

PLACE CENTER DAN ERRY



Community
Newsletter

Jan 2026

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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Jan 2026

Christmas Market

I helped with organising the Christmas Market held in the Rosebery Hall on 29th November '25.

Queensferry Place Plan Consultations, QHS Workshop, along with Publicising the events

I worked closely with Ironside Farrer to get the plan amended with the comments received from community councillors providing support, information and some additional photos. The Secretary and I arranged and facilitated two public Drop in Sessions the first held during the Market on the 29th Nov '25 and the second alongside the FBWH Management Plan held on the afternoon of the 14th Jan. '26, both in the Rosebery Hall and the QHS Student workshop held on the 9th December.

There was considerable work involved in publicising the drop-in- sessions and the launch of the plan going public at the beginning of January 2nd '26. I would like to thank the Rosebery Hall for allowing QDCC the use of the rooms for the drop-in-session, community councillors for their support with manning the sessions, Ironside Farrer for designing and collating the information boards and CEC for printing them, the planning officers for designing, organising and attending the workshop and providing the facilitators for the event.

Jacobs Ladder repairs

Following from a letter to the Director of Place QDCC met with CEC senior officers to discuss the poor and dangerous condition of the steps, as reported by the Environmental Convenor.

Hawes Promenade & Toilets

I meet with Senior Council Officers to discuss the new Hawes Toilets installation, Street furniture standards, the raised cushions being used to access the car park amongst other operational matters.

Officers will look at the feasibility, possibly by undertaking a study, how standards can be lifted and maintained for the conservation area.

Barclays Bank Teams Meeting

I was contacted by Barclays Bank to be informed about a new charity account the bank had opened.

Along with the Treasurer and Secretary I attended a TEAMS meeting to learn about the new account which could be of interest to QDCC.

Keith Giblett

18 Jan26.

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

Jan 2026

1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained steady since the last meeting of the Community Council – despite the Christmas break. 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. Following a meeting with CEC Officers in November we await the outcome of the latest consultation (s) and details of the next steps.
- Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry. A revised draft of the plan was issued before Christmas and is currently open for review and comments. Two public sessions in The Rosebery Hall have been held with some interesting comments received. A session was also held at QHS with pupils of the Pupil Parliament, based on common themes identified in the LPP thus far. Initial feedback has been positive and we await the final outcomes from CEC officers who assisted with the process. A further meeting with CEC Officers is planned. The online consultation continues until the end of January and thus far a number of responses have been received – mostly positive to date.
- The CALA/QDCC Community Chest funding was completely distributed by the target date of the end of November. Many notes of thanks have been received from successful applicants. CALA have also expressed their appreciation of the work put in by QDCC to get this over before year end. The scheme is now closed.
- Mark Merideth has indicated he is standing down from QDCC as the QBC representative with immediate effect. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Mark well for the future and thank him for his contributions over the piece.

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 in November we have fielded a number of calls and responded to several online queries from local residents, including a request/complaint on nursery provision, poor lighting at Dundas Park, 43 bus service diversion, closure of main railway line between Haymarket and Dalmeny, closure of BP garage, litter around Dalmeny Tank Farm road, a query about the condition of the WWI Battle of Jutland sign on Hawes Promenade, racist graffiti, late pick up of waste bins over the Christmas break and anti-social driving on Scotstoun Avenue.

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 – 18th January 2026

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

December 2025 - January 2026

Money in this month:

Cala - Ferry Elves Funding - £800.00

Money out this month:

Ferry Elves - Cala Funding - £800.00

Keith Giblett - Printing Costs - £10.49

Bank Charges - £6.50

Diane Job - Flowers gift - £16.00

Total CC Funds - £1250.36

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - December interest £59.77 - £19030.68

95 Day Notice Account - Nov Interest £152.29 Dec interest £157.72 - £67687.69

Nationwide - £93244.02

Barclays Bank - December interest £255.32 - £87758.86

RBS - October - December interest £486.13 - £93339.67

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £427150.61

Diane Job
QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

Jan 2026

QDCC Facebook page 23rd Dec to 19th Jan : 85,160 views, 6.4k engagement, 225 interactions, 4,161 followers (+38)

QDCC Website 22nd Dec to 20th Nov : 2,943 views, 2,326 visitors. (Place Plan 2,009 views to date.)

Local public drop-ins, consultations or events

- Draft Place Plan – comments to QDCC invited until 31st Jan
- Forth Bridge Management Plan consultation open until 31st March.
- 14/1 – Place Plan & Forth Bridge Management Plan Drop In, RH
- 20/1 – Forth Bridge Management Plan Drop In, Contact & Ed centre
- 20/1 – Forth Bridges Forum public meeting, Contact & Ed centre
- 22/1 - Forth Bridge Management Plan Drop In, Queensferry Library
- 22/1 – CruiseForth Business drop in, Orocco Pier
- 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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Echline Primary School

New Headteacher, Katie Mitchell has taken up her post at Echline and is settling in nicely.

Echline nursery were also recently inspected by the Care Inspector and got a great report this can be viewed here: <https://echlineprimary.wordpress.com/nursery/>

Queensferry High School

There is no new information on the extension.

Update – Early Years Campus

A meeting was held in December with Jane Larinelli and Robbie Crockett to provide an update on the current position of the Early Years Campus. During the meeting, they shared revised plans for the project. These proposals include relocating the new campus to the opposite end of Burgess Park from the site originally proposed, as well as the inclusion of NHS facilities within a new community wing of the former nursery building. It was noted that these plans remain at a proposal stage only and are subject to further development and approval.

Builyeon Road School

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 South Queensferry

Planning and Design updated online 17/12/2025

Youth Clubs

Youth clubs start back week beginning 19th January;

Tuesday 6-8pm Queensferry Community Centre, S1 plus.

Wednesday 6-8pm Kirkliston Community Centre, S1 plus.

Thursday 6-8pm Queensferry Community Centre, P7.

Friday 6-8pm Queensferry High School, Open all hours. S1 plus.

The youth clubs are free for anyone to attend keeping it accessible to all removing any financial barriers.

Parenting across Scotland have just produced a report which investigates parents and carers perspectives on children and young people's access to hobbies across Scotland. The top theme for both barriers and facilitators to hobbies related to the financial costs of hobbies. Over half of respondents who cited their children do not currently take part in a hobby (54.93%) noted cost as a barrier.

https://www.parentingacrossscotland.org/media/1746/pas_hobbies-report_january-2026

<https://pas.cmail19.com/t/r-l-tkhtedy-krfpydtt-y/>

Other information



Speech and Language Therapy Helpline Service

If you have queries or concerns regarding your child's speech, language and communication please call the Speech and Language Therapy Helpline Service in your local area.

Anyone can call if they would like to talk to a Speech and Language Therapist for advice. You don't need to go to your GP, Health Visitor or school to access this service.

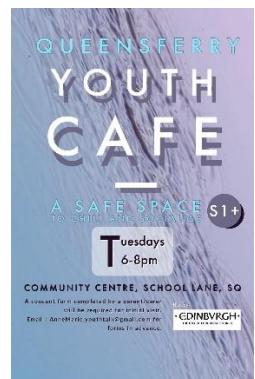
Edinburgh Helpline

0774622520

Tuesday 9am -10.30am

Wednesday 11am-12.30pm

Thursday 1pm-2.30pm



Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

Jan 2026

Jacobs Ladder

QDCC officers have had very positive meetings with various City of Edinburgh (CEC) officers to discuss the perilous state of the stairway known locally as “Jacobs Ladder” that leads from the Hawes Pier up to the cycle path and ultimately Dalmeny Station. It is clear to the officers that this stairway is an integral part of the town’s pedestrian infrastructure and supports the CEC policy of “active travel”.

The CEC officers will now look to secure the necessary budget from appropriate sources for the repairs to be undertaken. At this time we do not have a definitive timescale for the works to be completed but we hope to be able to have this information in the relatively near future.

Given the time and considerable effort that has been expended on this long outstanding and relatively complex issue we are most grateful to the CEC officers for their positive response which we hope will lead to a satisfactory outcome.

Fly Tipping

Following a complaint from a local resident and with the support from the Dalmeny Estate factor an incident of fly tipping adjacent to the Dalmeny Tank Farm has been promptly dealt with.

Littering

A complaint has been received for a local resident regarding the significant amount of litter that is strewn around the Ferrymuir Retail Park particularly on the ground adjacent to the B 800. Contact is being made with the respective land owners and retail outlet leaseholders to address the matter.

Damage to planter and street furniture

A very unfortunate accident occurred earlier this month when a motorist collided with a safety bollard at the foot of the Loan, damaging the bollard, a stone bench and flower planter. CEC officials are aware of the incident and hopefully the damaged items can be repaired/replaced shortly. More importantly the injuries sustained by the driver were not life changing and no other individuals were harmed.

Neil McKinlay

QDCC, Environmental Convenor

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

Jan 2026

Dentistry

It is hoped that the dentist planning to open in the Lovell estate will be able to confirm opening date soon. Have messaged to verify this information.

Care Home

A Care home is being built for North care who manage the care facility on Telford road. They are keen to engage with the community. I have an appointment for 21st to look at costs, staffing and facilities likely to be included here. This site is now advertised on the North care website for Queensferry as a luxury facility with a planned opening of 2027

Ferry Elves

Ferry Elves worked hard again and supported 117 young people aged 2 weeks to 16 years. Massive thank you to everyone who financially supported us and to those amazing elves who sort, deliver and weight lift!

Public Toilets

Public toilets continue to have issues with uneven access and blocked pipes which is being discussed with CEC.

Rosebery Hall

Rosebery hall management committee had planned to renovate the huts used by SQUIDS behind Queensferry primary, with external repairs by CEC. Unfortunately, CEC has said that even with the repairs the building would not be viable therefore will not carry out repairs. Working with the asset review team the committee is now making plans for SQUIDS to share the other building with existing users and ensure that no one is at a disadvantage going forward. This is a much-needed group that is valued in the area. The management committee is waiting to discuss potential upgrade of the remaining building to ensure it meets care commission standards. These changes are not likely to happen before the summer holidays.

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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Planning Report

December 2025 - January 2026

Applications

During the eight week period eleven applications were received

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 Longcrook

25/06037/FUL - Change of Use from fitness studio (Class 11) to restaurant (class 3) - 31 The Loan

25/06239/FUL - Proposed garage conversion - 37 Ashburnham Loan

25/06296/FUL - Remove existing farmhouse and outbuildings and erect new dwelling house - Farmhouse A North Milton Milton Farm Road Dalmeny

25/06304/LBC - Internal alterations to ground floor layout to form opening in wall between kitchen and dining room - Lowood Craigiehall South Queensferry

25/06505/FUL - Erection of extension - 49 Lawson Crescent

25/06334/FULSTL - Change of use of premises to short-term let accommodation -18 Atheling Grove

25/06617/FUL - Installation of 1 x antenna 1 x transmission dish 1 x cabinet housing electronic apparatus, 1 x pole mounted "V- SAT" dish with ancillary apparatus and small 'GPS' unit - Proposed Telecoms apparatus attached to East Wall of no 17 The Loan - the location proposed is

within the CEC owned Viewforth Bank Industrial site please look at the application in the planning portal to get additional details

26/00041/FUL - Replacement conservatory with a new design - 17 Station Road

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

25/06175/CLP - Erection of extension - 49 Lawson Crescent

Decisions

During the eight week period thirteen decisions were made

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

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 - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

25/05747/TCO - Multi stemmed cherry tree in back garden removal of tree - Forthview West Station Road - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

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

25/04670/LBC - Replacement of the existing, non-historic timber sash window on a like-for-like basis with new windows, custom-fitted with Slimline IGUs. All historical detail to be matched-reinstated - 2 East Terrace - GRANTED

25/03606/FULSTL - Retrospective change of use of house to short term let - Lowood Cottage Lowood Criagiehall - REFUSED

Queensferry and District Community Council (pre 28 March 2025)

25/01052/FUL - Construction of full-width rock ramp fish pass at Downies Mill Weir on the River Almond - Downies Weir Cramond Brig Toll Cramond - GRANTED

Queensferry and District Community Council (pre 28 March 2025)

25/06175/CLP - Erection of extension - 49 Lawson Crescent - REFUSED

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 - REFUSED

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 - GRANTED

25/06037/FUL - Change of use from fitness studio (Class 11) to restaurant (class 3) - 31 The Loan - GRANTED

25/05902/FUL - Conservatory and a canopy roof to the rear of the property - 91 Long Crook - 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

The build is going to plan and November and December were good months regarding sales. All but 2 plots in phase 4 are either sold or occupied or a move in date given. In block 11 there are 2 plots yet to sell with another 9 other occupied or move in date given. The externals are on going and will move along as the houses/flats are completed.

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village - Lovell

No update - will give verbally at our meeting if any news or update is received

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Sales are progressing well, as is the build of the next phase

Forthview Development (Corus site)

No update

LAR Development Port Edgar

LAR are delighted to report that they have had no incidents of unauthorised access onto the site since their last update.

Traffic controls have now been set up on Society Road to allow utility services to be brought into the site, along with constructing the site accesses

In terms of construction progress some time was lost against the programme due to weather and the Christmas shutdown however, work to the Officer West Block continues with the roof works expected to be completed in the next month. This will allow the removal of the scaffold. Internally, joiner roughing works to the four flats continues with plumber and electrical roughing works planned to start towards the end of January.

The Timber frame on the Officers East Block will be fully erected during the month.

The deep excavation work will continue through into February. While the deep excavation work is completed and backfilled in the sewer pumping chamber they are hitting rock on the deep sewer leg going under the bridge to serve the officers East and West buildings which is slowing progress.

LAR welcomed some Queensferry High School teachers on the 14th January. The purpose of the visit was to discuss ways in which the site can be used as a learning experience for the pupils.

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 sent consultee comments to CEC Planning and the application is awaiting a decision.

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 will be discussed at a meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council Transport Committee on Thursday 29 January 2026.

The agenda and papers for the meeting will be published on Thursday 22 January 2026 on the City of Edinburgh Council website at [Agenda for Transport and Environment Committee on Thursday, 29th January, 2026, 10.00 am - Modern Council](#).

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.

Parking Restrictions on Whitehead Grove, Ashburnham Road, Ashburnham Gardens, and Station Road

The City of Edinburgh Council are preparing a Traffic Restriction Order to propose waiting and loading restrictions on Whitehead Grove, Ashburnham Road, Ashburnham Gardens, and Station Road are designed to improve road safety and accessibility for pupils walking, wheeling, and cycling to Queensferry High School and the Queensferry High Sports Complex.

These restrictions address concerns about parked vehicles obstructing visibility around the school, including corners, and crossing points, which can increase the risk of accidents and impede safe passage for children and other pedestrians.

Following detailed assessments and engagement with the school community, it has been identified that extending some restrictions to operate 24 hours a day will provide consistent protection against obstructive parking.

The introduction of these measures will enhance visibility for both pedestrians and drivers, reduce potential conflicts, and ensure crossing points remain clear and accessible. This supports the Council's commitment to promoting active travel by making routes to school safer and more convenient.

The Traffic Restriction Order will be published for consultation shortly. The restrictions are intended to come into force in April 2026.

Builyeon Road: Installation of Temporary Pedestrian Crossings: Update: Temporary Crossings are due to be installed in April 2026.

QDCC has been raising 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.

Queensferry High Street Improvement Works: High Street Improvement works commenced 7 October 2025. Phase 2 of the work will commence in January/February 2026.

Scotrail: Lack of capacity at Dalmeny Station

QDCC 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.

Closure of East Coast Rail Line for 9 Days

No trains will operate between Haymarket and Dalmeny from Saturday 17 January 2026 to Sunday 25 January 2026 inclusive.

LAURA SEXTON

QDCC: ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONVENOR

Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

Jan 2026



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 22nd Jan 10am at Orococo Pier** to discuss how best to maximise opportunity from the 2026 cruise season. Further details about this year's cruise season will be posted following the Cruise Summit later this month.

Queensferry Markets

Following the significant success of the first market in Rosebery Hall in November, plans are afoot for the next at Easter. Organised and funded by City of Edinburgh council as part mitigation towards the High St disruption .

Itison Promotion

Itison, CEC and the High St refurb contractors are currently finalising the contract. Itison have appointed personnel specific to Queensferry. We will link in along with QBG and help drive the promotion forward, with the main High St works expected to commence in Feb, after completion of the current section east of Sealscraig.

Details of the promo...

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.

Christmas Events

Lots of succesful events throughout the town leading in to Chrsitmas, including the lights switch on event. All help to promote the area and keep Queensferry at the forefront.

Forth Bridge Management Plan

Forth Bridge Draft Management Plan
Drop in sessions

The Forth Bridge was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2015 and its Management Plan is now being updated.

Please give your views on the draft Management Plan. Follow the link below or scan the QR code to complete the online questionnaire and have your say.

Venue	Date	Time
Rosebery Hall, South Queensferry	Wed 14 Jan	1pm-4pm
Inverkeithing Civic Centre	Thur 15 Jan	10am-2pm
North Queensferry Community Complex	Thur 15 Jan	3.30pm-7pm
Parkgate Centre, Rosyth	Mon 19 Jan	10am-1pm
Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry	Tues 20 Jan	2pm-5pm
South Queensferry Library	Thur 22 Jan	11am-2pm

You can have your say on the draft Plan in various ways. Firstly, there is an on line questionnaire. This is being hosted by Fife Council, but is open to anyone to complete.

Please complete the questionnaire by 31/3/26 via this [link](#) or QR code.

www.fife.gov.uk/forthbridge



Queensferry Business Group Report – Gill Fox

Jan 2026

The Christmas Market held in December was very successful with an estimated 200 attendees despite limited promotion of the event. All market stall holders seemed pleased with the event and look forward to being involved in future Market days.

The implementation of the ItisOn voucher scheme seems to be very slow-moving with reports by QF businesses of minimal contact from the ItisOn team. Some businesses have made independent contact with ItisOn and their featured offerings seems to be popular with good take-up by the public but there is widespread frustration at the lack of progress re the voucher scheme.

The first Queensferry Business Group meeting will be held in February with a 5 meetings scheduled for this year. Venues and speakers are being finalised and information will be distributed over the coming weeks. All local businesses are welcome at all the QBG meetings.

Cruise Forth will hold a meeting on 22nd January at 10am in Orocco Pier to provide further details of the cruise ship visits expected this year and to progress plans for co-ordinated marketing initiatives to promote local businesses to the crew and passengers of all the cruise ships. All local businesses are invited to attend this event.

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19/1/26

Rotary Club

Jan 2026

General

Rotary welcome Dakota Hotel Edinburgh and Queensferry High School as Community Members

Fundraising

Weather was kind to the 5 evening tours of the town and statics at Scotmid and Tesco by Santa's Sleigh, all going ahead as planned on the dates arranged. The sight of the sleigh and Santa is much appreciated by the local community.

Events

Rotary's Santa Sleigh led the procession for the switching on of the lights 29th November 2025. Santa then met and spoke to many of the local youngsters so a good start to their festive period

During this period Rotary had two special meetings. First was our Christmas meal where we were entertained by an excellent male singing trio who also led the attendees in some carol singing. Other was our formal evening for the first meeting of the new year, where we have a special speaker. This year was indeed special with an excellent and entertaining talk from an ex Foreign Office diplomat on their experiences in the British Embassy in Moscow during the time of Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Putin.

Arrangements have been completed for Rotary's Burns Supper which will be held in Dalmeny Church Hall on Friday 30th January 2025. This will include the now legendary, rendition of Holy Willie's Prayer from the pulpit of the church.

With the fantastic support from The Thirty Knots restaurant team, Rotary organised a cookery demonstration for 12 pupils from St Margaret's Primary school. They had a great morning and were shown how to prepare a chicken and slice vegetables. They also learned to prepare chicken wraps which they enjoyed eating. A further session, for another group, will take place later in January.

Community

Our Environmental team lead organised a leaf clear up at the cemetery. 25 young people from our local Scout group participated and they did an excellent job. Also organised were two bulb planting sessions with pupils from Queensferry High School, planting many hundreds of spring bulbs on the grass area in front of the High School. The bulbs were kindly provided by the CEC Parks and Green Spaces Department.

Rotary's environmental Team are having weekly visits to the High School constructing a sustainable garden on the east boundary. The last few weeks have involved erecting a perimeter fence to this area. Once this has been completed the pupils will join the Rotary team to form, among other things, raised beds, a pergola and seating. This work will be completed for planting by the pupils in early spring.

KCM 18/1/2026

Agenda

QDCC January Business Meeting
Monday 26th January 2026 at 7.30pm
Online via MS Teams

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (November 2025)
5. Matters Arising
6. Chair's Report
7. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
8. Treasurer's Report - including Community Fund Update
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 – 17th January 2026

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QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 24 November 2025 at 7.30pm

MS Teams – Online Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Guest: Michael Edwards, CEC Community Empowerment Team

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the November monthly meeting.
2. Apologies	Lise Coles, Anne Mitchell, Judith Parke, Karen Leslie, Police Scotland.
3. Edinburgh Visitor Levy (VL) & Participatory Budgeting (PB)	<p>Keith introduced Michael Edwards from CEC Community Empowerment Team and invited him to update QDCC on the VL and PB initiatives. Michael explained he was also a member of the PB team and outlined the background and current thinking on both VL and PB. These were at relatively early stages and were being developed, taking on board comments and feedback from communities and groups such as QDCC.</p> <p>Key points were -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitor Levy to commence next year.• Share from VL allocated to PB projects over 3yr cycle.• Equal funding amount across all Wards.• Different approaches for each Ward a possibility.• Yr 1 planning & system design.• Yr 2 delivery.• Yr 3 review & evaluation.• Culture & Communities Committee to consider Yr 1 proposals, 12 Feb 26. <p>QDCC confirmed their interest in taking the proposals forward and commented on -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role in identifying projects to benefit from the funding.• Potential projects for funding.• Need to define amount the funding will be, split across Almond Ward.• Options to lobby for additional share if warranted.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using draft LPP to help structure project eligibility. • Decision process for funding award. • Engaging local residents, of all ages. <p>Keith confirmed QDCC willing to be involved in the development process, have good track record with other partnerships & networks across the Almond Ward. He proposed forming a new Sub Group and asked members to think of items suitable for the PB funding.</p> <p>Keith thanked Michael for outlining the process to date and explaining the current thinking on delivery. He and Terry would be in touch further in due course.</p>
4. Police Report	The Police report had been circulated and was on the website. Any questions to be forwarded to Terry.
5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Oct 25)	Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne Marie.
6. Matters Arising	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>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. Cala to notify Keith on completion.</p> <p>ONGOING – Keith to contact Cala for update.</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. Pick up with new Head Teacher when in post.</p> <p>ONGOING – New HT starts 12 December. Action deferred to January.</p> <p><u>AUGUST 2025</u></p> <p>Local Place Plan: Keith to contact Kenny Manson regarding QHS hosting an engagement exercise for pupils on the draft LPP proposals. Proposal to use new School Parliament, c50-60 pupils from S1-S6, Wed 26 Nov. Ironside Farrar to do presentation and introduction to LPP proposals. Looking for 4 or 5 QDCC members to be facilitators.</p> <p>ONGOING – Revised date requested by QHS, Tues 9 Dec, 10.30-12.00 tbc. QDCC members to advise Terry if they can attend.</p> <p><u>Hawes Toilets:</u> Keith to raise concerns over quality of work with Andy Williams, CEC, to pass onto Gavin Brown.</p> <p>Insufficient units an issue, proposal to reopen ladies' toilets next to Bikers Cove. Keith/Anne to pursue.</p> <p>ONGOING – WIP, ongoing correspondence with CEC.</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2025</u></p> <p>QHS Lets: Cllr Work to check position on QHS theatre let for concert on Sun 30 Nov.</p>

	<p>CLOSED – Action resolved by Anne Marie.</p> <p>QHS Community Use: QDCC to consider wider issue of QHS facilities availability for community use.</p> <p>ONGOING – Graeme advised resident interested in setting up Forum/Group on community access to QHS & other CEC facilities more generally. Education Sub Cttee to consider taking this forward.</p> <p>CFF: Keith, Diane and Terry to meet regarding banking information requested for Community Facilities Funding.</p> <p>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> <p>ONGOING: Actions in hand. Recent increase in deposit protection from £85k to £120k will help alleviate current position meantime.</p> <p>CPP: Keith to arrange presentation on Community Partnership Plan for future meeting.</p> <p>ONGOING – Next network meeting 1 Dec, presentation to QDCC to follow.</p> <p>High Street Works: Diane to enquire who is currently responsible for the Sealscraig.</p> <p>ONGOING - Diane to contact property group involved and notify re High Street plans.</p> <p>VAT Run Pond Area: Neil to lead group discussion for taking forward enhancements at the VAT Run area.</p> <p>CLOSED – updates included in Environment Sub Cttee report(s).</p>
7. Chair's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Keith commented on his attendance at QHT meeting, good discussion held on LPP. David asked if there was any update on the LPP and if there were any other ideas for sharing it, noting the QHS proposal. Keith advised finalising the look and design, working on improving picture quality. Drop-in presentation taking place at the QBG Christmas Market in Rosebery Hall, Sat 29 Nov, plus issue to all participants involved in the LPP, and to be posted on QDCC website.</p>
8. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports	<p>Cllr Work. Norman gave a verbal update.</p> <p>He commented on CEC's last-minute withdrawal of granting a lease for premises on The Loan to Dune bakery. The handling of this was very unsatisfactory and had raised a number of questions. Ward Cllrs were urgently seeking further information from CEC officials. QDCC agreed it presented a lost business opportunity for the community and would have created employment.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</p> <p>No report submitted.</p>
9. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p>

	<p>Diane commented on the smooth process for this year's Community Chest awards. The funding had been transferred to the successful applicants. Keith thanked those involved in managing these awards.</p> <p>There had been no further contact from, or with, Nationwide on the CFF account held with them. The impact of the merger with Virgin Money would need action, and she was reviewing this.</p>
10. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>No additional points raised or queried.</p>
11. Engagement & Inclusion Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>No additional points raised or queried.</p>
12. Sub Committees	<p>Reports circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>Diane reminded members to let her have feedback on the Buiyleon Road School plans ahead of QDCC's submission. She thanked Nicola for sending her comments and proposed a catch up to review these. The online feedback was centred on the lack of parking spaces, noting CEC policy is to encourage active travel.</p> <p><u>Environment</u></p> <p>David asked if a date to close Jacob's Ladder steps had been set. Neil advised waiting for site visit from the Access Officer as he has power to advise Dalmeny Estate on this. No objections are anticipated. Nicola asked if HSE should be contacted as they have the right to require landowners to carry out repairs. Neil advised CEC can handle this within their own powers, and will deal with necessary signage redirecting pedestrians. Gill queried if funding from Scotrail was available to fix the steps. Keith explained the background, including potential leasing arrangements, and public liability responsibilities. He had written to CEC, as the current planning application for the 'walking experience' expires in March 26. And also to the Forth Bridges Forum, with suggestions on future handling.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> Copy of letter to CEC circulated to members.</p> <p>David noted the Bowling Club steps to Ferry Glen and the cycle path were in a poor state. Neil had met with CEC that day and action is to be taken.</p> <p><u>Business & Tourism</u></p> <p>No questions raised.</p> <p><u>Health & Wellbeing</u></p> <p>No questions raised.</p> <p><u>Transport</u></p> <p>No questions raised.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>No additional matters raised.</p>

13. Local Interest Groups	<p><u>Rotary</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. Neil (on Craig's behalf) confirmed the refurbished Santa's Sleigh was ready to go for the Christmas lights switch on, Thurs 27th Nov, and for subsequent tours of the burgh.</p> <p>ACTION: Craig to notify Graeme of Santa's Sleigh tour routes and dates, to add to the Christmas in Queensferry online list of events.</p> <p><u>QBG</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. No additional points raised.</p> <p><u>QHT</u> David asked if a meeting date had been set to discuss Museum plans. Keith advised this had been taken up with CEC via Karen Stewart. He was waiting for feedback before raising himself.</p>
14. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	<p>CEC/EACC updates circulated as received. Keith noted EACC AGM on Thurs 27th Nov, at 7pm. He was intending to continue as a Board Member.</p>
15. AOB	<p>No items raised.</p>
16. Questions from the Floor	<p>None.</p>
17. Date and time of next meeting	<p>The next meeting will be online on Monday 26 Jan 26, 7.30pm, via MS Teams. Keith thanked all for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</p>