



Community Newsletter

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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

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My main focus this month has been the launch of the Cala booklet, working with Tigerbond, by helping with a publicity plan for promoting the booklet. My thanks to all from QDCC, the local interest groups, the local businesses and the residents from Queensferry Heights who gave their time to attend the launch. Following from the event I passed on copies of the booklet to the local interest groups and individuals for wider distribution. Nominally 800 copies are out for distribution. So far I have had some very good feedback. Booklets are available from the Rosebery Hall 10am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

I was invited to join a group of youths from Queensferry Youth Club who attended at Lar Housing Port Edgar to be given a safety talk and lay a brick and a tour of the site. The visit was well received and I was impressed with the questions and interest being shown by our young people in this historical site.

I also attended the QBG Business meeting (27th Aug) held in the Orocco Pier focussed on the High Street Improvements Project to learn about how CEC might support the local business during the works.

Along with Terry we attended the six monthly INEOS meeting (28th Aug) to be given an update on the business. The refinery site at Grangemouth is now closed and being de-commissioned. At the end of the meeting we were given a tour around Hounds Point which was very informative.

I also attended the Builyeon Rd Primary School drop in session held in Echline Primary School, which is worthy of further debate by QDCC.

I continue to support the Secretary and Treasurer and Convenors with the day to day enquiries that are received both by email, verbally as well as replying to the ever increasing mailbox communications.

Keith Giblett
Chair

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

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1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained steady since the last meeting of the Community Council. I continue to respond as best I can in a timely manner. My thanks to Graeme for covering the mailbox whilst I was on holiday.

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 relevant replies.

- Dialogue with CEC Officers to discuss the outcome of the Assets Review (renamed Queensferry Living Well) continues. We await the outcome of the consultation and the next steps.

- Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry. An initial draft plan has been received and has been circulated to all Community Councillors for comment.
- We await details of the next stage of the Queensferry Connections Consultation from CEC. Comments received and concerns have been raised on proposals for Scotstoun Avenue following the initial session held on 3rd September

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 we have fielded a number of calls and responded to several online queries from residents including further concerns relating to anti-social driving activity across Burgh. Other contacts relate to the condition of the Town Cryer building, the memorial benches located on The High Street, a report of a wasp byke adjacent to Queensferry High School, concerns associated with the TRO on Station Road, a request for support relating to a newly arrived family in town, a query re parking on Echline Avenue and Bo’ness Road and double yellow lines and a further complaint associated with unpleasant smells noted in the Springfield/A904/Queensferry Crossing area.

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 Councillors, 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 & Secretary – 14th September 2025

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Treasurer’s Report – Diane Job

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Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - Website Domain Name - £15.59

Total CC Funds - £884.52

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18911.33

95 Day Notice Account - August Interest £159.48 - £67069.09

Nationwide - £93244.02

Barclays Bank - September Interest - £289.48 - £87503.54

RBS - £92323.89

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £425141.56

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

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[QDCC Facebook page](#) 19 Aug - 15 Sep – 48,658 views, 3.2k engagement, 110 interactions, 4,084 followers (+19)

[QDCC Website](#) 25 Aug – 14 Sep – 4,034 views, 3,261 visitors.

Local public drop-ins, consultations or events

- Wed 27th Aug, Orocco Pier. Queensferry Business Group hosted a business briefing from the High St project manager and economic support representatives.
- Wed 3rd Sep, Echline Primary - CEC hosted the Builyeon Rd Primary school drop in – community use and active travel. Well attended. The online consultation is open until Oct 10th. Interact here:
<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/queensferryconnections/>
- Fri 5th Sep - Lar Housing tour & talk for young people. 14 young people attended by invitation.
- All city wide consultations can be viewed at
<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

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Education Report – Anne Marie Boyd

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Education

Echline Primary School – Headteacher Recruitment

The recruitment process for the new Headteacher at Echline Primary School is currently underway. The first stage of interviews is scheduled to take place on 16th September, followed by a second interview phase on 24th September.

[Queensferry High School Council meeting](#)

School Update Report – September 2025

1. S1 Intake and Pupil Roll

Mr Downie, Headteacher, reported that the new S1 intake of 244 pupils has settled in well. The current school roll is just under 1,300.

2. Performance and Attainment

Continued improvement across key performance indicators:

- Attendance is up
- Exclusions are down
- Exam results and attainment have improved
- Positive destination rates are also up

Mr Downie confirmed that a full breakdown of attainment will be provided once the school receives the Insight data from the Scottish Government, which includes comparisons against the school's Virtual Comparator.

Initial analysis shows strong progress in S4–S6 exam results, with notable increases compared to the 2024 Virtual Comparator and average performance from 2017–2019. The Enhanced Support Base (ESB) achieved qualifications across all subject areas and recorded its best results to date.

Mr Downie believes this progress demonstrates the positive impact of the new curriculum, and expects further improvement in future results.

3. School Communications

The new school website is expected to launch around the September weekend.

Class Charts is back in use internally. It will go live for parents and carers by the September weekend once staff training is complete. This is a way for parents to see daily how their child has been getting on in classes by receiving positive or negative points.

All future school communications will go through Class Charts, with the exception of SMS messages which will continue as before.

A separate Class Charts platform for the Enhanced Support Base is being developed with class-based notifications.

4. Parking on Station Road

Ongoing concerns about inconsiderate parking on Station Road, which poses a safety risk, especially for pupils crossing the road. Complaints have been received from the local residents' association.

Reminders to staff and sixth-year drivers and included messages in the school's weekly newsletter.

The issue has been raised with City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) by the school. While CD acknowledged that parking opposite zig-zag lines is unsafe, he noted the school has no authority to enforce restrictions. Parking by non-school drivers is also contributing to the issue.

5. Facilities and School Extension

Summer works were completed successfully, including the installation of a new computing room. There has been no further communication from CEC regarding the proposed school extension. Mr Downie believes a business case for funding is currently being prepared.

QHS Awards night

I was pleased to attend the Senior School Awards Ceremony at Queensferry High School. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and inspiring evening, celebrating the achievements of young people across the curriculum.

Over 50 students were recognised for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to their studies and wider contributions to school life at QHS. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge their accomplishments and the positive impact they have made within the school community.

Builyeon Road Development – Public Information and Feedback Session

I attended the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) information and feedback session regarding the proposed Builyeon Road Primary School and active travel plans for the south side of Queensferry. The event took place at Echline Primary School and was well attended.

1. Timescales for the New Primary School:

There was considerable interest in the timeline for the construction and opening of the new primary school. CEC representatives advised that the current target date for opening is December 2028. However, this is subject to a number of variables.

2. School Catchment and Enrolment Concerns:

Several residents raised concerns about how the opening of the new school would affect families already living in the Builyeon Road development. Specifically, questions were asked about whether children attending other schools would be required to transfer to the new school once it becomes their catchment. CEC clarified that, in line with current policy, children already enrolled in a school will not be required to move due to catchment changes.

3. Safer Routes to School and Road Infrastructure:

A major recurring issue raised by residents was the need for safer routes to school. Many expressed concerns about the rerouting of Builyeon Road and sought clarity on when this work would take place. Developers are currently working towards a completion date of December 2026 for the road diversion, although this is also dependent on a range of external factors.

Two temporary pedestrian crossings are planned to create safer crossing over Builyeon Road. However, no confirmed timeline was provided for when these crossings will be implemented.

4. Cycle Lane on Scotstoun Avenue:

There was significant discussion around the proposed cycle lane on the north side of Scotstoun Avenue, with multiple residents raising concerns about potential safety risks.

Young People

Youth Clubs

All the local youth clubs have now restarted, four clubs running Tues-Friday between Queensferry & Kirkliston.



Lar Housing Trust Site Visit

Lar Housing Trust kindly invited myself, along with a group of young people, to visit their development site. I was joined by Keith, Graeme, and 14 young participants for the visit.



The group was given a guided tour of the site, during which the team explained in detail the potential dangers of accessing the area outside of working hours. This was a valuable opportunity as there has been lots of exploration of the site when the site is closed.

As part of the visit, each young person was invited to lay a brick in one of the site's walls. This brick will remain a permanent part of the development, offering the group a



meaningful and lasting connection to the project. This hands-on experience was both engaging and memorable for the young people involved.

They also particularly enjoyed exploring the old jail cells and being shown the areas of the site that are safe to enter.

Many thanks to Lar Housing Trust for providing this fantastic opportunity and for taking the time to engage so positively with the group.



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Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

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The Binks Car Park

Following my approach to the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) a new wooden barrier has been erected at the East End of the Binks car park to prevent vehicles being parked on the grassland in front of the flats.

The Pond and Surrounding Areas at the VAT Run

Following approaches from a member of the public and my fellow environmental committee members about the unmanaged and overgrown state of the pond and surrounds a site visit was undertaken by myself and fellow committee members.

The path leading to the pond is heavily overgrown by brambles and other bushes making it dangerous for the youngsters who attend the Echline Forrest Kindergarten to visit the pond to enjoy the wildlife, including frogs, which live there. The surrounding area of natural grassland is also heavy overgrown and the pond itself is full of grasses which are now chocking the pond itself.

I am arranging for a site visit meeting with the Manager of the CEC Parks and Green Spaces team in early October to ascertain what assistance they can provide to restore the area to a manageable state and thereafter agree some form of maintenance programme so that the youngsters and the general public can continue to enjoy this excellent wildlife environment which is formally designated as an area of particular environmental interest. This may involve establishing a new “Friends Group”.

Jacobs Ladder

In conjunction with the QDCC Chair we are exploring further avenues to address the dilapidated state of the stairway.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor

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Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

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Lovell Housing Community Welcome

Lovell housing is working with this group to create a community connections event this week. Working with QDCC, Sigma and Sanctuary, Lovell is holding a drop-in session for new residents hoping to ease social isolation and improve connections to the existing community. Keith, AnnMarie and I will be present

Local Support Directory

The activities spread sheet created 5 years ago has finally been updated and awaiting public feedback for any omissions or errors.

Held meeting with various housing providers to discuss what information is given to new residents and what support we could provide. Unfortunately, only LAR and City of Edinburgh attended but that was beneficial to all involved.

[Ferry Elves](#)

Ferry elves have had a couple of requests already. Application forms will be sent to schools and health visitors this week.

[Early Years Provision](#)

Locally, both the Rosebery playgroup and Early years have spaces for 2-year-olds

[Road Safety](#)

Several families have raised concerns about the safety issues involved when crossing Builyeon road as no pavements and getting darker in mornings and evenings. This has been raised with CEC council staff who agree that this needs resolved as soon as possible. 2 temporary crossings have been planned but not yet implemented.

[Rosebery Hall](#)

Rosebery hall management committee held their quarterly meeting with hall users with good attendance. It was agreed that the MC would investigate provision of an induction hearing loop for the main hall.

The MC have managed to arrange a meeting with the Facilities Management and Andrew Field to discuss the difficult position that has been imposed by demands that any janitorial cover out of hours is to be requested from and paid for to CEC. This is a massive increase in outgoings that is not sustainable.

New Christmas lights have been purchased for the garden.

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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[Applications](#)

During the four week period five applications were received

25/03866/HSC - Construction of the storage area as consented in Application 22/05925/HSC has not started an alternative storage plan for the site has been created and this application is for modification of the condition attached to the existing hazardous substances consent as per the new site location plan - 1 Royal Elizabeth Yard Dalmeny

25/04181/FUL - Proposed rear extension and front bay widow - 38 Inchcolm Terrace

25/04000/FUL - Proposed rear single storey extension with internal alterations - 5 Standingstone Road

25/04346/LBC - Listed Building Consent to carry out alterations to Dalmeny House so that the accommodation was better suited to the needs of the present day has already been obtained. As

work on the site progressed minor adjustments to the proposals have been required and this application is being made in respect of these changes. No alterations to the overall use, its stewardship or other significant alterations affecting the character of the historic building are being made - Dalmeny House Dalmeny Estate

Trees in Conservation Area

25/04465/TCO - x1 Silver Birch approx 4.5-5 metres in height - Complete removal - 13 Gospatric Gardens Dalmeny

Decisions

During the four week period five decisions were made

25/02290/LBC - Planning and Listed Building Consent for replacement of rear glazing units consisting of 1 No. sash and case window and 1 No. multi-paned glazed door - 62 High Street - GRANTED

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25/00574/FULSTL - Retrospective change of use of premises to short term let accommodation - Flat 2 19 Rose Lane - REFUSED

25/02803/FUL - Change of use of open space to private garden ground and erection of an enclosing fence - Land 15 metres west of 24 Ashburnham Loan - WITHDRAWN

25/03153/FUL - Proposed two-storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front porch - 26 Echline Grove - GRANTED

Planning Matters

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - QDCC reps attended a CEC consultation in Echline School which included the proposals for the active travel changes to Scotstoun Avenue

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

It is aimed for construction of this development to be completed by March 2026 and then onto the adoptions and toucan crossing which should be complete by June 2026

Builyeon Road Development - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

No update due to a recent change of site manager

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village - Lovell

As part of the Scottish Housing Day - Lovell have organised a Community Connections Drop-in for the residents within the development on 17th September QDCC will be taking part in this event

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No report this month

Forthview Development (Corus site)

The development is progressing to completion

LAR Development Port Edgar

This month LAR have focussed on getting some of the young people from the youth groups down to the site to show them round and engage them in building a wall on site to encourage a dialogue with them and discourage unplanned visits to the site.

LAR are participating in Doors Open Edinburgh on the 27th and 28th of September, where they will welcome 80 visitors to the Old Port Edgar Barracks for scheduled visits. After these events, work on the compound on site will begin.

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport – Laura Sexton

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Petition: Nightly Anti-Social Behaviour and Vehicle Use in South Queensferry

Following submission of the public petition (which attracted over 500 signatures) demanding solutions from the City of Edinburgh Council to address the ongoing issues with anti-social car and bike racing in South Queensferry, the matter was addressed at a meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council Transport Committee on Thursday 11 September 2025.

The CEC Transport Committee unanimously agreed that:

- City of Edinburgh Council officials should be instructed to bring forward a report in two cycles setting out what practical options the Council could take to address effectively the issues raised in the petition without simply moving problems to other parts of the town.
- Further requests that the Interim Executive Director of Place (Gavin Barwell)
 - Writes to Police Scotland with details of the petition and seeks a detailed response on what action they are taking to address these issues of anti-social behaviour in South Queensferry
 - Includes the response from Police Scotland in the report back to the Committee
 - Makes the CEC Culture and Communities Committee aware of the petition and the approach to Police Scotland given its delegated powers around police oversight and scrutiny.

The CEC Transport Committee also believes that the petition provides further evidence of the need for City of Edinburgh Council to be given a broader range of powers to address racing vehicles, including the power to install and operate speed cameras, and requests that CEC council officers refer to this in their ongoing relevant discussions with Transport Scotland.

QDCC position

QDCC is maintaining a neutral position on the proposals contained within the petition. QDCC believes that there needs to be a solution for the whole town and any solutions should be directed at stopping the anti-social vehicle use entirely rather than just displacing it to another part of Queensferry and Dalmeny and District.

In due course, QDCC will work in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council and will actively promote and participate in any future consultation exercise containing a series of options aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour vehicle use across the whole of Queensferry and District.

Ashburnham Gardens: Double yellow Lines

The correction to the provision of double yellow lines for Ashburnham Gardens was raised with all 4 Almond Ward Councillors and the response from the Convenor of the CEC Transport Committee indicates that

“The Road Safety Team are progressing the order to extend the double yellow lines. This has been delayed due to a request to extend the lines beyond the originally proposed extents, and additional details being requested on the drawings. The drawings have now been amended, and a request to proceed (under delegated authority in line with the Scheme of Delegation to officers) is expected to be completed by the end of August.”

QDCC has subsequently been informed by Councillor Kevin Lang that the request to proceed has now been approved.

QDCC has written to all 4 Almond Ward Councillors urging them to:

- Continue to press for this matter to be addressed as a matter of urgency.
- Seek an interim solution from CEC through a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order or an Emergency Traffic Restriction Order to restrict parking on Ashburnham Gardens with immediate effect.

Queensferry High Street Improvement Works

The works on Queensferry High Street are due to commence on 6 October 2025 and will last around 15 months.

Meeting with Bear Scotland/Traffic Scotland

QDCC had a very positive meeting with Bear Scotland/Traffic Scotland to discuss a number of issues relating to the management of the trunk roads network and the Queensferry Crossing and the Forth Bridge. QDCC noted that BEAR Scotland are investigating ways to improve the flow of traffic using the Queensferry Crossing.

Builyeon Road

QDCC continues to raise road safety concerns in relation to Builyeon Road with Almond Ward Councillors and directly with City of Edinburgh Council officials. QDCC has stressed the critical need for installation of the two temporary crossings with immediate effect to ensure residents

from the new Bridgewater village estate can cross the road safely particularly within the context of the darker mornings and darker evenings.

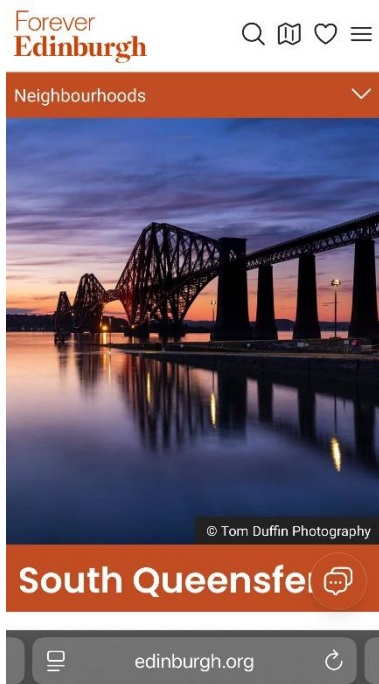
LAURA SEXTON

Convenor Roads and Transport

Queensferry and District Community Council.

Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

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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.

Visit Edinburgh/Forever Edinburgh continue to promote Queensferry along with other city neighbourhoods. Although listings are free for businesses to promote themselves, Queensferry does not have as comprehensive a listing of businesses as it should. How to list is on their website.

<https://edinburgh.org/>

The 2025 cruise ship season is nearing end with 4 ships remaining for Queensferry, ending 9th Oct. This season has been very much lower in number of ships but 2026 is currently projected back up to 40 ships, subject to change.

The High St refurbishment is scheduled to commence 6th Oct, however it will focus on the SealsCraig to Hawes turning circle up until Christmas closedown, then commence at the The Loan end of the High St from early January, subject to change. The railings on the terraces will also be repaired during this phase. The High St will always remain open for business throughout and for the vast majority of time will have through access for vehicles, pinch point work being the only exception expected. There will be Itison voucher promotions, offering fully subsidised deals, please watch out for them and use it to experience our hard working businesses so we can all enjoy the completely refurbished High St in 2027.

Supporting local business

A great example of making the difference recently was a video plea put out by Jolene at [Oir Soap](#) last month. I would encourage watching the heartfelt video on [Oir Soap's Facebook page](#) about the difficult situation she was in and the follow up video after her clientele responded. It absolutely made the difference! We may all have ideas about what businesses we want to see here but if we do not support them with our spending, they evaporate.

There are many local events planned leading in to Christmas, with all the opportunity that brings. The full listings will be on the Christmas in Queensferry website shortly and updated regularly. Again supporting these events, markets, etc. helps sustain the local economy.

Queensferry Business Group Report – Gill Fox

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Our August meeting focused on the High Street refurbishment works. Presentations were made by Robert Armstrong, Project Manager for the High Street works, Rebecca Burnett re Forever Edinburgh and Spotlight on QF, and Chris Wilson re the Itison scheme to encourage shoppers to continue to come to QF.

This scheme will be supported financially by Edin Council in that the Council will make up the difference in value of the vouchers purchased (eg £10 voucher purchased for £5) so the QF business owners will not be subsidising the vouchers themselves.



ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES WELCOME
WEDNESDAY,
24TH SEPTEMBER 2025
@ THIRTY KNOTS
(FUNCTION ROOM UPSTAIRS)
17:30

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

High Street Refurbishment Updates and Business Support

Robert Armstrong Project Manager for the High Street Refurbishment project, Edinburgh Council	Rebecca Burnett Business Growth Lead, Edinburgh Council	Chris Wilson Itison Voucher Scheme, Edinburgh Council
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However, there will be a cash flow delay between business owners providing the goods and receiving the Council payment. We are requesting that the Council amend their payment runs from fortnightly to weekly to shorten the cash flow implication.

Further detailed information will be provided at the next QBG meeting on 24th September at 30 Knots, together with the proposed phases and timings of the High St works which are expected to start on 6 October.

GF

15/9/25

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Following the summer holidays our team of 'Rotary Labourers' will commence the autumn schedule with at tidy-up in Ross's Memorial Garden at Echline Primary School. We are pleased following our full refurbishing of the garden 2 years ago this is well used area within the school.

International Group

There will tea and coffee plus home baking. This is a donation event.

All welcome come along anytime



Youth Activities

KCM 15/09/2025

Cllr Lewis Younie

September 2025 report

Hawes Pier – Anti-Social Driving

Continuing our support for residents in Queensferry who have been having to live with the awful impact of anti-social driving. Residents brought a petition on the issue to the Council's Transport and Environment Committee (TEC). Kevin, as a member of the committee, additionally put in an amendment, accepted unanimously, which sought to ensure practical, helpful solutions are brought as options to committee when officers have considered what changes can be made.

Launch of Queensferry Directory

Lewis attended the launch of the Queensferry Directory, which gave a great opportunity to showcase the rich variety of community groups, businesses, and support available.

Community Connections – Scottish Housing Day

Louise attended the Scottish Housing Day Community Connections event organised by Lovell Housing. This provided the opportunity to emphasise not only the need for good quality affordable homes, but also highlight the need for improved social infrastructure throughout Queensferry.

Mobile Phones in Schools

The ongoing pilot scheme regarding mobile phone usage in Queensferry High School was used as part of the discussion at Education, Children, and Families Committee, where a ban on usage in Schools was approved, pending further consultation with young people, teachers, unions, and other relevant stakeholders. Additionally, an implementation plan and funding implications will need to be considered before the ban was brought into place.

Agenda

QDCC September Business Meeting
Monday 22nd September 2025 at 7.30pm
QDCC Office, Burgh Chambers

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (August 2025)
5. Matters Arising
6. Chair's Report
7. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Secretary's Report
10. Engagement and Communications Report
11. QDCC Sub Committees Reports
12. CEC/EACC/QDCC updates
13. Any Other Business
14. Questions from the Floor
15. Date and time of next meeting

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

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QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 25 August 2025 at 7.00pm

Edinburgh Watersports, Port Edgar

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice-Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, Nicola Gourlay, Diane Job, Kirstie Lamont, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Iain Plunkett, Laura Sexton, Gill Fox (QBG), Mark Meredith (QBC), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: 2 local residents.

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting. Two local residents were attending and Keith asked all present to introduce themselves and note their particular role and area of interest. Recent local events of note involving QDCC were the Ferry Fair, LAR Brick Laying Ceremony, and the CALA Directory launch.
2. Apologies	Lise Coles, Judith Parke, David Learmond (QHT), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports) Kenny Manson (QHS), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	Keith noted Police report had been circulated and was on the website. He commented on the items reported. Any questions to be sent to Terry to forward on.
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (July 25)	Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne.
5. Matters Arising	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. Dec24, Cala advised adoption pending final sign-off by Scottish Water. Expected to finalise all remedials to facilitate vesting of water and sewer infrastructure next couple of months. Once completed will seek to finalise roads adoption process with CEC.</p> <p>ONGOING - Keith discussed with Cala, July. Awaiting certificate from Scottish Water. No further update, Aug 25.</p> <p><u>MAY 2025</u></p> <p>Echline PSA Proposals: Anne Marie to check with Echline PS, on progress with PSA proposals for trips and the playground.</p> <p>ONGOING - Anne Marie to pick up with new Head Teacher in due course.</p>

	<p><u>JULY 2025</u></p> <p>Ward Cllrs: Proposal for new Sub Group to be chaired by Graeme in his role as QDCC Engagement Officer, to act as overarching PoC with all 4 Ward Cllrs.</p> <p>CLOSED - Proposal drafted, approved, and issued to Ward Cllrs. Agreed by all, Aug 25. QDCC to proceed as discussed, with follow-up based on experience in practice.</p>
6. Chair's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Keith highlighted the Local Place Plan, to be circulated to full QDCC for review and comment. Drop-in session with Ironside Farrar to be held. Nicola asked about approval date. Keith advised March 26 but desire to have agreement before then, including discussion with CEC Officers. The need to include young people views was noted, and whether local schools could be included in the process. Anne noted previous feedback sessions from school children had been beneficial. A separate drop-in at QHS was suggested.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to contact Kenny Manson regarding QHS hosting an engagement exercise for pupils across Queensferry on the draft LPP proposals.</p> <p>Neil asked about the means of seeking agreement to the Plan. Graeme suggested a formal CEC Consultation exercise.</p> <p>ACTION: QDCC to seek formal CEC Consultation on the LPP across the community.</p>
7. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports	<p>Cllr Work. Norman gave a verbal update.</p> <p>Had attended the LAR brick laying ceremony and good to see the number of community groups invited to participate.</p> <p>The Station Road Traffic Order for double yellow lines at Ashburnham Gardens in the Transport report was to be resubmitted.</p> <p>He was also pleased to see the new CALA funded booklet issued, and thanked those involved in its production.</p> <p>Laura reported concern from residents on increased traffic in Station Road area due to forthcoming High Street closure. QDCC wished to see this escalated to CEC.</p> <p>ACTION: QDCC to submit joint letter to all 4 Ward Cllrs on Station Road residents' concerns on increased traffic due to High Street works closure.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. No report submitted this month.</p>
8. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Diane advised audit report on last year's accounts awaited.</p> <p>The Community Facility Funding investment, held in 5 separate accounts, was being reviewed with assistance from Gill. The need to maintain the capital sum but not tie it up for a lengthy period were the main criteria to be addressed, pending a decision on usage.</p>
9. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p>

	<p>Terry noted key items including the Builyeon Road Primary School Consultation and Active Travel plans. Laura said need for these to be 'event led'. Terry confirmed this had been made known to CEC and he would pick up again with Officers.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> – CEC online survey 1 Sept-17 Oct, plus drop-in event 3 Sept. www.edinburgh.gov.uk/queensferryconnections</p> <p>Planning for the 2025-26 Community Chest Awards was underway with Cala, the award sponsors. Two volunteers were needed to join Terry and Diane to review, and subsequently decide on, this year's awards. Kirstie expressed interest in being included and this was agreed.</p> <p>ACTION: Additional volunteer required for this year's Community Chest Awards panel.</p>
10. Engagement & Inclusion Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Graeme highlighted the Website and Facebook numbers, had dropped slightly over the summer, but remained strong. Keith asked if new people were reading the Newsletter. Graeme confirmed this was the case. In response to a question from one of the guest attendees he provided some additional background on the different ways the community engages with QDCC, and frequency.</p>
11. Hawes Toilets	<p>Anne provided feedback on the new toilets at the Hawes. There are 3 cubicles for the able bodied, plus 1 for disabled and 1 for additional needs users. The 3 had replaced the previous 9 gents & ladies, and the reduction was proving to be inadequate. This was a particular problem on cruise ship days, but not exclusively so. Opening hours also not good for cruise passengers and others, as one of the team involved does so at 10am as they travel from Edinburgh. A number of potential solutions were raised and a separate online meeting was proposed to discuss further.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to organise Teams meeting to discuss matters raised re new Hawes toilets and potential solutions.</p>
12. Sub Groups	<p>Reports circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>No additional points raised or queried</p>
13. Local Interest Groups	<p><u>QBG</u> - report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Gill noted next meeting on Wed 27th on High Street refurbishment, all welcome.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> - report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Craig confirmed maintenance work at Echline PS Memorial Garden was in hand.</p> <p><u>QBC</u></p> <p>Mark reiterated need for repairs to Harbour Wall, becoming urgent.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to write again to CEC on Harbour Wall repairs.</p>
14. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	<p>CEC/EACC updates circulated as received.</p>

15. AOB	<p><u>Station Road Bollards & Barriers Removal</u> Neil advised there were a number of bollards & barriers awaiting removal, following the remedial works at Station Road ACTION: Laura to check with CEC on removal of bollards & barriers at Station Road.</p> <p><u>VAT Run Pond Area</u> Anne Marie reported the area around the pond requires attention but unsure who to contact as original group no longer in place. It was confirmed this is CEC land and would be the Parks & Green Spaces team. Kirstie agreed to take forward and contact CEC in the first instance. A 'Friends' group was also suggested and both Iain and Kirstie would follow this up separately, including possibility of grant funding to help look after the area. ACTION: Kirstie to contact CEC on action required at VAT Run pond area, and with Iain investigate potential for a Friends Group. Neil to also review and report back via the Environment sub-group.</p> <p><u>Petition - ASB & Vehicle Driving Petition</u> Cllr Work reported the public petition was to be heard by CEC on 11 Sept. Laura reminded everyone that as this was a petition, and not a consultation, QDCC would remain neutral and not express a view.</p>
16. Questions from the Floor	<p>None raised.</p> <p>The 2 local residents thanked QDCC for the opportunity to attend the meeting, which they had both found useful and informative.</p>
17. Date and time of next meeting	<p>Keith thanked everyone for their attendance and input.</p> <p>The next business meeting will be Monday 22 Sept 2025, venue to be advised.</p>