



Community Newsletter

Feb 2026



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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

February 2026

The volume of emails remains a challenge to manage in a timely manner as well as the demands made on my time. I am regularly in communications with all of the QDCC Convenors and members on QDCC business matters that are noted in the monthly reports.

I attended the CruiseForth summit, several EACC meetings the most recent one held in the Central Library Edinburgh, corresponded by email and telephone calls about the High St Improvements works, attended a meeting about the Queensferry Museum and supported a property survey for the Museum building as well as attending the first meeting of the QDCC Finance group. I have also discussed the plans for Jacobs Ladder repairs with council officers. Along with convenors I have exchanged emails with Housing Developers Cala, and Lovell Homes as reported by the Convenors.

As reported I have along with the Secretary and Planning Convenor met with Ironside Farrer to discuss completion of the Local Place Plan.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC

16th Feb 2026

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

Feb 2026

1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained fairly steady since the January business meeting of the Community Council.
2. 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. For the latest updates please follow the weblink below.
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/new-education-buildings/queensferry-campus>
- Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry. A meeting was held with IF to begin reviewing the results from the online consultation that was held throughout the month of January
A total of 28 written responses were received – some fairly brief and others quite detailed. Most comments were positive and are currently under consideration ahead of updating the draft
A draft report of the session held with the QHS Pupil Parliament was received from CEC for review and comment. This has been returned and we await return the final document which will be included as an appendix to the main LPP.

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 January we have fielded a number of calls and responded to several online queries from local residents, including issues with the Fife Circle service at Dalmeny, High Street works progress, anti-social driving in general, Builyeon Road crossing issues, speeding on Scotstoun Avenue, a social housing query and persistent dog fouling

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.

3. I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and residents on various community related matters. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC related activity?

Terry Airlie, Vice Chair & Secretary – 15th February 2026

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

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Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

None

Total CC Funds - £1250.36

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £19030.68

95 Day Notice Account - January interest £158.09 - £67845.78

Nationwide - £93244.02

Barclays Bank - £87758.86

RBS - £93339.67

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £427308.70

Diane Job, QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

Feb 2026

QDCC Facebook page 28 days to 18/02 : 35,455 views, 1.228k engagement , 4,172 followers (+11)

QDCC Website 28 days to 16/02 : 1,333 views 828 visitors.

Local public drop-ins, consultations or events

- Forth Bridge Management Plan Please complete the questionnaire by 31/3/26 via this [link](#).
- 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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Early Years Campus

There are no updates to report at this time

High School Extension

There are no updates to report at this time.

Edinburgh Youth Action Group

I attended a meeting with Scott Fraser from the City of Edinburgh Council, along with Tom Scott and Graeme, regarding Edinburgh Youth Action. This initiative aims to support young people in having their voices, views and opinions heard more effectively. The project is currently in its initial phase here, and we are exploring how this model can be introduced and adapted for young people in Queensferry. Further updates will be provided as discussions progress.

Echline Primary School Parent Council

I attended the Parent Council meeting at Echline Primary School. There was particular interest in the Active Travel Plan and the proposed crossings on Builyeon Road. Parents were pleased to hear that the plans are progressing.

At the meeting, I advised that the projected timescale for installation was April. However, this has since changed following updated information received from the City of Edinburgh Council via our Transport Convenor. I will provide revised timescales once confirmed.

Youth Clubs

Local youth clubs continue to run well and are still experiencing high attendance, which is amazing.

BlewLight Disco

The BLEW (Blue Light Edinburgh West) Disco, which supports P7 pupils transitioning to high school and provides an opportunity to meet young people from other schools, will take place on 8 May.

Queensferry High School

On Monday, Queensferry High School had the privilege of welcoming Professor John Hattie, one of the world's leading voices in education. He spent the day working with staff and meeting some of the young people. Delegates from all over the country attended to listen to Professor Hattie. The school said it was a significant and positive visit for the school, and a real honour to host him.



Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

Feb 2026

Jacobs Ladder

Ongoing dialogue with the appropriate City of Edinburgh (CEC) officers continues regarding the renovation of the steps and we are hopeful that the repairs can be undertaken before the Easter holiday season begins and the Cruise ships commence their annual programme of visits.

Repairs to the stairway leading from the Bowling Club corner of the Back Braes footpath down to the cycle path

Following our intervention a full refurbishment of the stairs has been completed by contractors on behalf of CEC.

Stairway from the east end of Station Road down to the cycle path heading south east to Dalmeny village

A request has been submitted to the CEC roads team to effect repairs to the steps as a few of the wooden risers are damaged or have simply rotted away.

Sewage spill

A sewage spillage was raised by a resident, the issue is on the main cycle path heading to Dalmeny village near to the Bankhead Grove housing estate. This has been a reported problem in the past and a Scottish Water team have been out with equipment to clear the pipe blockage which we hope addresses the issue.

Pond at the VAT run

An inspection of the pond is taking place on the 20th February by our environmental team and a former Park Ranger now working in Fife. This gentleman was heavily involved in the development work at the VAT run including the pump track development many years ago and is keen to support an initiative to clear out of the pond which is choked with pond weeds.

Damaged Planter at the Queens Spice restaurant

The local Greenferry team of volunteers have kindly undertaken a temporary repair to the large planter that was badly damaged in a recent road traffic accident. We are hopeful that CEC will arrange for this planter to be replaced in due course.

Litter

We have been in contact with the manager of the Tesco store regarding the reported significant build-up of unsightly litter and debris on the areas of ground around the war wash part of their site. They have undertaken to instruct a contractor to remove it and we will be monitoring progress.

Neil McKinlay

15th February 2026

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

Feb 2026

Have met with the coordinator for Homestart in this area who agrees that we have many isolated families who could do with support. We have a venue and now need to recruit volunteers before reaching out to families.

Partly in response to the recent graffiti, Forth Span is organising a Ferry Welcome event to be held on March 22nd in the high school in the hope that people will bring food and share cultural aspects specific to their family. At least one young person who has lived here since birth has found this a very upsetting sensation of being unwanted in their community.

QCCC is seeking people to join their Services Committee



Recruiting now

Volunteers needed

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COULD YOU HELP SHAPE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Queensferry Care is looking for a volunteer to join our **Services Sub-Committee**, helping to guide and support services for older people and carers in our local communities.

Time commitment

- One meeting every two months (1-2 hrs)
- Around 1 hour of pre-meeting reading

Ideal for people with experience in:

- health, social care or medical settings
- community services or older people's support
- caring for an older family member

(PVG required - support provided)



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Queensferry care

Connecting People with their Community



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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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Applications

During the four week period eleven applications were received

25/06456/FUL - Proposal to build a new residential flatted development including 20 No. flats of 2 and 3 bedrooms - Land 40 metres North of 1 Craw's Close

26/00057/FULSTL - Erection of a single detached chalet at land adjacent to Lowood House (short term letting holiday accommodation) - Land 40 metres West of Lowood Cottage Lowood Craigiehall

26/00131/FUL - Proposed single storey rear extension and two-storey side extension - 8 Lawson Crescent

26/00180/FUL- The proposal is to carry out some minor alterations to the existing property to create two bedrooms and a home office. The proposal includes the formation of a dormer window and some minor alterations to the ground floor elevations - 11 Kirkliston Road

26/00199/FUL - 2 storey extension to rear of end terrace and new porch to replace existing to front - 97 Moubray Grove

26/00213/FUL - New roof windows in existing garage roof - 2 Shore Road

26/00253/FUL - Installation of new mechanical extraction system with external flue system - Forth Road Bridge South Anchorage Compound 107 metres West of 42 Shore Road

26/00260/FUL - Change of use from Class 6 to Class 3 restaurants and cafes. Upgrade the existing brick structure with waterproof render. Form new window openings and canopies to the front and side. Erect new glass balustrades - 41 High Street

26/00322/FUL - Formation of new access and relocation of previously approved car parking - Easter Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny

26/004228/FUL - Construct single storey pitched roof extension - 48 Stoneyflatts Crescent

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

26/00117/CLP - To convert an existing double garage to residential use as an annexe to an existing dwelling for accessible accommodation - 3 Lovers Lane

Decisions

During the four week period four decisions were made

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

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

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

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

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

The final affordable homes (for Manor Estates) are due to be handed over in March
A footpath linking Queensferry Heights to Society Road is due to commence in April

Builyeon Road Development - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

The school land is due to transfer next month. This follows on from the S75 agreement being amended for CEC's wish for clarity on service provision
Directional drilling of the A9000 is likely May/June there will be no impact on the road network during the works.
It is thought that the 500 home occupation will take place in November/December 2026.

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village - Lovell

100 social homes for Sanctuary Housing Association - approx 25% handed over to date - the remainder of units will be handed over by the Spring
185 private market rent homes for Sigma Capital - 100% handed over

Social Value Activities Delivered since August 2025

QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL – 18 students aged 15–17 participated in a diverse on-site programme. Activities included a health and safety induction, a presentation on careers in construction, a discussion on environmental, social and governance (ESG) topics and a hands-on painting session.

ECHLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL – 2 x P7 classes (51 pupils) attended site. They were guided through a series of live demonstrations, including broadband installation, underground pipework and the various stages involved in completing new homes. The groups also visited a completed home, where they learned about painting and had the chance to try it for themselves.

QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL – STEM activity with S3 pupils – Lovell Engineering Manager and Architect attended the school careers events and ran a hands-on jelly geotechnical challenge.

WORK EXPERIENCE - Partnered with Positive Qualities to deliver 2 x work experience placements on site for 16 year olds, which ran for 6 weeks (2 days per week).

DONATIONS Ferry Elves and The Men's Shed

Social Value Activities Planned

Over Easter it is planned to refresh Echline Primary school playground cycling area and repair the planters in Ross's garden

Electronic Brochure to highlight all things SQ in partnership with the Community Council - planned to complete in May

Opening/Handover event of the 100 social homes for Sanctuary - planned for the end of May

Commercial Units for sale are being advertised on Rightmove

https://www.rightmove.co.uk/properties/170563367#/?channel=COM_BUY

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No update due to holidays an update if received will be given verbally at our meeting

LAR Development Port Edgar

We had a break in to the site during the weekend of 14th February , individuals broke into the Officers west area of the site where some vandalism took place.

The traffic lights on society road are expected to be in place until mid-March, the traffic lights are in place to allow utilities to be brought into the site and for the road entrances to be formed. We had an initial issue with timing of the lights which was highlighted by neighbours and rectified that day. In addition, we had vandalism to the light over a weekend where cables in the traffic light controls were cut.

The deep sewer excavation under the bridge and at the pumping station are now complete with the sewer now being constructed from the pumping station down to the jail , we expect this work to be completed in the next four weeks.

On the Officers West building, scaffold has now been dismantled, and internal works to the four flats are progressing well. The officers East building timber kit is erected, work on the roof and external brickwork will progress over the coming weeks.

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 - awaiting a decision

Dalmeny Park

25/06456/FUL Proposal to build a new residential flatted development including

20 No. flats of 2 and 3 bedrooms. | Land 40 Metres North Of 1 Craw's

Close South Queensferry

QDCC submitted comments to CEC planning stating that due to the lack of detailed documentation, unresolved concerns, and multiple areas requiring clarification and supporting evidence, Queensferry and District Community Council could not support the application in its current form.

Unfortunately we are finding it difficult to get an update from BP Pulse on the land for the relocation of the BP petrol Station and the other units

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 around 700 signatures) demanding solutions from the City of Edinburgh Council to address the ongoing issues with anti-social car

and bike racing in South Queensferry, the matter was discussed at a meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council Transport and Environment (TEC) Committee on Thursday 29 January 2026.

The agenda and papers for the meeting and webcast recording were taken as item 7.3 on the agenda and are publicly available on the City of Edinburgh Council website link [Agenda for Transport and Environment Committee on Thursday, 29th January, 2026, 10.00 am - Modern Council](#). The minute of the meeting is available at [Minutes Template](#). The key decisions of the CEC TEC Committee were:

CEC Decision

- *To note the response from Police Scotland on actions to continue patrols, engagement and enforcement, undertake noise monitoring and consider the use of further legislation to manage the issue (see Appendix 3 of the report by the Corporate Director of Place.*
- *To note that officers, representatives from Police Scotland, Queensferry and District Community Council (QDCC) and a spokesperson for the petition participated in a workshop on 28 November 2025 to consider all options to mitigate the reported antisocial behaviour (ASB) issues.*
- *To approve options described in section 4.10 of the report, supporting Police Scotland to continue their operational plans as a multi-agency approach across Queensferry.*
- *To recognise the importance of assessing the effectiveness of the actions proposed and therefore agrees that officers should initiate a review after an appropriate period (taking into account the timing of the High Street refurbishment project), that this review should include discussions with the petitioner and community council, local businesses and Hawes Pier users and that the results of the review should be reported back to committee via a business bulletin update.*

QDCC position

QDCC position is that there should be a zero-tolerance approach to all anti-social behaviour which adversely impacts on residents, businesses and visitors in Queensferry and District.

QDCC believes that the most appropriate way to address the Anti-Social Behaviour issues is to tackle the behaviours as a whole system approach stopping the anti-social vehicle use entirely rather than just displacing it to another part of Queensferry and Dalmeny 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 statutory consultation on 27 March 2026. The Traffic Regulation Order process is a statutory legal procedure, taking roughly 6 to 12 months. It involves initial design, a mandatory 21-day public consultation, review of objections and final approval. All comments and objections are considered, with the potential for proposals to be modified or abandoned based on feedback.

Builyeon Road: Installation of Temporary Pedestrian Crossings

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.

The works in Builyeon Road are a Road Safety scheme which will be delivered by personnel in the Transport Contracts and Design team in the City of Edinburgh Council. The latest update from the City of Edinburgh Council is detailed below.

*“The construction work requires to be registered with the Council onto the Scottish Roadworks Register, to secure a permit to ‘occupy’ the road space and that has statutory notice periods; as Builyeon Road is listed as a Traffic Sensitive Street, that can be as much as 3 months prior to an intended start date. Consequently, the Roadworks Register shows entries in respect of the “Installation of new Zebra Crossing/Installation of footway/ Removal of Bus Stop under phased work locations on Builyeon Road” to occupy the road space for 31 days within the period from **13/04/2026 - 12/07/2026**. While this addresses the challenge of securing the opportunity to work on a strategic section of the road network, the process of finalising the design is still underway and then it will be committed to tender for a contractor. The finalisation and tender process can all affect the proposed dates, which is why a range has been identified within which a given number of days has been nominated.*

There will be two Zebra crossings; one to the east, to be located about the access to Long Crook and a second to the west, to be located about the path leading north from Builyeon Road and running between Echline View and Echline Park. This requires a new section of footway to be constructed along the south verge, to link the bus stop on the south side to the west end of the “realigned” Builyeon Road.

Locations for Vehicle Activated Speed Signs (VASS) will also be created on the north and south verge at a midpoint between the zebra crossings.

The proposed design has now returned from a Road Safety Audit, which will be considered by the appointed Engineer from the Transport Contracts and Design team and finalised.

When the delivery phase is close to starting or the works are confirmed to start on a set date, the Engineer from Transport Contracts and Design will then be able to formally update interested parties and share details of / drawings of the finalised design."

Queensferry High Street Improvement Works

High Street Improvement works commenced 7 October 2025. Phase 2 of the work is due to commence shortly. The latest news from the High Street Improvement project is published periodically on the CEC website and can be accessed here [Queensferry High Street improvements – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

Scotrail: Lack of capacity/overcrowding on Dalmeny/Edinburgh service

QDCC received representations in November from a resident about the lack of capacity on early morning trains departing from Dalmeny Station. QDCC asked the resident to compile a log of incidents affecting passengers on the Dalmeny /Edinburgh services over a period of around a month. That evidence has been used to provide a strong evidence base of a lack of capacity on the Dalmeny/Edinburgh service particularly at peak periods. QDCC has subsequently written to Scotrail (copied to local councillor and local MSP) making representations about the overcrowding/ lack of capacity on the service.

QDCC is currently awaiting a response to the letter.

An extract from the QDCC letter to Scotrail is copied below for information.

"The Scottish Government's long standing transport strategy is to encourage modal shift from cars to public transport. The implementation of that strategy is reliant upon the availability of a good quality public transport public transport system that delivers reliable train and bus services to transport people to their destination timeously and comfortably. The people of Queensferry and Dalmeny deserve a good quality reliable train service. Queensferry and Dalmeny has an increasing population- the population continues to grow due to the new housing developments and we also know that commuters from surrounding areas (Kirkliston and Winchburgh) also use Dalmeny Station.

There is an immediate requirement for additional capacity to be allocated to the rail service operating to and from Dalmeny Station to address the overcrowding issues on the Fife Circle which has been ongoing for many years."

LAURA SEXTON

QDCC: ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONVENOR

Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

Feb 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 have met with local businesses to discuss how best to maximise opportunity from the 2026 cruise season, next meet pencilled for 9th March . Work on an updated localised map is in play. The dates of ship visits can be viewed on the [CruiseForth website](#) under Find My Ship.

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

The [Itison promotion](#) is now live. As at time of print over 700 vouchers have been sold. This represents over £7000 of trade specifically and exclusively for the local businesses who have signed up so far, of which there are 9. We hope that more businesses come onboard asap.

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.

Forth Bridge Management Plan

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 the QR code.

Queensferry Museum

Discussions on the future model of the museum continue. Meantime CEC has committed to bringing the building back up to wind and watertight standard and the museum is currently open Mondays & Tuesdays.





QUEENSFERRY
BUSINESS GROUP

BUSINESS MEETING

THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2026

@ THE RAILBRIDGE

17:30

Agenda - Marketing Your Business

17:30 Register

17:45 "Meet in Minutes" Networking Activity

18:00 Karen Stewart (Forth Bridges World Heritage & Tourism Lead)

18:15 Jade Falconer (Merchant Leisure Ltd.)



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Rotary Club

Feb 2026

General

We continue with our weekly Thursday evening companionship meetings at the Thirty Knots. Format is meal, speaker and then a little business. Last week we received an excellent talk on The Arctic Convoys, supplying aid to Russia during WW2. Churchill described these trips as 'the worst journey in the world'.

Fundraising

In the lead up to Christmas the local tours and stances at ScotMid and Tesco by our Santa Sleigh raised almost £3,000.00. This money will be distributed among local charities and groups. A big thank you to those who donated and gave encouragement on cold winter evenings.

Events

An excellent evening was enjoyed by 68 attendees at Rotary's Burns Supper in Dalmeny Church Hall. On an evening of highly entertaining turns two highlights were 'Our Willie's Prayer' from the pulpit of the church and songs, plus leading audience singing, by Ferry Spirit.

Today at The Conservatoire in Glasgow Queensferry have two representatives at the South of Scotland Rotary Young Musician and Vocalist Competition. They are High School students, Joshua Gibson piano and Roisin Horseman voice.

Community

Rotary's environmental Team continue with weekly visits to the High School constructing a sustainable garden on the east boundary. Perimeter timber fencing has now been completed and construction of substantial raised beds commenced. This work will be completed for planting by the pupils in early spring.

KCM

15/02/2026

Agenda

QDCC February Business Meeting
Monday 23rd February 2026 at 7.30pm
Online via MS Teams

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Anti-Social Behaviour and Vehicle Use in South Queensferry
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (January 2026)
6. Matters Arising
7. Chair's Report
8. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
9. Treasurer's Report - including Community Fund Update
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 – 15th February 2026

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QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 26 January 2026 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, Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, Gill Fox (QBG), David Learmond (QHT), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Lyn Jardine, SNP Edinburgh North Western candidate at 2026 Scottish Parliament elections.
Irina McLean, SNP NW Edinburgh Constituency Branch Convenor & Lyn Jardine Campaign Manager.

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the January monthly meeting, and extended his best wishes for 2026.
2. Apologies	Lise Coles, Judith Parke, Police Scotland. Keith advised Mark Meredith had notified he was standing down from QDCC with immediate effect. Keith had written to Mark thanking him for his input representing Queensferry Boat Club over 2 terms. QBC would nominate a replacement representative in due course.
3. Scottish Parliament, SNP MSP Candidate	Lyn and Irina were invited to introduce themselves to QDCC. Lyn advised she is the SNP Candidate for Edinburgh North Western Constituency at the forthcoming Scottish Parliament elections, and is currently a Councillor at East Lothian Council. She is making contact with various groups etc across the Constituency to hear about local issues, and to see if there are any matters she can assist with. Irina's role is to support Lyn in her election campaign.
4. Police Report	The Police report had been circulated. Keith summarised the main points, noting the report covered a 2-month period. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road safety – including ongoing speed checks• Anti-social driving – including speeding & noise, patrols continuing at Hawes and other parts of Queensferry. Plus new reports involving off-road bikes at Dalmeny.• Anti-social behaviour – 2 cases reported.• Vandalism – including graffiti and vehicle damage.

	<p>A recent incident involving attempted car theft wasn't included, possibly due to timing outwith the report period.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to contact Police re attempted car break in.</p>
5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Nov 25)	Minutes proposed by David and seconded by Diane.
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 requests submitted to CEC, Oct 25. Formal adoption expected early/mid Nov 25. Cala to notify Keith on completion.</p> <p>ONGOING – Cllr Work confirmed CEC has received applications for McArthur Rigg & Lowrie Gait and are preparing adoption certificates. Situation re Dimma Park unknown, Keith to raise with Cala, Jan 26.</p> <p>Grit Bins: Additional issue raised by Anne Marie, Jan 26. Dalmeny Park bins not being replenished as owned by Factors, so CEC won't refill.</p> <p>ACTION - Cllr Work to raise with CEC.</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, Dec 25.</p> <p>CLOSED – Funds for playground improvements being raised. Nothing planned for trips, so far. School Council to review. Further updates to be provided via Education Sub Cttee.</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.</p> <p>CLOSED – Event held Tues 9 Dec 25, very successful. QDCC extended thanks to Kenny Manson HT, and CEC Officers who attended.</p> <p>Hawes Toilets: Keith to raise concerns over quality of work with Andy Williams, CEC, to pass onto Gavin Brown. Insufficient units an issue, proposal to reopen ladies' toilets next to Bikers Cove. Keith/Anne to pursue.</p> <p>CLOSED – WIP, bigger issue including wider Promenade area. Meeting held with CEC Officers, funding needed to address and rectify concerns. To be monitored.</p> <p><u>OCTOBER 2025</u></p> <p>QHS Community Use: QDCC to consider wider issue of QHS facilities availability for community use. Resident interested in setting up Forum/Group on community access to QHS & other CEC facilities more generally.</p> <p>CLOSED – Education Sub Cttee taking 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. Recent increase in deposit protection from £85k to £120k will help alleviate current position meantime.</p> <p>ONGOING: Update provided at agenda item 9.</p> <p>CPP: Keith to arrange presentation on Community Partnership Plan for future meeting. Next network meeting 1 Dec 25, presentation to QDCC to follow.</p> <p>ONGOING – Keith discussing with CEC.</p> <p>High Street Works: Diane to enquire who is currently responsible for the Sealscraig. Diane to contact property group involved and notify re High Street plans.</p> <p>CLOSED – Contact name provided by Nicola.</p> <p>NOVEMBER 2025</p> <p>Santa’s Sleigh: Craig to notify Graeme of Rotary sleigh tour dates for inclusion in CinQ publicity.</p> <p>CLOSED – Done.</p>
<p>7. Chair’s Report</p>	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Keith highlighted the draft LPP and thanked those who had supported it, and for the responses to date. The 2 public drop-in presentations and the QHS session with pupils had been very helpful. Terry was reviewing feedback and would provide a summary in due course.</p> <p>Keith also paid tribute to Tom Martin, who sadly passed away in December. Tom was QDCC Chair from 2005-2011 and his contribution to many achievements across Queensferry was noted.</p> <p>On current business Keith advised seeking to reduce his workload. Laura had attended recent EACC meeting along with Keith and Terry, and it was proposed she take on the role of QDCC representative from Keith going forward. This was agreed by QDCC members. Laura advised she was privileged to take on this responsibility, and noted the number of challenges and opportunities for Queensferry going forward. She would report back to QDCC monthly, providing updates and feedback.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to contact Ken Robertson at EACC to formally confirm Laura as QDCC nominated person to replace Keith</p> <p>On the Museum Keith reported a good meeting with CEC the previous week, a Working Group is to be formed for next 12months, with the aim to “Make Queensferry Museum building financially and operationally sustainable, accessible, and attractive to local residents and visitors; reposition as a focal point for the Forth Bridge WHS and local heritage.” Membership includes QHT, QHG, QDCC, CEC Asset Team, Curators, & Karl Chapman, plus FBWHMC members. QDCC representation is Keith, Terry and Graeme.</p> <p>Graeme confirmed meeting had been constructive, but outcome will depend on delivery. CEC has agreed to maintain the building, but some items/contents are</p>

	now out of date and in need of review. Work on improving the Museum's presence in the community is also required.
8. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports	<p>Cllr Work. Norman gave a verbal update. He noted delay in installing new solar panel lights at Dundas Park, and believed only one was currently working. He would follow this up. ACTION: Cllr Work to check status of street lights at Dundas Park.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. No report submitted.</p>
9. Treasurer's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter. Diane advised action now required on CFF deposited with Nationwide, as the account was now restricted pending submission of the signed 'Authority to Act' document. QDCC approved Keith as the appropriate Office Bearer to take this action. Previous suggestions for advice on handling, including potential similar situations in England, had been looked into but QDCC circumstances were different. Nicola offered further assistance with this. Lyn Jardine also suggested Foundation Scotland may be able to help and provided contact details. Keith referred to previous discussions on using gilts, and proposed a small finance group consisting of himself, Diane, Terry, Gill and Neil take forward and bring proposals back to QDCC to resolve the matter. This was agreed.</p>
10. Secretary's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter. Terry advised 12 written responses received on draft LPP to date, some with quite detailed comments. These would be collated after the 31 January closing date. Keith thanked Terry and Graeme for their input on the LPP exercise.</p>
11. Engagement & Inclusion Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter. No additional points raised or queried.</p>
12. Sub Committees	<p>Reports circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> Laura summarised activity since November meeting, including –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hawes area anti-social driving & behaviour. Liaison with CEC, residents, and the Police as outlined in her report. • Ashburnham Road & Gardens. Double yellow lines order to be published 27 March, then 21 days consultation, with install in April. <p>Nicola queried Mid Terrace street light out of action for 13 months. Laura had raised with Cllr Lang and Keith understood CEC had this in hand. ACTION: Keith to send correspondence on Mid Terrace street light to Nicola.</p> <p>Diane asked if the Builyeon Road temporary crossings would include pavement work. Anne advised the Roads Safety Team had confirmed this was the case.</p>

Graeme noted beacon knocked over at Station Road roundabout.
 Also separate incident involving car speeding at Scotstoun Avenue on approach to Borrowman Square with vehicle ending up on the cycle path. Cllr Work confirmed the Police were aware.
 Plus concern about bollards at bottom of The Loan not fit for purpose following recent incident involving car unable to stop.

ACTIONS:

Cllr Work -

- **Pursue reinstatement of damaged beacon at Station Road roundabout.**
- **In liaison with Keith check with CEC on insurance claim procedure (re car accident involving bollards at bottom of The Loan).**
- **In liaison with Keith notify CEC that bollards need replaced, and with something more resilient.**

Graeme & Laura – Contact Robert Armstrong to ascertain if bollard repairs are/can be included in High Street works.

Planning

Diane advised Builyeon Road school plans were awaiting assessment. Two public comments had been submitted, including one objection.
 A new application had been submitted for the vacant site near Craws Close, for twenty 2/3-bedroom flats. Nicola had sent Diane some comments on this, noting potential overdevelopment. Diane would liaise with Nicola before responding to CEC.
 Update from Lovell received that day, the social housing element of 100 properties due for completion by end Dec 25 pushed back to March/April 26.
 Gill noted the application for Change of Use at 31 The Loan had now been granted. Diane commented that granting of a Lease by CEC had been refused.

Health & Wellbeing

Anne had met with Northcare, the new company handling care home development at Builyeon Road. A meeting for wider QDCC input was to be arranged in a couple of months' time.

Environment

Anne asked about responsibility for Ferry Glen steps near the Bowling Club, as someone had fallen due to metal post sticking up at one of the steps. Neil confirmed this was CEC land.

ACTION: Neil to contact CEC regarding incident at Bowling Club steps, and request update on remedial work planned to damaged steps.

Business & Tourism

No questions raised.

Education

No additional matters raised.

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13. Local Interest Groups	<p><u>QHT</u> David commented on talk on 14 January with Cllr Graham, new Culture & Communities Convenor, regarding current thinking on Queensferry Campus</p>
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	<p>proposals. Had been constructive with Cllr Graham interested in knowing more about Queensferry and the LPP work.</p> <p><u>Port Edgar Watersports</u> Karen reported success in obtaining funding for the Changing Places Toilet at port Edgar.</p> <p><u>QBG</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. Gill reported good response from the Christmas Market at Rosebery Hall, planning to run again in April. Take-up slow on the Itison scheme, view was needed better communication from CEC. This, and an update on the High Street works, was being pursued with Robert Armstrong.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. Craig provided an update on development of the QHS garden area. Ground work was nearly done, to be ready for planting early Spring.</p>
14. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	CEC/EACC updates circulated as received. Nothing additional to report.
15. AOB	<p><u>Sub Committees</u> Nicola asked for further information on sub committee meetings, how often held, process involved etc. She had chosen to join the Planning, Transport, and Business & Tourism Committees with a view to being involved in sharing the load, proposing resolutions, and providing feedback to QDCC on actions arising. Convenors explained how this is dealt with for their committees, with Laura, Neil, Diane, and Graeme outlining process for Transport, Environment, Planning, and Business & Tourism as examples. Diane encouraged Nicola to send questions and welcomed her expertise on Planning. Laura and Graeme both advised they welcomed the feedback, and Keith agreed that Sub Committees revisit their engagement with members. ACTION: Sub Committee Convenors to consider engagement processes with their Committee members.</p>
16. Questions from the Floor	None.
17. Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting is on Monday 23 February 26, 7.30pm, via MS Teams.