof that didn't leak.

It's never been the easiest space, we're not on the High Street and the outside doesn't exactly give away what's waiting inside. But I've grown to love all the weird corners, the hidden ovens, and the big surprise moment when people walk in and say, "Wait... it is so much bigger than I thought!"

Almost 10 years on, I still feel like this little tucked-away spot down the lane was the perfect (if slightly bonkers) place to start Harbour Lane.

Come and find us... look out for our little sign and the mermaid that sits upon the sign at the end of the lane. 🧜‍♀️







Another local success story...

### Professional Carers Edinburgh

A huge congratulations to our team who following a recent tender exercise undertaken by our company Directors, have successfully secured a new 10 year 'Care at Home' contract with the City of Edinburgh Council 🌞 Awarded in not just one, but FIVE localities across the city, our team (predominately based in South Queensferry) will now form part of a select group of preferred providers to deliver care and support in postal code areas EH28, EH29, EH30, EH4 and a new locality of EH12.

This exciting news will offer guaranteed work for our existing teams whilst also opening up new employment opportunities for individuals in other areas, as we expand our services and reach city wide.

This year, Professional Carers also celebrates our 10 year anniversary of providing care to local communities within Edinburgh !! The news couldn't have come at a better time and we are absolutely thrilled to share this with you

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## Other Documents

### Rotary Club

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No Report

### Queensferry Heritage Trust



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## Queensferry Business Group – Gill Fox

June 2025

### Forth Bridges Creative Trail

The first Creative Trail event took place over 31<sup>st</sup> May/1 June. The event was very successful with high footfall from both locals and visitors despite the poor weather and good sales income achieved by most of the exhibitors. The organisers have noted areas to tweak for the future as there is strong motivation to make the Creative Trail an annual event .

### High St Refurb

A recent virtual meeting with Robert Armstrong, Project Manager for the High Street Refurbishment works gave more clarity to the support available to businesses during the disruption, particularly in regard to the ITISON voucher scheme which would be subsidised by Edinburgh Council thereby providing marketing support at no cost to the businesses involved.

### BCN

Attendance at the Business Champions Network confirmed the benefits of businesses being part of the Forever Edinburgh and Residents Rewards schemes. We also took the opportunity to lobby for Queensferry to be the subject of their 'Spotlight On' campaign in the near future.

### QBG

Our next meeting is at 5.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at the Hawes Inn. We shall provide information on how to access the ITISON support scheme, followed by presentations on Emergency First Aid at Work and Wellness in the Workplace.

Gill Fox, QBG  
14 June 2025

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# Forth Bridges Area Tourism – Karen Stewart

June 2025

## Forth Bridge World Heritage Site

The Forth Bridge World Heritage Site Management Plan is being refreshed in 2025. UNESCO requires all World Heritage Sites to have an up-to-date Management Plan. The process is starting with an online questionnaire which is live until 30<sup>th</sup> June. The results will be used to inform the content and priorities for the new Management Plan. More information about the update to the Management Plan can be found on the [Forth Bridges website](#).



The Forth Bridge is also reaching the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its inscription as a World Heritage Site on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025. To mark the occasion, there will be a public exhibition and presentation in the Transport Scotland Contact and Education Centre in Ferrymuir Gait.

The exhibition is running 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July, 10am – 4pm and there is no need to book.

The presentation, entitled, Celebrating Industrial World Heritage, is on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 6pm-7pm. Please book through the link to attend in person or view online.

Full details on the [Forth Bridges website](#).

There are 2 charity events on the Forth Bridge coming up in September: Barnardo's [Your View](#) on 19-21 September with tickets going on sale at 10am on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

[CHSS Abseil](#) on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Karen Stewart

Forth Bridges World Heritage and Tourism Lead

# Agenda

QDCC June Business Meeting Agenda  
Monday 23rd June 2025 at 7.30pm – Rosebery Hall

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Guest Speakers
  - (a) Robert Armstrong (CEC) – High Street Refurbishment
  - (b) Miles Wilkinson & Ryan Moffat (CEC) - Queensferry Connections & Builyeon Road Primary School
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (May 2025)
6. Matters Arising
7. Chair's Report
8. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Secretary's Report
11. Engagement & Inclusion Officers Report
12. CEC/EACC/QDCC updates
13. Any Other Business
14. Questions from the Floor
15. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie- Vice Chair & Secretary – 14th June 2025

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# Previous Minutes

## QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 26 May 2025 at 7.00pm

Burgh Chambers

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, Lise Coles, Nicola Gourlay, Diane Job, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Judith Parke, Laura Sexton, Gill Fox (QBG), Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Mark Meredith (QBC), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

**Guests:** 2 local residents.

<b>1. Chair's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	<p>Keith welcomed everyone and introduced 2 residents who were interested in joining QDCC. He explained that this meeting would be in 2 parts, firstly QDCC monthly business reports and updates, and then a separate private meeting to discuss priorities for the year ahead and associated sub-group membership.</p> <p>The Police report had just been received and would be circulated after the meeting. However, Community Police Officers were in Queensferry and may join later to provide an update and take questions.</p>
<b>2. Apologies</b>	David Learmond (QHT), Kenny Manson (QHS), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Lang.
<b>3. Minutes from Last Meeting (April 25)</b>	Minutes proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Anne.
<b>4. 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. Dec 24 - Cala advise adoption pending final sign-off by Scottish Water. Expect to finalise all remedials to facilitate vesting of water and sewer infrastructure next couple of months. Once completed will seek to complete roads adoption process with CEC.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Cllr Work to check progress with CEC. Keith to check status with Cala.</p> <p><b><u>SEPTEMBER 2024</u></b></p> <p><b>QHS Bus Parking:</b> Safety and traffic calming concerns discussed with Dave Sinclair, CEC. Safety audit to be undertaken by the Roads Safety Team. Keith to contact Dave Sinclair for update.</p>

	<p><b>CLOSED</b> - Laura reviewed improvements following installation of speed tables and relocated bus stops, at Scotstoun Avenue. Diane commented 2 speed tables may not be enough. To be followed up via Active Travel work, along with potential to relocate QHS buses to Station Road. Anne noted QHS bus queuing impacts Primary School pupils crossing Scotstoun Avenue. Keith suggested meeting with CEC may be required to discuss where they are on this. Laura agreed but that Ward Cllrs input also needed.</p> <p><b>MARCH 2025</b>  <b>Ward Cllrs:</b> Contact Cllr Lang seeking closer working relationship with the LibDem group going forward.  <b>ONGOING</b></p> <p><b>APRIL 25</b>  <b>QDCC Business Handling; Newsletter; and Agenda &amp; Priority Setting</b>  <b>CLOSED</b> – Above items taken under separate private meeting agenda.</p> <p><b>CEC Organogram:</b> Keith to forward Organogram covering structure, roles and contact points to Sub-Committee Convenors.  <b>CLOSED</b> – circulated with these minutes.</p> <p><b>Builyeon Road Status &amp; Pedestrian Safety:</b> Laura to check with CEC on pedestrian corridor status; Nicola to review planning conditions; Terry to ask CEC if any concerns from residents.  <b>CLOSED</b> – action taken/in hand via main agenda.</p> <p><b>Jacob's Ladder:</b> Keith to raise Jacob's Ladder finding with BEAR and Balfour Beatty at Forth Bridges meeting on 2 May.  <b>CLOSED</b> – included in Chair report.</p> <p><b>Harbour Wall:</b> Mark to ask QBC Commodore to pass details of CEC contact to Keith. Keith and Cllr Work to pursue with CEC.  <b>CLOSED</b> – covered in Chair report.</p>
<b>5. Chair's Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.  Keith highlighted the Management Plan Review and suggested members look over it.  <b>ACTION: Keith to send Management Plan Review link to QDCC members.</b></p>
<b>6. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports</b>	<p><b>Cllr Work.</b> Report to be circulated separately after the meeting.</p> <p><b>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</b> Joint report circulated before the meeting. Nicola confirmed she had reached out to Cllr Younie and that he was willing to meet up shortly.  Laura queried the introduction of a bus gate at the Burnshot off-slip. Possible implications for residents at Craighall and Kirkliston were discussed. Laura would seek more detail on this from Cllr Lang.</p>
<b>7. Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p>

	<p>Diane advised Nationwide had requested additional information on the QDCC business accounts held with them. Gill offered to assist with this.</p> <p>CEC Governance had also asked for banking details, part of the post-election process involving new members and office bearers across Community Councils. Terry and Diane would liaise on requirements.</p>
<b>8. Secretary's Report</b>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Terry noted CEC request for Office Bearers email addresses.</p>
<b>9. Sub-Committees</b>	<p><u>Planning</u> – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Diane advised in contact with Cala regarding the power supply to Builyeon Road site. LAR were looking to set up communication channels with QDCC and wider community during the build phase at Port Edgar, meeting to discuss to be held. The new street name for the Scotstoun House development was discussed. Diane explained the background on street naming. QDCC proposal was to request 'Bond' or 'Beamer' rather than 'Lantern'.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Laura reported little or no progress with CEC on some areas as outlined in her report. Engagement with Ward Cllrs was felt needed and Laura would arrange. Traffic calming at Dalmeny Park now in place and would be monitored. Road resurfacing at Burdock Road now finished. A speed table had been placed at the mini roundabout junction onto Station Road, not clear what the purpose is, not marked or highlighted to drivers. Laura to do site visit.</p> <p>Following road safety concerns at Builyeon Road, CEC had carried out an assessment. Outcome and response were awaited. Nicola had mentioned to Head of Planning, he had asked to be emailed about this.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Laura to arrange meeting with Cllr Lang on current transport matters. Cllr Work was also happy to meet to discuss transport related business including Builyeon Road safety.</b></p> <p>Anne Marie asked about the removal of the Heras fencing on Builyeon Road where the primary school is to be built, residents were now walking across the field to reach the Road. Keith to check with Cala.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith to check with Cala if land for new school at Builyeon Road has been formally handed over to the CEC Education team.</b></p> <p><u>Environment</u> - report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Neil highlighted new bench and planters at Dalmeny installed by the Rotary, to be officially opened on Sat 7 June by a Rosebery family representative. The team had been complimented and received good feedback from residents.</p> <p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing</u> - report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Anne advised work on the new care home to be built at Builyeon Road has slipped into Qtr 3 due to delays in granting permissions from CEC.</p> <p><u>Education &amp; Early Years</u> - report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Anne Marie reported awaiting data on number of places next year, currently a waiting list for 3-5 yr olds.</p>

	<p>The new Thurs P7 Youth Club was going well, with 40-50 attending weekly. Conifox offered a free evening for all Queensferry and Kirkliston pupils who attend Youth Club.</p> <p>Recent Blew Light disco for all P7 transitioning to QHS very successful, with 187 attendees. Another planned for November.</p> <p>Mobile phone lockers at QHS successful so far. Reports were that pupils were more attentive and communicative.</p> <p>Neil asked about Echline PSA wanting to enhance the playground and increase opportunities for educational trips. He had given the HT a draft plan of what might be possible.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Anne Marie to check with Jude Moir, EPS, on progress with PSA proposals for trips and the playground.</b></p> <p><u>Communications</u> – report circulated. No questions raised.</p> <p><u>Local Economy &amp; Tourism</u> – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>Graeme highlighted the QBG meeting on support for local businesses affected by the High Street works. Options and possible support were discussed in order to mitigate losses, as well as maintaining access. Business rates relief is available but Queensferry businesses are all below the qualifying level. Cllr Younie had been approached for assistance with this, via his membership on the CEC Finance &amp; Resources Committee. QDCC feeling was that the issue also needs escalating politically, separately from CEC. Information on the amount of relief possible was needed in order to agree how this could be attributed if successful. Laura noted previous precedents for the tram works, via the Small Business Bonus Scheme. Cllr Younie was to check this. Keith also highlighted Cllr Lang’s report which said “... projects like this, businesses affected should get direct compensation and voted in favour of a scheme at Council.” It was uncertain when this vote had taken place. Cllr Work offered to check date(s).</p> <p><b>ACTION: Cllr Work to check timing of CEC vote on direct compensation for businesses affected by transport works.</b></p> <p>Graeme also noted the Museum now open on Thurs &amp; Fridays. The possibility of using the Registrar’s room for future markets for home-based businesses had been mooted.</p>
<b>10. Police Report</b>	<p>PCs DJ Macleod and Euan Sinclair joined the meeting and outlined the main points from the Police Report, involving anti-social driving and behaviour. An initiative noted in last month’s report was now underway, involving significant additional resources. The main aim is to disrupt drivers attending the area with the sole purpose of driving vehicles in a careless or dangerous manner, engaging in anti-social behavior and causing excessive noise pollution by unnecessarily revving engines and sounding horns. The operation was to take place for a full week, with formal action taken at the time, or retrospectively.</p> <p>QDCC asked about access to noise cameras and reports from an environmental company. It was advised that need both video and noise cameras to pursue action, but environment reports can be used. Noise on its own not an offence</p>



	<p>but revving engines can result in ASBO. Lise asked if the speed gun 'cut out' officers can be used. This was thought possible at Scotstoun Avenue, and this could also be a speed gun location.</p> <p>Anne asked about cannabis usage and neighbour complaints in a specific area. Police not aware but commented that cannabis is prevalent everywhere and can be difficult to deal with.</p> <p>Anne Marie noted recent community award to DJ and Euan and QDCC extended their congratulations.</p> <p>Keith thanked both for attending the meeting, providing an update and taking questions. Any further queries or comments to be forwarded to Terry to follow up.</p>
<b>11. Local Interest Groups</b>	<p><u>Queensferry Business Group (QBG)</u> – report circulated before the meeting. Gill highlighted presentation from Rebecca Burnett, CEC, at the forthcoming meeting on 24 Sept at 30 Knots on support for businesses during the High Street refurbishment works. She was meeting her on 27 May to discuss content etc.</p> <p>She also advised that Port Edgar Marina was up for sale. Keith confirmed Russell Aitken had emailed him on this that day.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> - report circulated before the meeting. Craig advised nothing additional to add.</p> <p><u>Queensferry Boat Club (QBC)</u> Mark asked about progress on repairs needed at Harbour outer wall. Keith had been advised by CEC that this should be dealt with within the next month.</p> <p><u>Queensferry Heritage Trust (QHT)</u> – report circulated before the meeting. No questions raised.</p>
<b>12. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates</b>	CEC/EACC updates circulated as received.
<b>13. AOB</b>	None raised.
<b>14. Questions from the Floor</b>	None.
<b>15. Additional Business</b>	Keith officially closed the monthly business meeting and moved to open a separate private meeting on QDCC Business Handling.
<b>16. Date and time of next meeting</b>	<p>Keith thanked everyone for their attendance and input.</p> <p>The next business meeting will be Monday 23 June 2025, 7.30pm, <del>Burgh Chambers.</del> (Now Rosebery Hall)</p>