



# Community Newsletter

Mar 2026



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# Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

**March 2026**

The volume of emails remains high. I am regularly in communications with all of the QDCC Convenors and members about QDCC business, most are noted in the convenors report.

I have been working on the LPP feedback comments and writing up responses which will be attached to a appendices in the plan. In discussion with Ironside Farrer we are hoping to have the LPP completed for the end of April '26.

Along with the Secretary and at the invitation of CEC officers we met with representatives from Morrisons Construction to learn about community gain from the Builyeon Road Primary School. The gain is well defined in the build contract but there is some flexibility to change the scope. This will be better defined and publicised in the coming months.

The Environmental Convenor contacted me about a wind damaged tree in the Echline Woodland that presented a risk to the public being close to a boundary path. I made arrangements to have the tree taken down by a groundsman that I know with assistance from the Woodland volunteers.

Discussions with Council Officers about repairs to the Jacobs Ladder are ongoing and a meeting has been convened with Rosebery Estates, CEC Officers and QDCC for Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

I continue to attend EACC meetings replying to emails and correspondence about governance and community council business.

I attended the transport subgroup meeting and have progressed one of the two actions; seeking a Teams meeting with Alex Cole Hamilton MSP to discuss the ant-social driving behaviours. I have yet to contact the Police Chief Inspector.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC

18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026

# Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

**March 2026**

1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained fairly steady since the February business 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.

- No further contact with CEC Officers to discuss the outcome of the Asset Review (renamed Queensferry Campus) has occurred although we are aware that other stakeholders have been consulted.
- Dialogue continues with Ironside Farrar (IF) on the formulation of a Local Place Plan for Queensferry. Responses and comments to the submissions received from the online consultation have been formulated and returned to IF for consideration. An updated report on the QHS Pupil Parliament event has also been received. We await confirmation from CEC that this can now be shared.
- A meeting with CEC officials and representatives from Morrison Construction was held to discuss community benefits arising from the building of Builyeon Road Primary School has taken place. Further information will be provided.
- I attended the bi-annual meeting of local Community Councils with INEOS FPS where a business update and review was shared. Topics included a current process overview, business strategy, environmental performance as well as information on both Hound Point and Dalmeny Tank Farm.

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 February we have fielded a number of calls and responded to several online queries from local residents, including ongoing issues with the Fife Circle service at Dalmeny, queries on Builyeon Road plans, inconsiderate parking on the B800, speeding on Scotstoun Avenue and anti social driving in general across the town.

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 our 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 – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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# Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

March 2026

## Money in this month:

None

## Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - ECW Tree Felling £50.00

**Total CC Funds - £1200.36**

## Community Facility Funding

### Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £19030.68

95 Day Notice Account - February Interest - £143.13 - £67988.91

**Nationwide** - £93244.02

**Barclays Bank** - March Interest - £222.16 - £87981.02

**RBS** - £93339.67

**Charity Bank** - £66089.69

**Community Facility Funding Total = £427673.99**

*The account balances will be updated after our year end is complete on 31st March.*

Diane Job  
QDCC Treasurer

## Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

Mar 2026

QDCC Facebook page 28 days to 19/03 : 43,722 views, 1.7k engagement , 4,177 followers (+5)

QDCC Website 30 days to 19/03 : 1.1k views 788 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

March 2026

## Queensferry High School Extension

There are no updates to report for the Queensferry High School Extension project during this reporting period.

## Early Years Campus

There are no updates to report for the Early Years Campus project during this reporting period.

## Builyeon Road Primary

There are no updates to report for the Builyeon Road Primary project during this reporting period.

## Youth Clubs

Youth clubs continue to be very busy each week, with most groups running at or near maximum capacity.

This Friday at the Open All Hours youth club, Lisa Petrie will be attending to provide the group with a bleed kit. Lisa tragically lost her 22-year-old son after he was stabbed, and she now works to raise awareness and provide life-saving bleed kits within communities.

We hope to install a number of these kits in locations around Queensferry in the near future. While there are currently no issues with knives within the youth clubs, having access to a bleed kit could potentially save a life and is therefore considered a worthwhile safety measure.

## Queensferry Primary School

I attended a recent School Council meeting at Queensferry Primary School, which was well attended by pupils. During the meeting I provided an update on the proposed Builyeon Road crossing plans and answered questions from those present.

## Edinburgh Guarantee – Apprenticeships

As part of the Edinburgh Guarantee, the City of Edinburgh Council remains committed to providing apprenticeship opportunities. Apprenticeships offer individuals the opportunity to earn while they learn, gain valuable work experience, and achieve industry-recognised qualifications. A high number of apprentices who have completed the programme have successfully progressed into employment.

Types of Apprenticeships A Modern Apprenticeship is available to individuals who have left school within the last three years. It provides the opportunity to earn a wage while developing practical skills and work experience, while working towards qualifications at SCQF levels 5 to 10.

**NHS**  
Lothian

**CBeebies**  
PARENTING

**March**

**Speech and Language Therapy**  
**'Did you know...'**

**Our best place is face-to-face.**  
Be at my eye level to help me to see you, and so you notice how I am feeling. Use smiles and a gentle voice to hold my attention. I might look away, but that's OK, I'll come back.

Scan the QR code to see this in action from  
**CBeebies PARENTING**

**#somethingworthknowing26**

For further information about becoming an apprentice or offering an apprenticeship opportunity within a service, please contact the Apprenticeship Team at:

[apprenticeships@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@edinburgh.gov.uk)

### The Whole Family Wellbeing

The Whole Family Wellbeing (WFW) approach is designed to support families in Scotland by addressing their unique needs and enabling them to thrive. By creating the capacity for families to engage with holistic early intervention supports which are accessible at the right time, in the right place, the fund aims to reduce inequalities and strengthen families before the need for crisis intervention.

Please see the attached newsletter : <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/council-planning-framework/whole-family-wellbeing>



## Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

Mar 2026

### Jacobs Ladder Repairs

Ongoing dialogue with the appropriate City of Edinburgh (CEC) officers continues regarding the renovation of the steps which we hope will now be undertaken during the Spring.

### Pond at the VAT run

Our Environmental Team undertook an inspection of the pond and surrounding areas last month with support from one of the few existing members of the original Friends of the VAT run group. The plan is to engage the Community Service team to help clear the brambles and other overgrown vegetation from the area of land surrounding the pond to return to its original wet land state. Work to clear the vegetation from the pond itself is planned for next year. It is hoped a new “Friends” group can be established to plan some further developments/enhancements to other areas to create an asset for the benefit to the wider community.

### Litter

A litter pick was undertaken by the CleanFerry team last month supported by QDCC which lifted numerous sacks of rubbish from along the promenade foreshore and along the paths and surrounding areas leading to Longcraig pier. The Thirty Knots restaurant kindly laid on some light refreshments for the volunteers after the litter pick.

Neil McKinlay

7<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

**Mar 2026**

With Keith and Diane continue to work with Lovell homes to create information package for new residents based on Cala booklet and spread sheet held by Health and wellbeing team. As potential for using QR code for maps aligns with works being done by locally businesses/cruise have linked with them.

Care home by Northcare is on track currently to open spring 2027

Dentist – no further update but company wanting to be based in Lovell site.

Met with Homestart who are willing to provide more support in the area but need to increase their volunteer pool first. Held a drop- in session in Tesco café.

Fspan is hosting a ferry welcome in QHS on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1-4 which is open to everyone -both established families and new folk whatever nationality. Every 15 minutes has a different type of music including the hakka. Many new families are finding moving to a new area very isolating, particularly if English is not their first language. There will be an interpreter present.

Currently in negotiation with City of Edinburgh to access English as a Second Language courses to be held in Queensferry.

### [Rosebery Hall/ Community Centre](#)

Both venues remain busy

CEC is creating new leases which need reviewed before the management team sign.

At the top centre linking in with the planned improvements to the Queensferry primary the 2 huts currently used by SQUIDS may be adapted to house 2 Queensferry classrooms at a time in order to facilitate refurbishment of 2 classrooms at a time. In order to do this SQUIDS would have to move into the community centre and adapt their working to align with other existing users. This would be dependent on Care commission approving planned works in both buildings. It is hoped that any work would be carried out over the holiday period and not impact on any groups.

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## Planning & Housing – Diane Job

**March 2026**

### [Applications](#)

During the four week period five applications were received

26/00598/FUL - Outbuilding - 38 Forth Place

26/00525/FUL - Proposed attic conversion - 32 Ashburnham Loan

26/00566/LBC - Install solar panels to slated pitch, replace existing welsh slates with Cupa Heavy 3 slates, renew defective concrete tiled roof to rear, replace existing roof lights and fabric repairs to roof - Queensferry Parish Church 26 The Loan

26/00649/FUL - Proposed single storey front extension - 69 Sommerville Gardens  
26/00800/FUL - Convert a single storey double garage to provide accessible living accommodation ancillary to an existing domestic property - 3 Lovers Lane

## Decisions

During the four week period seven decisions were made

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 - GRANTED  
25/08304/LBC - Internal alterations to ground floor layout to form opening in wall between kitchen and dining room- Lowood Craigiehall - WITHDRAWN  
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 - REFUSED  
26/00041/FUL - Replacement conservatory with a new design - 17 Station Road - GRANTED  
25/06505/FUL - Erection of an extension - 49 Lawson Crescent - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT  
25/02953/FUL - Proposal for residential extension within the garden grounds of existing house ,introduction of dormer to the existing roof, construction of new double garage and other associated works (as amended) - Avon House Loch Road - GRANTED  
26/00141/FUL - Proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension (as amended) 8 Lawson Crescent - 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

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

No update this month

### Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village - Lovell

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

### Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

No update this month

### LAR Development Port Edgar

#### Security

LAR unfortunately had another incident during the month. On the 24th of February, the perimeter fence was damaged with wire cutters.

## Neighbours

The Traffic controls on Society Road originally scheduled for removal in mid- March are now expected to be removed in early April. Delays are due to utility connections and diversions taking longer than originally indicated. Letter apologising for the delay and indicating the new timescales is being hand delivered.

## Construction Progress

The officers West block scaffold is now removed and internals in the block are progressing well with the show flat expected to be open in the summer. A planning submission for the Officers east block is being submitted with the proposal being to change the block from a terrace of 3 houses to a block of 6 flats. The main sewers through the site will be completed by mid-April and Scaffold will then go up on other block within the East side of the site.

## 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 - Application GRANTED

## 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 - Awaiting a decision

## High Street

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 South Queensferry EH30 9HN - awaiting a decision

Unfortunately we are still 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

### March 2026

#### Parking Issues: Hawes Brae/ Newhalls Road/ Hawes Promenade area

QDCC have raised concerns about congestion on Hawes Brae during peak periods due to parking on both sides of the road. QDCC have asked City of Edinburgh Council to:

- Introduce parking restrictions via traffic regulation order to stop parking on the south side of Hawes Brae from the side of the Hawes Inn to the junction with Bankhead Road during peak periods (weekends/bank holidays).
- Increase the number of patrols by parking attendants to enforce traffic regulations to stop parking on double yellow lines in the Newhalls Road/Hawes promenade area.

The City of Edinburgh Council have agreed to undertake a review of parking on Hawes Brae in the near future. QDCC also noted that parking attendants were in attendance on the weekend of 7/8 March 2026 and a number of drivers received parking penalty notices around the area of Hawes Promenade.

#### **Parking Issues: former Arup Site**

QDCC received representations from residents about road safety concerns caused by parking of contractors working on the former Arup site. In response, QDCC Chair (Keith Giblett) raised the concerns with the site manager and the parking issues would appear to have been addressed.

#### **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:

#### **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:

UPDATE MARCH 2026: FURTHER QUESTIONS SENT TO CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL - AWAITING A RESPONSE

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:**

UPDATE MARCH 2026: AWAITING RESPONSE FROM SCOTRAIL

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

March 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 scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Hawes Inn 10am. 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, a second market will take place on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> April, 11am-3pm. Organised by Victoria Mortimer on behalf of City of Edinburgh council as part mitigation towards the High St disruption. The market is now fully booked with local vendors, entrance is free to the public.



## Itison Promotion



### Queensferry High Street

£10 voucher to spend in selected businesses on the High Street

★ New to itison

📍 [Participating venues on Queensferry High Street](#)

£5

Was £10 **Save 50%**  
+ £0.49 service fee ?

Buy now

1895 deals sold

The [Itison promotion](#) is live and on its third wave release of vouchers. As at time of print 1895 vouchers have been sold. This represents £19k of trade specifically and exclusively for the local businesses who have signed up so far, of which there are now 10. 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.





# Meeting Schedule Dates

2026



26 February 2026



21 April 2026



17 June 2026



17 September 2026



17 November 2026

*Meetings and topics are subject to change depending on circumstances,  
we will let you know at the earliest opportunity..*

**RSVP: [info@queensferrybusinessgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@queensferrybusinessgroup.co.uk)**



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# Rotary Club

March 2026

## General

Again some excellent speakers at our weekly Thursday evening get togethers, at the Thirty Knots. Including 'Sailing Adventures in Northern Norway' from the daughter of one of our members and 'Humanitarian Healthcare in a Conflict Setting' an engrossing insight from a volunteering doctor working in a field hospital in Gaza.

## Youth

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March will be our local round of the Rotary Primary Schools Quiz, with 4 of the schools in our area participating. To will be held in Kirkliston Primary School who are the current holders of the trophy. This is a competition involving 4 team members from each school answering questions with 8 rounds of differing subjects.

Rotary each year send a girl and boy from the High School to an outward bound character building week at an adventure resource in the south of Scotland. Fund raising for this will be a Race Night held on the 24<sup>th</sup> April in the Masonic hall

## Events

The Rotary South of Scotland District Conference was held in the Normandy Hotel Renfrew over the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> March. This brought many members from all over the south of Scotland to wonderful and varied 3 days event included inspirational and entertaining speakers, a quiz, a singer, dancing and a casino evening. These were combined with much dining and partaking of you tipple of choice.

Planning is continuing for our main event of the year which is to be a Raft Race to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at the Port Edgar Marina which will include stalls, rides and other entertainment.

## Community

Good progress continues to be made on the construction of the Queensferry High School sustainable garden with the build of the first set of planters completed. Erecting of a pergola/seating area (for outdoor teaching) in now in progress. We estimate the project will take another 2 months to complete and the school are delighted with the work we have done so far.

In the near future Rotary will be doing end of winter tidy ups at the Memorial Garden in Echline Primary School and in the courtyard garden at the Haven (QCCC).

Any help on these would be much appreciated, please contact - [sec.rcsq2020@gmail.com](mailto:sec.rcsq2020@gmail.com)

KCM  
16/03/2026

# Agenda

QDCC March Business Meeting  
Monday 23rd March 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 (February 2026)
5. Matters Arising
6. Chair's Report
7. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
8. Treasurer's Report - including Community Fund Banking Proposal
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 – 15th March 2026

# Previous Minutes

## Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 23 February 2026 at 7.30pm

## MS Teams – Online Meeting

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Anne Marie Boyd, Nicola Gourlay, Diane Job, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, Gill Fox (QBG), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary), PC Macleod & PC Sinclair (Items 1-4).

**Guest:** Local resident representing Hawes/Newhall area.

<b>1. Chair's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	Keith welcomed everyone to the February monthly meeting.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Terry Airlie (Vice Chair & Secretary), David Learmond (QHT), Kirstie Lamont.
<b>3. Police Report</b>	<p>The Police report had been circulated. PC Macleod summarised the main points –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Road safety – speed checks continuing, in response to numerous complaints from concerned members of the public, formal action taken where appropriate.</li><li>• Anti-social driving/noise – 10 incidents reported in Hawes area concerning cars &amp; motorbikes, 1 at Ferrymuir and 1 at Carlowrie both involving bikes.</li><li>• Anti-social behaviour – 1 incident at Ferrymuir Gait and 1 at the FRB control room area. Both involving youths, additional patrols undertaken in both areas.</li><li>• Vandalism – 1 incident regarding damage to bus stop near Ferrymuir.</li></ul> <p>Graeme noted KCC were purchasing a 'pop up policeman' and asked if utilising one in Queensferry would be acceptable. PC Macleod confirmed no objections provided Police Scotland notified of the location. Suggested QDCC also notify CEC. (Discussed further at agenda item 12, Transport.)</p> <p>Keith queried the number of ASD cases at the Hawes last month, PC Macleod advised these were as expected for the time of year. He and PC Sinclair had met with the new Chief Inspector to discuss the ongoing situation. They wished to be more proactive over coming months and engage further on the car and bike disturbance, but this was subject to resource availability. Nicola asked</p>

	<p>what sort of action might be involved. PC Macleod said aim is to be present 2-3 times per month but this depends on operational requirements and availability. They attend Hawes more than elsewhere in the Ward, especially over summer period. Evidence is required to secure additional resource so residents need to contact Police and let them have details of incidents and issues.</p> <p>Gill questioned the number of incidents reported. Feeling that more than recorded, and increasing. Frustrating for residents as evidence collected but not resulting in positive action. She asked what they could do further. PC Macleod advised fully aware of residents' issues, and noted the petition which is for CEC to handle. For the Police, videos are acted on but need to be acceptable quality for the Courts to proceed. Careless driving charges had been successful last year using footage from new CCTV cameras. PC Sinclair noted better system this year to submit camera phone video recordings. Noise issues were more difficult as have to identify the person involved.</p>
<p><b>4. Anti-Social Behaviour &amp; Vehicles</b></p>	<p>Keith welcomed a local resident representing the Hawes/Newhalls Road area. They thanked the Police for the above discussion. The impact of the noise caused by cars and motorbikes gathering on a nightly basis had been felt by residents for last 5 years. Other areas including the High Street, Station Road, and Ashburnham were also impacted. They acknowledged the work done by the Police and understood the resources needed and already provided by them and CEC, ie car park speed control measures, new CCTV cameras, patrols, but results from action taken had been cyclical with things getting better and then deteriorating again. Meetings with the MSP, debate at Holyrood, and press coverage had raised the profile, and the well supported petition presented to CEC last year. However, this was not felt sufficient and residents wished to put the following points to QDCC -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether QDCC agrees the ASB in Queensferry shouldn't be tolerated.</li> <li>• That 5 years of this has impacted hugely on residents.</li> <li>• CEC is failing its duty of care to residents and businesses.</li> <li>• Does QDCC support closing the car park.</li> <li>• Residents appeal to QDCC for help, as can't last another 5 years.</li> </ul> <p>Laura responded on behalf of QDCC that -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree ASB shouldn't be tolerated and supported the initiatives taken.</li> <li>• Understand the impact, and aware of actions by Police and CEC to address.</li> <li>• Duty of care is for CEC to address. Regarding the petition 700 is large number in support but not a formal consultation.</li> <li>• QDCC supports petition proposals, except overnight closure of the car park.</li> <li>• Concern closure could lead to displacement to other areas in Queensferry. Physical barriers wouldn't stop motorbikes. TRO would take 18 months to implement, but unlikely to be given go ahead during High Street works.</li> <li>• QDCC does support enforcement, education, signage on 'quiet times'.</li> <li>• Looking for outcomes from national initiative(s), ie Scottish Parliament review.</li> </ul> <p>Keith added that Queensferry residents have QDCC's support but that QDCC is limited in the actions it can take. Able to influence bodies coming together to discuss but not the appropriate body to take formal action. Residents should</p>

	<p>continue to pursue via elected CEC Councillors, given CEC duty of care, and with the MSP from a national perspective.</p> <p>Nicola commented that an Extraordinary TRO might be possible, and maybe a trial closure to see if causes displacement. Noise cameras that can automatically issue fines are used elsewhere, perhaps suitable for Queensferry. Laura added an ETRO would also take up to 18 months and doesn't address the car park closure proposal.</p> <p>Gill thanked QDCC for their response. Residents felt taking 5 years to seek a solution wasn't reasonable and other options were now needed, supported by QDCC. Graeme said QDCC does appreciate the issues raised, but closure is contentious and would displace the problem elsewhere. An option could be to propose an alternative more suitable location for the cars and bikes to meet.</p> <p>Keith asked if the Police had anything to add to the discussion. PC Macleod said they'd previously met the resident representative. They'd discussed all aspects of the ASD behaviour, including fines and penalties. Police Scotland was committed to helping resolve this matter but issue was resourcing. He reiterated the need for residents and others to report instances, as more evidence would allow more resource to be available. PC Sinclair added happy to work with other agencies to seek a resolution.</p> <p>Keith thanked everyone for their contributions on this difficult matter. He asked the resident to give QDCC time to reflect on what had been raised and discussed.</p> <p><b>ACTION: QDCC to reflect on discussion on anti-social driving/behaviour at Hawes area.</b></p>
<p><b>5. Minutes from Last Meeting (Jan 26)</b></p>	<p>Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne Marie.</p>
<p><b>6. Matters Arising</b></p>	<p><b><u>JANUARY 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption:</b> 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><b>ONGOING</b> – Cllr Work confirmed CEC has received applications for McArthur Rigg &amp; Lowrie Gait and are preparing adoption certificates. Dimma Park remedial work now done, to be checked by CEC and adopted thereafter.</p> <p><b><u>AUGUST 2025</u></b></p> <p><b>CFF:</b> 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><b>ONGOING:</b> WIP, 2 meetings held by review group. Draft proposal on action to take going through due diligence, ahead of formal presentation to full QDCC.</p>

**CPP:** Keith to arrange presentation on Community Partnership Plan for future meeting. Next network meeting 1 Dec 25, presentation to QDCC to follow.  
**CLOSED** – Keith discussed with CEC. Has developed into a Local Improvement Plan covering 5 areas. Queensferry not included.

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**Dalmeny Park Grit Bins:** Anne Marie reported grit bins not being replenished as owned/put in by Factors, so CEC won't refill. Cllr Work to raise with CEC.

**ONGOING** – Anne Marie provided update on arrangements, including CEC proposal to charge residents £250 per bin to maintain supplies and treat pavements, as bins not supplied and streets not adopted by CEC. Norman raising with CEC Transport Cttee, will monitor and advise.

**Police Report:** Terry to contact Police re recent attempted car break-in not included in the report.

**CLOSED** – Police advise these instances not included in monthly reports.

**EACC Representation:** Terry to contact Ken Robertson at EACC to formally confirm Laura as QDCC nominated person to replace Keith.

**CLOSED** – Done.

**Dundas Park Street Lights:** Cllr Work to check status of new solar panel street lights at Dundas Park.

**CLOSED** – Done, all lights now working.

**Mid Terrace Street Light:** Keith to send correspondence on Mid Terrace street light to Nicola.

**CLOSED** – Done, light now fixed.

**Damaged Traffic Beacon:** Cllr Work to pursue reinstatement of damaged traffic beacon at Station Road roundabout.

**ONGOING** – Norman to check.

**CEC Insurance:** Cllr Work, in liaison with Keith, to check claim procedure with CEC, re car accident involving bollards at bottom of The Loan.

**CLOSED** – Superseded, bollard replaced.

**The Loan/High Street Bollards:** Cllr Work, in liaison with Keith, notify CEC that bollards need replaced, and with something more resilient.

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

**CLOSED** – Bollard replaced. High Street discussions in hand.

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

**CLOSED** – Steps repaired.

**Sub Committees:** Convenors to consider engagement processes with their committee members.

	<b>CLOSED</b> – In hand, being discussed with members.
<b>7. Chair's Report</b>	Report circulated via Newsletter. No additional points raised or queried.
<b>8. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports</b>	<p><b>Clr Work.</b> Norman gave a verbal update. A licence application had been submitted for Edwards Bar on Hopetoun Road. He also noted the granting of late licences for the Scotland World Cup matches in the summer.</p> <p>Graeme asked about road and pavement adoption process for new build housing, commenting on the poor state of both at the Ferrymuir Gait development. Norman advised that CEC would inspect on the conclusion of the building work and then formally adopt, subject to the required standard being met. Nicola added onus is on developers to submit request to the Council to initiate the process.</p> <p><b>Clrs Lang/Young/Younie.</b> No report submitted.</p>
<b>9. Treasurer's Report</b>	Report circulated via Newsletter. Diane advised documentation submitted to Nationwide, as requested by them. Response awaited on acceptability to continue QDCC Community Facility Funding account with them.
<b>10. Secretary's Report</b>	Report circulated via Newsletter. Keith asked for any questions to be forwarded separately to Terry.
<b>11. Engagement &amp; Inclusion Report</b>	Report circulated via Newsletter. No additional points raised or queried.
<b>12. Sub Committees</b>	<p>Reports circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> Laura commented on the following items –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotrail under capacity issue for passengers boarding at Dalmeny Station. A local passenger had compiled a diary and submitted findings to Scotrail. This was a potential major issue for MSP candidates, locally and elsewhere.</li> <li>• Active Travel plans to be reviewed by the Sub Committee, meeting with CEC may be required.</li> </ul> <p>Graeme noted contractors at the Arup site were parking on the B800 north side, making it difficult and potentially dangerous to navigate driving towards Kirkliston. He suggested suspending the bus lane on the opposite side and allow temporary parking there during the construction work. That would retain 2 lanes in use and be safer.</p> <p>Parking on both sides of Hawes Brae had been observed on Sunday afternoon, and Laura had also seen this within the Hawes car park on other days. Gill asked if more signage about parking availability at the Forth Road Bridge would</p>

	<p>help, and whether it was possible to utilise field at Bankhead Steading as overflow parking, particularly at weekends.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith proposed parking issues on B800, and at Hawes Brae and Hawes car park, be raised with CEC at Active Travel meeting.</b></p> <p>Graeme proposed acquiring a ‘pop up policeman’ and could be arranged in conjunction with KCC. This could be used at Builyeon Road to address speeding concerns. Lise added speeding also an issue at Scotstoun Avenue.</p> <p><b>ACTION: ‘Pop up Policeman’ to be discussed by Transport Committee.</b></p> <p><u>Planning</u> Diane had notified the Sealscraig developer of High Street works timing. The Building Warrants had expired and a tidy up of the building/area was requested meantime.</p> <p><u>Health &amp; Wellbeing</u> No additional matters raised.</p> <p><u>Education</u> No additional matters raised.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> No additional matters raised.</p> <p><u>Business &amp; Tourism</u> No additional matters raised.</p>
<p><b>13. Local Interest Groups</b></p>	<p><u>Port Edgar Watersports</u> Karen reported getting ready for staff inductions for the new season commencing April.</p> <p><u>QBG</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. Gill noted next QBG meeting on Thurs 26 Feb, at the Railbridge.</p> <p><u>QCCC</u> Gillian advised Golf Competition being held on 4 May in conjunction with Rotary. Two trophies being contested, with Sir Jack donating one in memory of Lady Lydia for the women’s competition.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. Craig reported Raft Race preparations underway for event on 28 June. Garden work at QHS progressing. Fencing complete, now working on planters, seating and greenhouses. All going well, QHS supplied the materials, with Rotary colleagues assisting with labour.</p>
<p><b>14. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates</b></p>	<p>CEC/EACC updates circulated as received. Nothing additional to report.</p>

<b>15. AOB</b>	Lise referred to forthcoming immigration changes and impact on individuals with leave to remain status. She was aware of a family where this was causing uncertainty and potentially impacting mental health, and was seeking advice on avenues to approach for assistance. QDCC explained that as this is not a devolved matter the point of contact should be Christine Jardine MP. Anne and Keith also suggested other possible options for advice and support and Anne offered to discuss these separately with Lise.
<b>16. Questions from the Floor</b>	None.
<b>17. Date and time of next meeting</b>	The next meeting is on Monday 23 March 26, 7.30pm, via MS Teams.