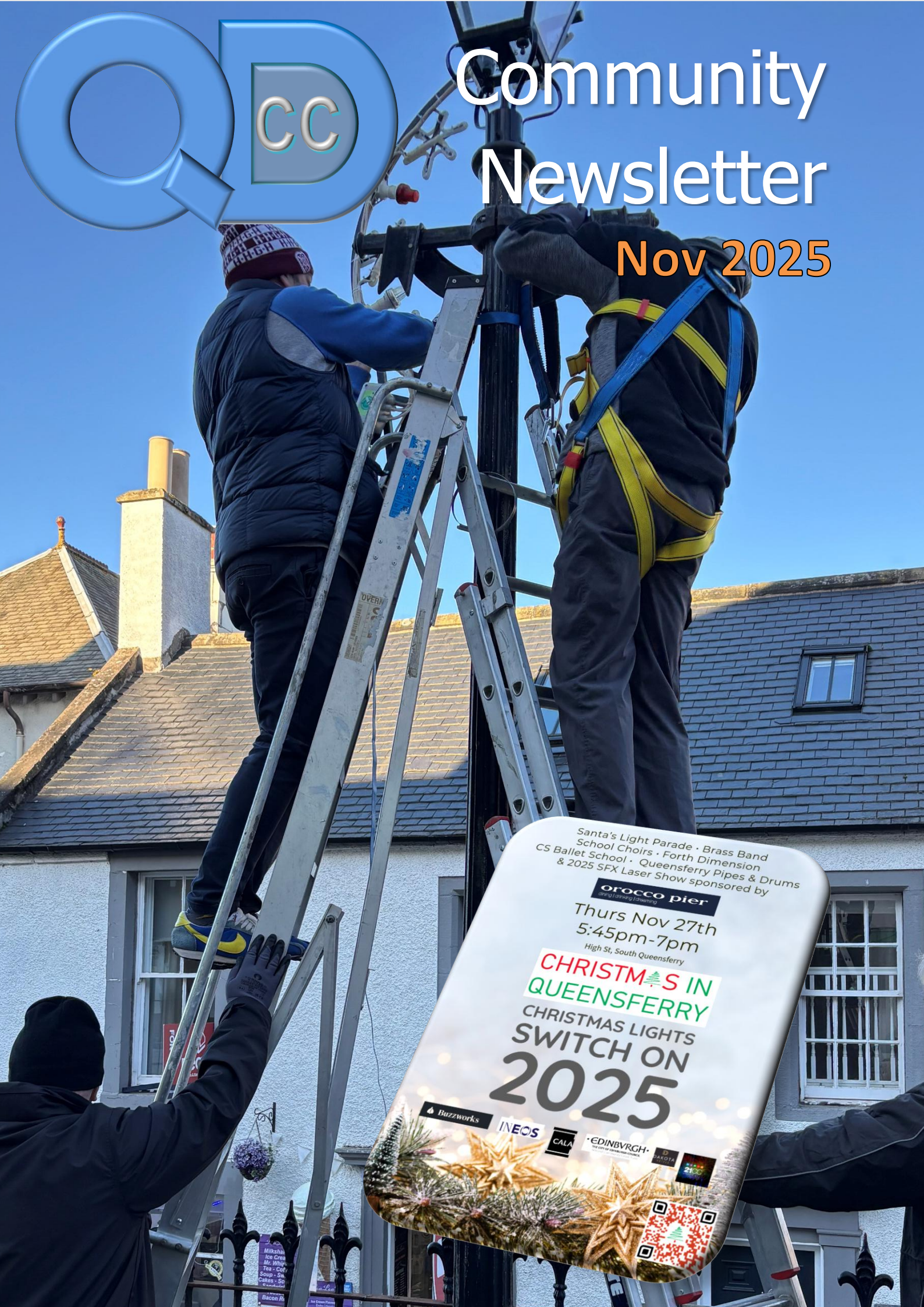




Community Newsletter

Nov 2025



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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Nov 2025

Kirkliston CC meeting

Organised by Graeme I attended Kirkliston Community Councils October meeting to be informed about matters impacting on their community. We were invited to talk about how QDCC conducts our meetings and we discussed matters of interest for both our communities. Generally, there is some similarities with matters arising in both communities.

EACC Meetings

I attended two meetings of the EACC last month a Board meeting and the monthly meeting held for all Community Councils wishing to attend. Michael Edwards presented an outline of CEC proposal for Participatory Budgeting for the grants awards scheme and local funding for the visitor levy. Arrangements are being made for Michael to attend QDCC's virtual Teams meeting.

High Street Improvement Works – Christmas Market

I have participated and assisted with the plans to hold a pre-Christmas market in the Rosebery Hall funded and supported by CEC as part of the works, supporting local business by creating foot fall and getting the message out that the High St is and will be open for business.

Asset Meeting & Active Travel meeting

I along with QDCC sub group members attended both meetings to learn about a revised proposal for the QPS School Campus and the Active Travel plans proposed outcomes from the Builyeon Road housing developments and primary school.

I continue to support Convenors and Executive members with the sub-group agendas and daily enquiries that come into QDCC's mailbox from Governance and our constituents.

Keith Giblett Chair

17 Nov '25.

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

Nov 2025

1. QDCC mailbox activity has been fairly busy 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 Campus) continues. A meeting to discuss the findings of the consultation and next steps was held on 10th November. Details to follow

- 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 was held with Gillian Smith. Next steps include a session with QHS Pupil Parliament to gather further views. A meeting was also held with Anna Grant and Jane Iannarelli of CEC was held to discuss CEC support of the QHS event.
- A meeting with Miles Wilkinson to discuss our concerns on the Active Travel Plans associated with Scotstoun Avenue was held on 11th November. Details to follow.
- The CALA/QDCC Community Chest funding is now in the process of being distributed following the conclusion of the award decision process. Agreement was sought and received from CALA prior to beginning the distribution. On target to be completed by the end of November
- A cheque for £1000 from Queensferry Community Council in North Wales was (incorrectly) re-directed to QDCC by Royal Mail. The money was a donation for a war memorial fund. It has been returned to QCC.

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 local residents including High School lets, Queensferry Market stalls, a request from a journalist for information on anti social driving, a query regarding residents associations, questions on Builyeon Road Primary School, a complaint regarding overcrowded carriages at Dalmeny Station and a query from a resident about an Ipsos/Mori/CEC road survey.

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 – 16th November 2025

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

Nov 2025

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - QDCC Business & Remembrance Wreath - £116.30

Diane Job - Bereavement Flowers - £16.00

QDCC/Cala Community Chest Funding

Queensferry Pipes and Drums - £450.00

Queensferry Watersports - £410.00

Friends of Dalmeny Primary School - £500.00

Dalmeny & Queensferry Parish Church - £500.00

Squids - £350.00

Tom Thumb Playgroup - £300.00

Rosebery Hall Assoc (Summer Camp) - £200.00

Priory Church - £400.00

Ferry Fair Festival - £500.00

St Margarets Parent Council - £250.00

Longcraig Scouts - £250.00

Queensferry Primary School Fund - £600.00

21st Craigmmond Scouts(South Queensferry) - £290.00

Total CC Funds - £1282.35

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £18970.91

95 Day Notice Account - October Interest £157.00 - £67377.68

Nationwide - £93244.02

Barclays Bank - £87503.54

RBS - £92853.54

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £426039.38

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

Nov 2025

QDCC Facebook page 24 Oct to 20th Nov : 42,186 views, 3.9k engagement, 85 interactions, 4,123 followers (+29)

QDCC Website 20 Oct 20th Nov : 892 views, 789 visitors.

Local public drop-ins, consultations or events

- All city wide consultations can be viewed at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

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Education Report – Anne Marie Boyd

Nov 2025

Education

Echline Primary School will welcome its new Headteacher, Kathryn Mitchell, on 15 December.

Primary One enrolment is now open for children starting Primary 1 in August 2026.

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

Queensferry High School. There remains no update regarding the proposed high school extension.

School Theatre Let

Following last month's meeting, a query was raised by a member of the public about their booking of the school theatre. I contacted Edinburgh Leisure and FM to investigate.

It was confirmed that the issue arose due to an error in the building closing times and a misunderstanding by the staff member handling the booking, who believed the school closed earlier than it actually does. The matter has now been resolved, and the original let will go ahead as planned.

However, the wider issue of community groups being able to access school spaces remains ongoing and is something we will need to address moving forward.

BLEW Blue Light Disco

The Blew Disco a fantastic event organised by Police Scotland in partnership with the Youth Work Team, will take place on Friday 21st Nov.

Youth Work Update

Youth clubs continue to be extremely busy, attracting 35–75 young people every week. These sessions remain an important provision for our young people, helping to build positive relationships between young people and adults.

Sessions:

- Tuesday, 6–8pm – Queensferry Community Centre (S1+)
- Wednesday, 6–8pm – Kirkliston Community Centre (S1+)
- Thursday, 6–8pm – Queensferry Community Centre (P7)
- Friday, 6–8pm – Open All Hours, Queensferry High School (S1+)

Open All Hours will have its last session of the year on 28 November and will reopen in the New Year.



Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

Nov 2025

The Pond and Surrounding Areas at the VAT Run

With the assistance of a group of local Scouts and their leaders an evening path clearance event was undertaken and the path is now an unhindered walk way to the pond. Our thanks to the local Scout troop who were very enthusiastic and worked very hard and we did not lose anyone in the dark mainly due to the fact that they were all wearing good head torches. The pond is completely choked with pond grasses and steps will be taken to remove the excess elements.

Engagement has been achieved with the members of the VAT Run voluntary organisation which has been inactive for some time and a meeting is being arranged between them and members of our environmental team and as well as developing a maintenance programme for the pond area and surrounds we will explore potential enhancement and development ideas for the wider area.

Jacobs Ladder

QDCC Chair Keith Giblett, Secretary Terry Airlie and I recently met with James Bowie the Dalmeny Estate factor to discuss amongst other matters the perilous condition of the “Jacobs Ladder” stairway. James reiterated that the steps are on Estate owned land but to whom permission was granted many years ago to erect the steps is not recoded in their records .However from local knowledge we believe the organisation who constructed the steps way back would in all likelihood have been British Rail. However no organisation is currently willing to “admit “ownership.

Although efforts to pursue funding for the necessary repairs continue, due to the inherent dangers of risk of injury to individuals using the steps and indeed one nasty fall has recently been reported to me action is now being progressed to arrange for the steps to be cordoned off at least for a temporary period. Accordingly the CEC Neighbourhood Environmental Department Manager has been contacted with a view to arranging a site visit to assess the condition of the steps and if they agree formally approve closure actions. If temporary closure is progressed appropriate signage will be needed to redirect the public to alternative routes to/from the promenade area.

[Guardian of the Bridges](#)

Some fairly minor repairs to some missing/damaged the tiles on the sculpture are required. I recently undertook a site visit with Mike Spring an Edinburgh based artist who has previously undertaken work in our community e.g. the Hawthorn Bank Gardens mosaic, is very kindly going to help with these repairs.

[Bulb planting](#)

CEC have kindly provide a supply of spring bulbs which we will shortly be planting in various locations within the town and Dalmeny village with help from local High School and Primary School children .

[Echline Community Woodland](#)

I recently assisted members of this group with their “back end” clear up cutting back overgrown shrubs and bushes.

Neil McKinlay, Environmental Committee Convenor

16th November 2025

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

Nov 2025

[Ferry Elves](#) are taking requests and already sorted 40 sets of coats and shoes with more requests coming in. Received £500 donation from Lovell Homes as well as a very welcome if unexpected donation of £300 from the Masonic lodge. We also had a very successful awareness and fund raising weekend in Tesco followed by fantastic donations from the community which are ongoing.

[Rosebery Hall](#)

Meetings attended; Voluntary sector forum, Asset review.

Rosebery hall; meeting with asset review team looking, in particular, at the use of the current community centre.

The management team have purchased new lights this year and are awaiting installation.

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

Nov 2025

[Applications](#)

During the five week period nine applications were received

25/05224/FUL - Proposed drainage soakaway mound at land adjacent to Mhor House 28 Dundas Home Farm - Mhor House 28 Dundas Home Farm

25/05521/FUL - New Porch to dwelling house - 56 Echline Terrace

25/05325/AMC - Construct new 2 stream (420 pupil) primary school and early years facility with capacity 128 nursery age children, associated landscaping - Land 288 Metres Southwest of 10 Builyeon Road

25/05469/FUL - Proposed replacement paving to existing stone and gravel pathway leading to Dalmeny Church Hall entrance from Dalmeny Kirk and from Bankhead Road - Dalmeny Church Hall 22 Main Street Dalmeny

25/05593/FUL - Conversion from detached double garage to ancillary accommodation. Roof alterations include new velux window, rear dormer and solar panels - 11 Kirkliston Road

25/05784/FULSTL - Change of use to short term let - 3 Bellstane

25/05878/FUL - Conservatory and a canopy roof to rear of the property - 91 Longcrock

Trees in Conservation Area

25/05747/TCO - Multi stemmed cherry tree in back garden removal of tree - Forthview West Station Road

25/05804/TCO - Willow salix fragilis remove tree due to unstable root plate. Tree is approx 4m tall with a spread of 3m - 2 Rosshill Terrace

Decisions

During the five week period nine decisions were made

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

25/05450/LBC - Proposed replacement paving - Dalmeny Church Hall 22 Main Street Dalmeny - PERMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED

25/04361/LBC - Listed building consent to carry out minor adjustments to previous application ref 25/04346/LBC - Dalmeny House Dalmeny Estate - GRANTED

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 - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

25/02773/FULSTL - Erection of single storey detached chalet at Land adjacent to Lowood House (short term letting holiday accommodation - Land 40 metres West of Lowood Cottage) Lowood Craigiehall - REFUSED (Community Council: Queensferry & District (pre 28 March 2025)

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

25/05058/CLP - Use of Property as Class 3 (Restaurant) - 31 The Loan - REFUSED

25/04670/LBC - Replacement of the existing non-historic timber sash windows on a like to like basis with new windows, custom fitted with slimline IGUs. All historical detail to be matched/reinstated - 3 East Terrace - GRANTED

Planning Matters

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - this area is now included in the active travel proposals

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](#)

Phase 3a is complete with phase 3b ongoing. In the Emily McBain streets area Block 11 has been completed with residents moved in. Plots 211-214 are complete with habitation granted. Open areas starting to be formed between Cala and Lovell sites. Mains service lays started to the bottom part of the site. Site getting ready for Christmas shutdown

[Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village - Lovell](#)

Will give a verbal report at our monthly meeting if any news or updates received

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No updates or news this month

[Forthview Development \(Corus site\)](#)

No update

[LAR Development Port Edgar](#)

LAR are delighted to report no break-ins to site since our last report. They hope that this trend continues.

They have been working from a limited site office set up. The Site compound including office areas, increased welfare facilities and storage is being set up from the 10th to 24th November, its location will be in the courtyard of the Infirmary building.

Work to the deep excavation for the pumping chamber is completed with the manhole now at ground level. Deep sewer work from this pumping chamber into the main areas of the site will continue through to Christmas.

Roof repair to the officer's west building are ongoing with joiners working internally on the initial joinery stages. On the east building ,preparation work is near completion which will allow us to erect the timber frame prior to Christmas.

[Builyeon Road Primary School & Nursery](#)

25/05325/AMC - Construct new 2 stream (420 pupil) primary school and early years facility with capacity 128 nursery age children, associated landscaping - Land 288 Metres Southwest of 10 Builyeon Road. QDCC has until the 8th December to submit consultee comments to CEC Planning

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

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Transport – Laura Sexton

Nov 2025

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

Progress since last meeting: QDCC to meet with CEC officials late November to discuss progress

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

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. Phase 2 of the work will commence on 5 January 2026.

Builyeon Road

Progress since last meeting: QDCC met with CEC officials recently to discuss active travel proposals for Builyeon Road Safe Routes to School and have pressed the urgency of installation of temporary crossings particularly within the context of darker evening and darker mornings.

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.

Builyeon Road School: Active Travel project

QDCC met with CEC officials in November to discuss proposals for Builyeon Road School Active travel project. QDCC have put forward the views of the wider community to ensure the provision of a safe route to school under the project.

Scotrail: Lack of capacity at Dalmeny Station

QDCC have received representations in November from a resident about the lack of capacity on early morning trains departing from Dalmeny Station. The role of QDCC is to act as a voice for local residents and organisations. QDCC is willing to press ScotRail and elected members for increased capacity at Dalmeny on receipt of a strong evidence basis of passengers unable to board trains due to a lack of carriage space. QDCC have asked passengers to undertake a survey over the next month of dates/days/times/departure details/number of passengers unable to board trains over a period of at least a month to provide reliable and substantive evidence of the need for increased capacity at Dalmeny. The evidence will then be used by QDCC for discussions with ScotRail and elected members about the need for increased capacity at Dalmeny.

LAURA SEXTON

Convenor Roads and Transport
Queensferry and District Community Council.

Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

Nov 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/>

CruiseForth are meeting with local businesses Thursday 27th Nov 10am at Railbridge Bistro to discuss how best to maximise opportunity from the 2026 cruise season.

Queensferry Christmas Market

Sat 29th Nov 10am-4pm, Rosebery Hall.
The first in a planned series of markets.
Great response from local traders
despite the late confirmation of this
event. Organised and funded by City of
Edinburgh council as part mitigation
towards the High St disruption .

Itison Promotion

There will be an Itison common currency
voucher promotion, offering fully
subsidised deals which **effectively offers
half price** in all High St businesses from
Longcraig Rd along to Hopetoun Rd, who
sign up to the promotion. Businesses will
receive the full value for their
product/service. This is a huge
promotion and opportunity for everyone
to use local businesses at prices you are
unlikely to see again. The promotion will
last for the duration of the High St refurb
works. This promotion will be launched
at the Queensferry Market on Sat 29th
Nov.

Christmas Events

A significant volume of festive events in
the town and surrounding area over the
festive period. A list of events can be viewed on the [Christmas in Queensferry website](#). The
town's light switch on will take place on the High St Thursday 27th Nov from 5:45pm to 7pm.

Queensferry Business Group Report – Gill Fox

Nov 2025

Queensferry Market

Plans for the Christmas Market in Rosebery Hall, organised by CEC, are progressing well with a lot of interest from local businesses and further afield. Out of 31 businesses who requested a table, 15 are local to Queensferry and have confirmed their availability and interest. It was agreed to restrict the Christmas Market to local businesses, with the intention of expanding this slightly for the Easter Market and summer markets. The Christmas Market will take place on Saturday, 29th November, 10am to 4pm in Rosebery Hall. The fee is £10 per table which will be donated to Queensferry Care in the Community.

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QR code linking to the event information.

The poster features a background of warm, bokeh-style Christmas lights. At the bottom, there are several golden star-shaped Christmas decorations and a small evergreen tree. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event title and date prominently displayed.

Itison Scheme

The ItisOn team will be present in the Hall and the Scheme will be launched that day. There have been some delays with the ItisOn team contacting local businesses but progress should be made w/c 17th November, starting with businesses which have already expressed an interest in joining the scheme.

Robert Armstrong, Project manager for the High Street refurbishment works will also be on hand to answer any questions regarding the works.

QBG

The last QBG meeting for 2025 will take place on Thursday, 20th November at 5.30pm at Orocco Pier. Alastair Pascall of Whyte Sharp will give a presentation on pensions and protection and I will talk about pre year-end tax and financial planning as well as the new Making Tax Digital rules which will start to affect businesses and landlords from April 2026. The MTD rules are coming into force in stages and will have a major effect on businesses as the new requirement is that taxpayers submit quarterly accounts to HMRC as well as a final full year set with their Tax Return.

GF, 17/11/25

Rotary Club

General

Three local businesses/organisations are in the process of joining our club as Community Members, a relatively new innovation. This includes Queensferry High School with whom we already have a long standing relationship supporting them in a number of ways.

Events and Fund Raising

Rotary Santa, his sleigh and elves are ready to go for the switching on of Queensferry's Christmas Lights on Thursday 27th November 2025

Arrangements have been finalised for Santa's tours of the town over 5 evenings, plus there will be two static venues – Tesco and Scotmid. Details of these will be on local social media, Rotary's Web site and Facebook. Rotary Santa will also be in attendance at 11 local groups and venues over the festive period.

Rotarians are looking forward to a tour, date to be finalised, of the High School. This will conclude with a visit to the pupils Barista Café.

Community

Following a little break our community group recently met with the Depute Head at the High School to discuss new initiatives we can work on together. The creation of their new sustainable garden is an excellent project where our experienced environmental team members can work alongside the teaching staff and pupils to create the garden. Other opportunities for the pupils to assist in community environmental related work will include spring bulb planting.

KCM 17/11/2025

Agenda

QDCC November Business Meeting Monday 24th November 2025 at 7.30pm Online via MS Teams

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Edinburgh Visitor Levy & Participatory Budgeting – Michael Edwards (CEC)
4. Police Report
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (October 2025)
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 – 16th November 2025

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QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 27 October 2025 at 7.00pm

Burgh Chambers

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Anne Marie Boyd, Lise Coles, Nicola Gourlay, Diane Job, Kirstie Lamont, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Iain Plunkett, Gill Fox (QBG), David Learmond (QHT), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: 2 members of the public.

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting, following the AGM.
2. Apologies	Terry Airlie (Vice Chair & Secretary), Judith Parke, Laura Sexton, Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Kenny Manson (QHS), Mark Meredith (QBC), Police Scotland.
3. QHS Hall Lets	<p>Keith welcomed a representative from Forth Dimension Musical and Ferry Blend Choir groups. They wished to raise problems in gaining access to the school hall for music related events at QHS and was despite establishing a supportive relationship for this with Craig Downie, Head Teacher. Bookings had been made for Ferry Blend Choir concert on Sunday 30 November, from 2.30-4.30pm, and at end Dec for Forth Dimension. The Choir had been messaged to say space now only available till 3.30pm but without explaining why. A separate rehearsal date the week before was also cancelled because double booked. This would impact on tickets already sold and be a lost opportunity for local children to get involved in assisting with staging, lighting etc. It was understood other groups such as CSBS dancers were experiencing similar difficulties.</p> <p>Keith thanked the representative for bringing this to QDCC attention and advised the issue was probably down to either school lettings or facilities management, or lack of liaison between both. Cllr Work would check out the specific 30 Nov instance and report back. QDCC would review and consider the wider issue.</p> <p>ACTION: Cllr Work to check position on QHS hall let for concert on Sun 30 Nov.</p> <p>ACTION: QDCC to consider wider issue of QHS facilities availability for community use.</p>

4. Police Report	<p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> The Police report was circulated on 28 October. Any questions to be sent to Terry to forward on.</p>
5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Sept 25)	Minutes proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by David.
6. Matters Arising	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u> Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: McArthur Rigg, Lowrie Gait, and Dimma Park. Cala advise remedial work complete, roads adoption request submitted to CEC, Oct. Formal adoption expected early/mid Nov 25. ONGOING – Cala to notify Keith on completion.</p> <p><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 when in post.</p> <p><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. ONGOING – Keith & Terry met with Kenny. Proposal to use new School Parliament, c50-60 pupils from S1-S6 on Wed 26 Nov morning. Ironside Farrar to do presentation and introduction to LPP proposals. Looking for 4 or 5 QDCC members to be facilitators. Nicola expressed interest in attending but not free that date. Keith explained date/time had been set by QHS to fit with the school timetable and facilities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Harbour Wall: Keith to write again to CEC on Harbour Wall repairs. CLOSED – work on repairs commenced w/c 20 Oct.</p> <p>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. Site visit with CEC being organised. Potential for new 'Friends Group' being looked into. Noted existing/previous group still live. CLOSED – Phase 1, Scouts & Leaders have cleared the path. Phase 2, to renovate pond, clear out grasses etc. Rotary to replace burnt seats. Local carpenter volunteered help. QPS P6/7 also offering help, contact via Anne Marie.</p>

	<p>Graeme also commented on local businesses & organisations and original Friends Group that may wish to offer support, be involved in revamping the area. Keith proposed a group discussion to take forward, Neil to Lead.</p> <p>NEW ACTION: Group discussion on taking forward enhancements at VAT Run area. Neil to lead.</p>
7. Community Facility Funding (CFF)	<p>Diane drew attention to recent discussions on the CFF. She reported that one of the banks holding this funding was proposing to restrict, or close, the account. Documentation was required to continue with the account but the information requested did not apply to QDCC Office Bearers and it was proving difficult to explain this to their satisfaction.</p> <p>This was in addition to the secondary matter of seeking another bank to place some of the funding in, to ensure £85k protection was secured. All banks now have much stricter requirements for deposit accounts placed with them. As a result, other options had been explored and a portfolio of Treasury Gilts was proposed as an alternative to bank deposit accounts. QDCC discussed this further, including risk, fees, interest rates, maturity dates, involved in managing the funding in this way and that professional independent advice would be sought. The following actions were agreed.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith, Diane and Terry to meet regarding banking information requested.</p> <p>ACTION: Separately QDCC to examine further the option to transfer some/all of the funding to gilts, taking appropriate financial advice. Briefing note to be subsequently provided on options for QDCC members review in detail, given complexity and risk involved.</p>
8. Chair's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>No questions raised.</p>
9. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports	<p>Cllr Work. Norman gave a verbal update.</p> <p>He had attended a briefing on the new Queensferry Campus. Changes to layout were proposed.</p> <p>Anne noted the consultation had included feedback on GP needs.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</p> <p>No report submitted.</p>
10. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>No questions raised.</p>
11. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Any questions to be notified separately to Terry.</p>
12. Engagement & Inclusion Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>No additional points raised or queried.</p>
13. Sub Committees	<p>Reports circulated via Newsletter.</p>

	<p><u>Planning</u> Diane advised new Builyeon Road Primary School & Nursery plans should be on the CEC Portal next day. She asked QDCC members to review and provide feedback. She had also asked CEC for more time to consider the plans, given their significance to the community. She reported that CEC intended to place street name signage for the Builyeon Road development on houses, rather than at road/pavement level. A resident affected by this had raised the matter and she had written to CEC expressing concerns. Response awaited.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> Neil reported on his meeting with the Rosebery Estate factor regarding Jacob's Ladder. No agreed solution on action was reached and Neil's view was the steps should be closed-off due to their unsafe state. Signage would be required to redirect pedestrians. The factor was seeking a site visit with CEC's Outdoor Access Officer to review options to resolve who and how best to undertake the repairs required.</p> <p><u>Business & Tourism</u> Graeme commented on the Itison scheme available to all businesses along the High Street, from the Honeypot to the Library, led by CEC and effective from 29 Nov. Should be beneficial to everyone, but needs businesses to sign up. David asked about the railings replacement and what was involved. Keith understood repairs and painting would be done in situ on the Terraces for safety reasons. Graeme also noted 47 cruise ships currently scheduled for 2026.</p> <p><u>Health & Wellbeing</u> Anne was arranging visit to view a care home run by the new company expected to manage the care home in Queensferry.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> No questions raised.</p> <p><u>Education</u> No additional matters raised.</p>
<p>14. Local Interest Groups</p>	<p><u>QHT</u> David commented on start of this year's programme of talks, details on website. First event the previous week was on the LPP with Keith and Julian Farrar both invited. Had been a good discussion on what makes Queensferry special.</p> <p><u>Edinburgh Watersports</u> Karen updated QDCC on the sale of PE Marina lease to West Coast Capital. Early days with initial meetings and handover in progress. Graeme enquired if this might result in the change to the John Muir Way route considered previously. To be revisited at a later date.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> - report circulated via Newsletter.</p>

	<p>Neil advised good initial support for the Raft Race next year, on 28 June. The race would involve 8-man paddle boards with a test exercise planned for the Spring.</p> <p><u>QBG</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. No additional points raised.</p>
15. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	<p>CEC/EACC updates circulated as received.</p> <p>Keith reported recent EACC discussion on the Community Partnership Plan. He suggested a presentation to QDCC on this would be helpful, in particular in the context of new social housing in Queensferry.</p> <p>ACTION: Keith to arrange presentation on Community Partnership Plan for next meeting (online via Teams).</p>
16. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graeme commented on the Priory Church new Garden Room. • Iain advised recent difficulty in getting UBER taxi to Queensferry. • Cllr Work noted Dune bakery application for site on The Loan refused by CEC. There was commentary on this online, concern regarding timing of decision. • Graeme asked about ownership and planning status for the Sealscraig in relation to High Street works. <p>ACTION: Diane to enquire who is currently responsible for the Sealscraig.</p>
17. Questions from the Floor	None.
18. Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting will be online on Monday 24 Nov 25, 7.30pm, via MS Teams.