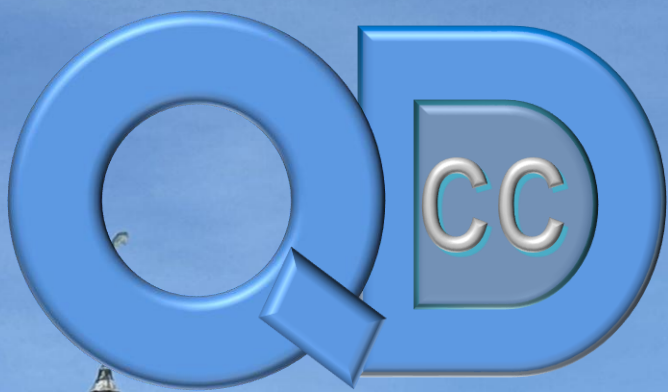




Community Newsletter

Oct 2025



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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Oct 2025

Lovell Scottish housing day 17th Sep 25

Along with Anne and Anne Marie I was invited to the event organised by Lovell Homes to celebrate Scottish Housing Day and say a few words about QDCC and our work in the community.

It was an opportunity to meet new residents, network and take questions they had about Queensferry.

Queensferry Business Group Meeting 24th Sept

Along with Graeme I attended the monthly meeting organised by Gill which was devoted to the pending High Street works. It was an opportunity for the High Street business to view the schedule of works and have input to the plan. The proposed Itison voucher scheme was discussed and explained.

Opening Ceremony & Thanksgiving service for the Priory Church Garden Room Sun 28th Sept

I attended the thanksgiving service.

Social Isolation meeting at Artlink Sylvan House Mon 29 Sept

As the meeting was poorly attended those present took the opportunity to learn about the work of Artlink. It was enlightening and believe it's worth exploring if there some synergies working with Artlink in Queensferry.

Established in 1988 Artlink they create accessible opportunities and experiences for people and communities who face complex issues; using the arts to remove social, physical and attitudinal barriers to participation in society.

Sea Cadets AGM in Port Edgar Wed 1st Oct

I attended the AGM as I have in previous years.

Sea Cadets Trafalgar Dinner Night Sat 4th Oct Speaker

Along with Neil I attended the dinner as a speaker and replied to Tony Belli | Sub/Lieutenant (SCC) RMR talk about the life and ethos of Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson and the importance of leadership in an organisation. I complemented the Sea Cadet Officers on their achievements working with young people in Queensferry.

EACC Board meetings and Forum Sat 11th Oct 09.30 – 1.30 Business Centre City Chambers

I continue to attend the Board meetings by TEAMS and circulate relevant information.

Along with Laura I attended the Forum, I attach the agenda. I would draw your attention to one item of business; Community Planning Partnership that should interest QDCC.



<https://www.edinburghcommunitycouncils.org.uk/>

Edinburgh Association of Community Councils Forum
Saturday, 11 October 2025
The Business Centre, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh
Hosted by the CEC Community Empowerment and Engagement Office

Programme

09.00 to 09.30
Registration at City Chambers, Front Desk

09.30 to 09.40
Welcome: Douglas Tharby, EACC Deputy Chair

Opening address from:
Cllr. Margaret Graham, Convener, Culture & Communities Committee,
Paul Lawrence, CEC Chief Executive.

09.40 to 10.20
Routes to stronger community empowerment.
Andrew Field, Head of Community Empowerment & Engagement Team.

10.20 to 11.00
Community Planning Partnerships – the role for Community Councils.
Gillie Severin, Head of Strategy, CEC Chief Executive's Office.

11.00 to 11.05
Video address from Cllr Jane Meagher, Leader, City of Edinburgh Council.

11.05 to 11.20: Break

11.20 to 11.35
Short update on current Governance Issues.
Gavin King, CEC Head of Governance.

11.35 to 12.15
North to South: the tram network extension proposals.
Chris Wilson & Deborah Paton, CEC Transport Strategy Team

12.20 to 13.20
Open-floor discussion on Community Councils' resourcing, drive and direction.
Closing remarks: Douglas Tharby

13.30 close

Other business

I continue to support the Secretary and Treasurer and Convenors with the day to day enquiries that are received both by email and verbally as well as replying to the ever increasing mailbox communications. I have also been in correspondence with Council officers about meetings to discuss; Active Travel, Queensferry Museum, Harbour repairs, Hawes Toilets as well as speaking regularly with the P.M for the High Street works, as well as House builders and stakeholders.

Keith Giblett 19 Oct 25

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

Oct 2025

1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained fairly steady since the last meeting of the Community Council. 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 relevant replies.
 - Dialogue with CEC Officers to discuss the outcome of the Assets Review (renamed Queensferry Living Well) continues. A meeting to discuss the findings of the consultation and next steps has been arranged for early next month
 - Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry. Community Councilor comments have been fed back to IF and a meeting to consolidate these and generate a final draft has been arranged
 - We await details of the next stage of the Queensferry Connections Consultation from CEC. At the time of writing a meeting with Miles Wilkinson to discuss our concerns has still to be confirmed
 - The CALA/QDCC Community Chest is now closed for applications. A total of 19 were received and are currently under consideration. Once the thoughts of the adjudication are confirmed internally a meeting with CALA will be held to finalise the decision.
 - The Chair, Treasurer and I met with Gill Fox to discuss consolidation of the various bank accounts holding the Community funding. Further details will follow at the October Business Meeting

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 further complaints associated with unpleasant smells noted in the Springfield/A904/Queensferry Crossing area, a request for assistance in determining a post code, a query regarding the Remembrance Day parade, a concern raised regarding the siting of new street signage, and a request from a local organization for assistance with grant funding.

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.

Terry Airlie
Vice Chair & Secretary – 19th October 2025

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

October 2025

Money in this month:

CEC Community Council Grant - £882.84

Cala Homes East - Community Chest Funding - £5000.00

Money out this month:

PMA - Accountant Fees (2 years) - £190.00

Keith Giblett - Keys Cut - £27.00

Total CC Funds - £6414.65

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - Interest £59.58 - £18970.91

95 Day Notice Account - September Interest £151.59 - £67220.68

Nationwide - £93244.02

Barclays Bank - £87503.54

RBS - Interest July-September - £529.65 - £92853.54

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £425882.38

Diane Job
QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

Oct 2025

QDCC Facebook page 21 Sep – 18 Oct : 34,761 views, 2.6k engagement, 69 interactions, 4,095 followers (+9)

QDCC Website 22 Sep – 19 Oct : 3,733 views, 3,294 visitors.

Local public drop-ins, consultations or events

- Wed 24th Sep, Thirty Knots. Queensferry Business Group hosted a business briefing from the High St project manager.
- All city wide consultations can be viewed at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

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Education Report – Anne Marie Boyd

Oct 2025

Education

Queensferry Primary School

New Deputy Head Appointment

Queensferry Primary School is delighted to welcome Mrs Victoria Smith as the new Deputy Head Teacher. Mrs Smith will officially take up her post on October 20th, 2025. She brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for supporting both staff and pupils.

Nursery Eligibility and Early Learning Childcare

Nursery Places for Two-Year-Olds – “Terrific 2s”.

Some two-year-old children may be eligible for up to 1,140 hours of funded early learning and childcare through council-run or partner-provider nurseries. These places are known as Terrific 2s.

To check eligibility and find out more, please visit the City of Edinburgh Council website:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/nursery-places-two-year-olds>

Funded Nursery Hours for 3 and 4-Year-Olds

From the term after their third birthday, all children are entitled to funded nursery hours. This applies to all nurseries, whether Council-run or private, and whether they operate year-round or term-time only.

For more details and to find suitable early learning and childcare options, visit:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/find-early-learning-childcare?documentId=12012&categoryId=20071>.

Registering for Primary one

If your child's date of birth is between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 - they are due to start primary school in August 2026 you must register your child for P1 when registration opens in November 2025.

If you live outside the catchment area of your preferred school you need to make a placing request. You will only receive a place if one is available.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/school-places/start-primary-school>

Youth Clubs updates

Tuesday youth club S1 and above Queensferry Community centre 6-8pm.

Wednesday Youth club S1 and above Kirkliston Community Centre 6-8pm

Thursday youth club P7 only Queensferry Community Centre 6-8pm

Friday Open All Hours Queensferry High School 6-8pm



Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

Oct 2025

No report

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

Oct 2025

Lovell homes held a successful meet your community event, we chatted to about 30 adults and about 15 children took advantage of the raffle and face painting. Attended by Keith, AnnMarie and Anne.

Spread sheet of activities in Queensferry is now complete and updated.

New group kids and coffee has started in 30 Knots as drop in on Wednesdays 9-12 and seems very popular so far. Many mums attending do not know each other and it is welcoming to everyone.

Rosebery hall management committee have had constructive discussions with CEC around janitorial cover and costs. There was a prolonged delay in getting a formal response but now seem to have a way forward without paying CEC rates for janitorial cover.

Community huts are at end of life but need to exist, particularly for SQUIDS for a few more years- CEC have promised to survey and feedback what needs done to sustain this.

Ground is being broken at the site for the care home being built by CCG and will be run by possibly Northcare.

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

Oct 2025

Applications

During the four week period three applications were received

Trees in Conservation Area

25/05022/TCO - Goat willows and wych elm trim trees (inc. stall root growth at sewers and reduce branches over lawn of No 24) - Land 15 metres west of 24 Ashburnham Loan

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

25/04811/CLP - Garage conversion to create playroom - 66 Ferrymuir Gait

25/05058/CLP - Use of property as class 3 (Restaurant) - 31 The Loan (previous gym premises)

Decisions

During the four week period five decisions were made

25/03902/FUL - Proposed rear extension comprising living/dining area, front porch with bathroom and garden office - 15 Primrose Gardens - GRANTED

25/03742/FUL - Erect a single storey flat roof extension to rear of dwellinghouse - 2 Hugh Russell Place - GRANTED

25/02810/CLESTL - Existing use as a Short-Term-LET - Bonny Views 5 Stoneycroft Road - REFUSED

25/04465/TCO - x1 Silver Birch approx 4.5-5 metres in height - Complete Removal - 13 Gospatric Gardens - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

25/04811/CLP - Garage conversion to create playroom - 66 Ferrymuir Gait - 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

QDCC reps are due to meet with Lovell rep for an update on the development

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No updates or news this month

Forthview Development (Corus site)

No update

LAR Development Port Edgar

On the 27th and 28th September LAR had a successful doors open weekend where approximately 80 visitors visited the site to get an understanding of the history of the site and what LAR proposals are for the Barracks.

Work is now underway to construct new drainage systems on the site, including a pumping station, which is a critical part of upgrading the historic infrastructure to current environmental standards" The hole for the pumping station chamber will go down to a depth of approximately 5.5m metres close to the height of two floors of s block of flat. As well as the chamber LAR will be focusing in the coming month on starting the sewers to serve the two officers buildings on the west of the site.

Joiner work on the officers west building is just starting and work to repair the slates on the officers west building will commence from 20th October

Towards the end of October some additional cabins and containers will be brought onto the site to ensure that offices and welfare facilities for the construction team are of the scale required for the project .

Since the bricklaying event with some of the young people from South Queensferry where we also discussed the dangers of construction sites we are happy to report that there have been no reported break ins to the site. With deep excavations now underway on site we hope that this continues.

Diane Job
QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport – Laura Sexton

Oct 2025

[Petition: Nightly Anti-Social Behaviour and Vehicle Use in South Queensferry](#)

Progress since last meeting: No update

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:](#)

Progress since last month: No update

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:

Progress since last meeting: High Street Improvement works commenced 7 October 2025 and will last around 15 months.

Builyeon Road:

Progress since last meeting: No update

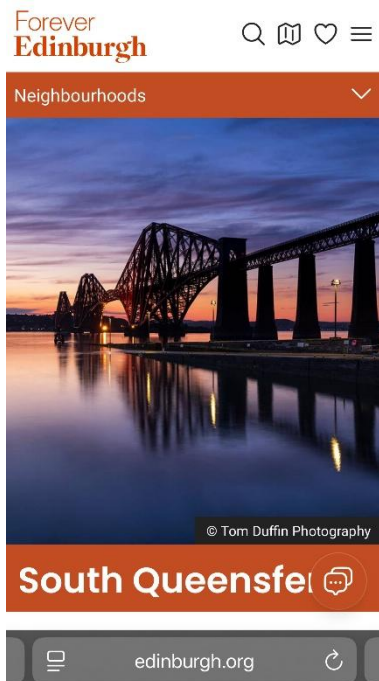
QDCC continues to raise road safety concerns in relation to Builyeon Road with Almond Ward Councillors and directly with City of Edinburgh Council officials. QDCC has stressed the critical need for installation of the two temporary crossings with immediate effect to ensure residents from the new Bridgewater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

Oct 2025



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 has finished. This season has been very much lower in number of ships but 2026 is currently projected at 47 ships, subject to change. CruiseForth are seeking to meet with local businesses early Nov to discuss how best to

maximise opportunity.

The High St refurbishment commenced 6th Oct, 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 be repaired during the second phase in the new year. 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.

Queensferry Business Group Report – Gill Fox

Oct 2025

Our September meeting again focussed on the High Street refurbishment works and the ItisOn voucher scheme. The meeting at 30 Knots was well attended with some new faces. Robert Armstrong of Edin Council discussed the timings of the different phases and efforts being put in place to minimise disruption to businesses.

More detail was provided on the practicalities of the ItisOn scheme.

The contract with ItisOn has now been signed and the ItisOn team will be visiting all businesses on the High Street/Shore Road/Newhalls Road between the Library and the Honey Pot in the next few weeks to encourage business owners to sign up to the scheme. Whilst the anticipated additional spend by customers buying vouchers will be very welcome, the main benefit is in the promotion of Queensferry businesses as part of the Itison marketing campaign. CEC Business Growth team is also planning to run a 'Spotlight on Queensferry' campaign in the coming months.

Plans are also progressing re a Christmas market featuring local businesses in Rosebery Hall on Saturday 29th November. If the market is successful it is hoped that this will become a quarterly market with this being located outdoors during the summer months. The ItisOn team will be present at the market to encourage voucher sales as the scheme will go Live that day.

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19/10/25

Rotary Club

Oct 2025

General

Queensferry Rotary disbursed from their Trust Account a total of £2540.00 among the following deserving groups – QCCC Haven, QCCC Supper Club, Shelterbox, Kirkliston Scouts, Queensferry Guiding, CHAS and Friends of Dalmeny Primary School.

Initiatives continue to attract new members to Rotary, including a new type of membership – Organisational Membership which is open to any organisation including companies, schools, and charitable groups. We are pleased with a very positive response from the groups we have approached.

Events and Fund Raising

Planning is well underway for this year's Santa's Sleigh, both town tours and static locations. We have been approach by 6 organisations to supply Santa in some cases with sleigh.

Work continues towards organising our charity Raft Race (large 8 person paddle boards!) which is proposed to be held at Port Edgar in June next year.

Youth Service

Have begun confirming locations for the Young Musician and Vocalist competition plus the Primary Schools Quiz. Both which will be held early in the New Year.

KCM 15/09/2025

Cllr Lewis Younie

Oct 2025

No report

Agenda

QDCC October Business Meeting
Monday 27th October 2025 at 7.00pm
QDCC Office, Burgh Chambers

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

Terry Airlie - Vice Chair & Secretary – 19th October 2025

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QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 22 September 2025 at 7.30pm

Burgh Chambers

DRAFT MINUTES

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

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the meeting. It had been another busy month with various events as outlined in the Newsletter. He thanked those involved for representing QDCC at these events.
2. Apologies	Nicola Gourlay, Kirstie Lamont, Judith Parke, Iain Plunkett, Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports) Kenny Manson (QHS), Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	The Police report had been circulated and was on the website. Any questions to be sent to Terry to forward on.
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (Aug 25)	Minutes proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Neil.
5. Matters Arising	<u>JANUARY 2021</u> Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. Cala advised adoption pending final sign-off by Scottish Water, Dec 24. 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. Keith discussed with Cala, July 25. Awaiting certificate from Scottish Water. No further update, Aug 25. ONGOING – Cllr Work advised nothing further from CEC. Keith to pick up with Cala. <u>MAY 2025</u> Echline PSA Proposals: Anne Marie to check with Echline PS, on progress with PSA proposals for trips and the playground. ONGOING - Anne Marie to pick up with new Head Teacher in due course. <u>AUGUST 2025</u>

	Local Place Plan: Keith to contact Kenny Manson regarding QHS hosting an engagement exercise for pupils on the draft LPP proposals. CLOSED – Keith to action Oct/Nov 25. Local Place Plan: QDCC to seek formal CEC Consultation exercise on the LPP across the community. CLOSED – to be done as part of LPP process. High Street works impact on Station Road: QDCC to submit joint letter to all 4 Ward Cllrs regarding Station Road residents’ concerns on increased traffic due to High Street works. CLOSED – done, actioned by Laura. Community Chest Awards: Additional volunteer required for this year’s Community Chest Awards panel. CLOSED – Kirstie volunteered. Hawes Toilets: Keith to organise Teams meeting to discuss matters raised re new Hawes toilets and potential solutions. ONGOING – Keith to raise concerns over quality of work with Andy Williams, CEC, to pass onto Gavin Brown. Insufficient units are a continuing issue, proposal to reopen ladies toilets next to Bikers Cove. Keith/Anne to pursue. Harbour Wall: Keith to write again to CEC on Harbour Wall repairs. ONGOING – actioned w/c 22 Sept, response awaited. Station Road: Laura to check with CEC on removal of bollards & barriers at Station Road, following remedial works. CLOSED – done, items removed. VAT Run: 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. ONGOING – Site visit with CEC being organised. Potential for new ‘Friends Group’ being looked into. Noted existing/previous group still live.
6. Chair’s Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Keith commented on meetings with Sigma and Sanctuary, both working with Lovell at the Builyeon Road development. A future presentation to QDCC being considered. Next EACC meeting on 11 Oct, includes an open session with Paul Lawrence, CEC Chief Exec. Update on High Street received and the website is now live. As previously reported 1st phase commences 6 Oct. Resurfacing SealsCraig eastwards to the new toilets, and repair works to East Terrace railings.
7. Almond Ward Councillor’s Reports	Cllr Work. Norman gave a verbal update. He commented on the public petition hearing. Recording available on the CEC website. Adding link to QDCC Facebook page suggested.

	Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. Report circulated via Newsletter.
8. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Diane noted receipt of audit report on last year's accounts still awaited, being chased.
9. Secretary's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Terry confirmed 8 Community Chest Fund applications so far. Graeme noted 4.5k views for CCF online page.
10. Engagement & Inclusion Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. No additional points raised or queried.
11. Sub Committees	Reports circulated via Newsletter. <u>Planning</u> Diane highlighted work on the care home at Builyeon Road not yet started. The operator responsible had changed and she was checking who is now taking it forward. Keith to also query with Cala. Site update information on the residential properties had dropped off, due probably to change in Cala manager. The electricity supply installation beyond the Echline Roundabout was queried, Keith to check on status. An update on the new BP Pulse site was being requested. <u>Health & Wellbeing</u> Anne reported that, despite the boundary lines being redrawn to reflect both Almond and Barclays covering the area south of Builyeon Road, patients were being directed to Cramond medical practice by Lothian Health Board. In turn, this was having an impact there with longer waiting times. <u>Environment</u> Neil noted reports of sewage type smell at Springfield continuing. Scottish Water contacted and reply awaited. It was also suggested the cause could be farm slurry spraying, and if so would only be for a few weeks. Mark asked for an update on Jacobs Ladder. Keith and Neil were looking into potential funding sources. Ownership remained an issue. QDCC to continue to consider how best to resolve this. <u>Transport</u> No additional matters raised. <u>Education</u> No additional matters raised. <u>Local Economy & Tourism</u> No additional matters raised.

12. Local Interest Groups	<u>QBG</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. Gill confirmed next meeting on Wed 27th, on High Street refurbishment. Details on the QBG website. <u>Rotary</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. Craig reported work at Echline PS Memorial Garden done. This week would be doing same at QCCC outside space. The Tea in the Tent event had been a success, raising funds for ShelterBox disaster relief. <u>QHT</u> David advised meeting with LAR next day to discuss displaying historical information at the new café site. Rerouting the John Muir Way ay Port Edgar was on hold. Potential to revisit this with new Marina owners. The Briggers 3-day event over the weekend had been a success. <u>QBC</u> – no matters raised.
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	CEC/EACC updates circulated as received.
14. AOB	None raised.
15. Questions from the Floor	None.
16. Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 27 Oct 2025, 7.00pm in Burgh Chambers. Cllr Work to Chair. To be followed by October monthly business meeting.

Annual General Meeting
Monday 27th October 2025 at 7.00pm
QDCC Office – Burgh Chambers

- 1. Chairs opening remarks**
- 2. Recording of membership present and apologies**
- 3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (June 2024)**
- 4. Chair's Report (Verbal)**
- 5. Secretary's Report (Verbal)**
- 6. Engagement Officer's Report (Verbal)**
- 7. Treasurer's submission of Balance Sheet and Annual Accounts**

8. Demit of Current Office Bearers/Election of Office Bearers

- (a) Chair
- (b) Vice Chair & Secretary
- (c) Treasurer

9. Sub Committees

- (a) Planning
- (b) Transport
- (c) Communications
- (d) Education & Recreation
- (e) Environment
- (f) Business & Tourism
- (g) Health & Wellbeing

10. Local Interest Groups

- (a) Queensferry Boat Club
- (b) Queensferry Business Group
- (c) Queensferry Churches Care in the Community
- (d) Queensferry Heritage Trust
- (e) Queensferry Rotary

11. Associate Members

- (a) Community Policing
- (b) Queensferry High School

12. Date of next Annual General Meeting

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

AGM

Monday 24 June 2024 at 7.30pm

Rosebery Hall

DRAFT MINUTES

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

1. Chair's Opening Remarks	Keith Giblett, QDCC Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 2024 AGM.
2. Apologies	Muir Kay, David Learmond (QHT), Kenny Manson (QHS), Cllr Kevin Lang. Keith advised Muir was stepping down from QDCC. He thanked him for his contributions to QDCC and wished him well.
3. Minutes from 2023 AGM (26 June 2023)	No amendments requested to the draft minutes. Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne.
4. Chair's Report	Keith thanked everyone in the Community Council and the Ward Councillors for their time on QDCC business across all sub-groups. This was appreciated by all concerned. He summarised the work carried out by QDCC during the past year covering a range of activity across the community and highlighted – • Planning applications, affecting local employment opportunities such as at the Royal Elizabeth Yard where 100 jobs would be replaced by about 10 at the new bonded warehouse. Closure of Arup and Hunter Boots had also impacted on local employment. Raised with CEC officials and Councillors, QDCC had suggested a forum involving Ward Cllrs to discuss further. • Liaison with INEOS, new owners of Hound Point & Dalmeny tank farm. Resulted in funding for the youth summer fun programme, funding for Net Zero projects, and engagement with QHS on future work/career options for students. • Police Scotland, providing regular updates on anti-social driving at the Hawes area in particular, setting up stakeholder group along with Cllr Younie last summer. Plus other ASB, incidents etc across Queensferry.

	• Housing, working with all developers and more closely with Cala on their Community Pledge arrangements. And with CEC on the Ukrainian families project. • Infrastructure works, resurfacing Station Road and Echline Avenue, drainage and sewer works at Echline, and Harbour repairs. Sadly little progress made on Scotstoun Avenue traffic calming or the High Street improvements during last year. • Schools, including proposals for new Kirkliston High School and impact on QHS, currently awaiting CEC report. Consultation on catchment area options for new Builyeon Road primary. He also thanked Karen Stewart for keeping QDCC informed on the current Forth Bridges Tourism Project. He concluded his report with a summary of events in recent months concerning QDCC and his relationship with Queensferry's 3 Lib Dem Cllrs. Keith referred to the initial email exchanges with Cllr Young about the two meetings that were held that didn't comply with the CC scheme and the subsequent email exchanges with Cllr Lang who sought clarification about how QDCC had decided to write to the Convener of Education, Children & Families expressing our views and concerns relating to the ongoing situation with the proposed Kirkliston High School. Cllr Lang also had a difference of opinion with the Chair, claiming the Chair had not translated the conversation they had about the KCC business meeting in his email to QDCC members. The Chair was explaining the situation prior to the AGM election of Office Bearers for QDCC to take matters into consideration before the AGM election was held as he did not want to be seen to be misleading QDCC and would respect QDCC should they wish to elect another QDCC Chair. Whilst no explanation had been offered, the Chair believed this to be the reason for the Lib Dems non-attendance and tabling their apologies. Community Councillors expressed their concern at developments and noted there had been no LibDem in-person attendance at monthly meetings since January. Options to resolve this were discussed and it was hoped a meeting with the Ward Cllrs involved could be agreed. Terry would also contact CEC Governance noting QDCC had attempted to engage and seek their advice on how to resolve this matter. In the meantime QDCC continued to function. Members also agreed that they maintained confidence in Keith as Chair.
5. Secretary's Report	Terry also thanked QDCC members for their support and assistance during the year. He noted communication with CEC had improved since last year's meeting, potentially due to increased engagement with the Governance team.

	His main focus of activity had been the Community Council Scheme update, undertaken in 2 phases. QDCC had reviewed the draft(s) in detail and submitted feedback. He and others had attended meetings with CEC and other CCs on the new scheme proposals. In relation to Keith's comments above he added his own disappointment regarding the ongoing lack of engagement with LibDem Cllrs and thanked Cllr Work for picking up queries and actions that would otherwise have been shared across all 4 Ward Cllrs.
6. Annual Accounts 2023-24	Diane confirmed the accounts issued with the AGM papers had been audited with no amendments. Running costs were barely breaking even and would be monitored, noting the block grant is based on population and should therefore increase given new housing. Interest levels and bank mergers also being checked to ensure balances stay within the £85k 'safety net' limit. The annual accounts for year ending 31 March 2024 were proposed by Terry and seconded by Anne, and formally approved.
7. Election of Office Bearers	Keith noted the Office Bearer and QDCC Councillor positions this year would be valid until the public CEC Community Council elections in autumn 2024. He handed the Chair to Cllr Work to oversee the election of the following. No nominations had been received prior to the AGM.
Chair	Keith Giblett was proposed by Graeme and seconded by Grant, and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations and Keith was re-appointed as Chair.
Vice Chair	Terry Airlie was proposed by Grant and seconded by Diane, and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations and Terry was re-appointed as Vice Chair.
Secretary	Terry Airlie was proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Neil, and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations and Terry was re-appointed as Secretary.
Treasurer	Diane Job was proposed by Anne and seconded by Gillian, and accepted the nomination.

	There were no further nominations and Diane was re-appointed as Treasurer.
Engagement Officer	Graeme McKinley, see Item 8 below.
8. Sub Committees	Current Sub Committee Convenors confirmed they were willing to continue in their respective roles as follows.
Planning	Diane Job
Transport	Grant Sangster
Communications	Graeme McKinley It was proposed that the Communications Convenor be nominated as QDCC Engagement Officer, and become an Office Bearer. This was accepted and agreed.
Education & Recreation	David Flint
Environment	Neil McKinlay
Health & Wellbeing	Anne Mitchell
	Sub Committee membership remained as previously allocated.
9. Local Interest Groups	
Queensferry Boat Club (QBC)	Mark Meredith, continuing as QBC representative.
Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)	Gillian Smith, continuing as QCCC representative.

Queensferry Heritage Trust (QHT)	David Learmond, continuing as QHT representative.
10. Associate Members	
Police Scotland	PC MacLeod, PC Sinclair
Queensferry High School (QHS)	Kenny Manson, Depute Headteacher QHS
Queensferry Rotary	Neil McKinlay
Local Resident	Laura Sexton
Minute Secretary	Liz Holmes
	Keith thanked Cllr Work for overseeing the election of QDCC Office Bearers and Committee Convenors, and other members and attendees.
11. AOB	None raised.
12. Date of Next Meeting	The June 2024 monthly Business Meeting followed on from this AGM. The next AGM will be in May/June 2025.