



Community Newsletter

Apr 2026



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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

April 2026

Community Council business has been quieter in April probably due to the Easter holidays. I am regularly in communications with all of the QDCC Convenors and members about QDCC business, most are noted in the convenors report.

I continue to correspond with Council Officers and stakeholders about matters reported in the minutes.

High Street Improvements

I supported and assisted with organising the market held on Saturday 4th April '26. There was a steady turn-out over the course of the day. There was some very good positive feedback about the event and noted where some improvements could be easily made.

Aside from the tar chippings stored in the car park removed by planing Edinburgh Road prior to re-surfacing, the Hawes section of the works is mainly completed. The work progressed well with the weather assisting.

Queensferry Place Plan

Ironside Farrer are aiming to complete the Queensferry LPP for the end of this month.

Jacobs Ladder

I have today asked for an update for the repair works.

Anti-social driving behaviours

I attended a transport subgroup meeting in March and intended progressing one of the two actions; seeking a Teams meeting with Alex Cole Hamilton MSP to discuss the anti-social driving behaviours. Due to the election period purdah this action has been put on hold. The business will be pursued after the election. I have still to contact the new Police Chief Inspector.

Forth Bridge World Heritage

I attended a meeting of the Heritage Management Group on 31st March '26. The main topic for discussion was the management plan review. As Network Rail can no longer obtain spares for the Forth Bridge Lighting a decision has been made to switch the lights off.

Election Hustings St Andrews Parish Church

Along with several other Community Councillors I attended the hustings which was well attended.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC

22nd April 2026

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

April 2026

1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained quite busy since the March 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. Updates to the draft plan are ongoing with a final version for review expected by the end of April.
- A meeting between Rosebery Estates and CEC was facilitated by QDCC to discuss options for the repair and upkeep of Jacobs Ladder.

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

Other matters such as noise pollution, flood prevention, and a request for information on Hawes Promenade and High Street information boards were also received as well as a request for information on works being carried out on the access road to Sealscraig rocks.

Dialogue was established with SGN to provide information on the ongoing works to replace gas mains across the Scotstoun estates.

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 – 19th April 2026

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

April 2026

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

None

Total CC Funds - £854.45

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

- Cash Management Account - £19089.18
- 95 Day Notice Account - £68147.71

Nationwide - £95814.10

Barclays Bank - £87981.02

RBS - £93804.84

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £430925.54

Updated Year End Report Mar 2026

Money in this month:

Queensferry Community Centre - Donation towards ECW tree felling - £25.00

Money out this month:

Keith Giblett - ECW Tree Felling £50.00

Graeme McKinley - Web Hosting Renewal - £258.91

Total CC Funds - £854.45

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

- Cash Management Account - Interest £58.50 - £19089.18
- 95 Day Notice Account - March Interest £158.80 - £68147.71

Nationwide - Interest April 2025 - March 2026 £2570.08 - £95814.10

Barclays Bank - March Interest £222.16 - £87981.02

RBS - Interest January - March 2026 £465.17 - £93804.84

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £430925.54

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

Apr 2026

QDCC Facebook page 28 days to 25/04 : 47,512 views, 2k engagement, 4,199 followers (+15)

QDCC Website 30 days to 25/04 : 1.6k views 1.2k visitors.

Local public drop-ins, consultations or events

- Apr 2nd - CruiseForth Business Briefing
- Apr 11th - Echline Community Woodland Spring Tidy
- Apr 21st - QBG Business Networking Session
- Hustings Mon 20th April, QPC
- All city wide consultations can be viewed at <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

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Education Report – Anne Marie Boyd

April 2026

Relatively quiet as schools were closed for two weeks over Easter.

Echline PS

The Echline Parent Association meeting was well attended by 64 people, including Donna Murray (Head of Education: Early Years, Parent Liaison and Strategy), following some staff absence level concerns raised by parents. Reassurance was given that the absences were being covered adequately and a number of improved efficiencies were discussed.

Overall, there was a strong call from parents for clearer next steps and increased support to ensure stability and continuity for pupils.

QHS

Some alterations have been made to the community access of the leisure centre. Discussions are ongoing to establish a best working practice that balances safeguarding and maximising access.

Youth Clubs

All youth clubs will resume during the week commencing 4 May, operating over a seven-week term and concluding in the week ending 19 June.

“Open All Hours” will recommence on 15 May, as Queensferry staff will be supporting a Blew Light Disco event at Craigmount High School in Corstorphine. This marks the first time the event has been delivered at this venue; however, an established and successful delivery model will be utilised to support its implementation. A Blew Light Disco will take place in Queensferry on 8 May for the P7s here.

Nursery Placements

Looking for nursery information about applying for places is

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare>

Starting Primary one

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

Speech and Language Therapy
'Did you know...'
I like it when you copy my sounds, funny faces and gestures

When you copy me, I notice you are listening and that you want to keep the conversation going. I love it when you make me laugh by copying my gestures and gurgles, then pausing for me to take another turn.

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

#somethingworthknowing26

INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM SPECTRUM & LANGUAGE DELAY PROGRAMME (3 - 5 YEARS)

The Incredible Years Autism Spectrum & Language delay course is an evidence based programme which is delivered over 14 weeks during term time.

This course is for parents and carers of children aged 3-5 years who have autism diagnosis, are waiting for an assessment, or have speech and language delays. It is particularly helpful for children who may experience big emotions, distress, or behaviours that can be difficult to understand. The course supports parents to better understand their child behaviour and communication, learning practical, supportive strategies using a neuro affirming approach that respects each child's individual needs.

Thursdays 27 Aug until 3 Dec 10am - 12pm (term time)
Tollcross Community Centre 117 Fountainbridge

FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS ...

"The pyramid structure was great and having a strong foundation - it's made me realise how patient you need to be and the importance of being kind to yourself"

"I have been able to get into my son's spotlight and we get to spend time together during meal preparations and play times"

Application can be made through Education & Health professionals on behalf of families. For enquiries please contact Morag Lang on 0797874609 or morag.lang@edinburgh.gov.uk

PARENT AND CARER PROGRAMME SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Do you need help to support a child or young person through family change and loss?

Who is it for?
 Parents and carers looking to support their children through family change and loss.

What does it do?
 Helps parents and carers to better understand the experience of death, separation and divorce and bereavement from a child's perspective.

The programme allows parents and carers to learn about:

- How children react to change and loss.
- What parents can do to help their child.
- Communicating with their child
- The Seasons for Growth approach to understand and manage change, loss and grief.
- Caring for themselves as a parent/carer and a person.

Dates and Times

Valley Park Community Centre, EH17 8EU, 13/20/27th March 9.45am-11.45am
 Carrickvale Community Centre, EH11 3AH, 8/15/22nd May, 9.45am-11.45am
 Gate 55, EH11 4PB, 4/11/18th June, 9.45am-11.45am
 Tollcross Community Centre, EH3 8QG, 10/17/24th June, 9.30pm-8.30pm

Please sign up here <https://forms.office.com/e/fF268SejD4>
 For further details email enquiries@parentscarer@edinburgh.gov.uk

Outcomes

- Learn about how children respond to change loss and grief.
- Understand that it is normal to have a range of grief reactions.
- Explore new approaches to change, loss and grief in the lives of their children.
- Build communication, decision making and problem-solving skills.
- Participate in a supportive network of adults.
- Integrate their new learning into their relationships with their family.

INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM SPECTRUM AND LANGUAGE DELAY PROGRAMME

We are piloting a new group for parents/carers of young children ages between 3-5 exhibiting autism spectrum and language delay, who have received/awaiting diagnosis

Duration: 14 weeks term time, 2 hours weekly
Number of parents/carers: 10-12

QUEENSFERRY YOUTH CAFE

A SAFE SPACE TO SPEND YOUR SUNDAYS

Tuesdays 6-8pm

COMMUNITY CENTRE, SCHOOL LANE, SQ

Kirkliston Youth Café

Kirkliston Community Centre
 A safe space for young people 11+ to hang out with friends and try fun activities

WEDNESDAYS 6-8PM

JOIN US ON THURSDAYS 6PM-8PM

QUEENSFERRY P7 YOUTH CLUB

QUEENSFERRY COMMUNITY CENTRE SCHOOL LANE

OPEN ALL HOURS

Edinburgh Leisure

Friday Nights 6pm-8pm

S1-S4 Free sports, arts 'n' crafts, swimming, gym and more...

Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

Apr 2026

No updates

Neil McKinlay

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

Apr 2026

CEC has agreed to start English as a second languages on Tuesday 5th May 10-12 to be run in the community centre hopefully along side a crèche.

Ferry Dads club now meets on a Sunday - see Facebook for details

After a recent presentation by Lisa Petrie at open all hours. It was agreed that a kit suitable for major bleeding would be bought by the youth team to carry. The hub has also bought one and Rosebery hall has agreed to purchase 2 more - one for Rosebery hall and one for the community huts. As with the defibrillators it is hoped that these will never be needed.

Ferry welcome was a successful multi cultural event held in the high school to represent cultural events from community groups.

North care 60 bed nursing care home is now progressing and scaffolding up. The management team is hoping to work with the health and wellbeing team to link with community groups. As the first residents are not expected until this time next year we hope to start meeting in late May.

Attended Abercorn Hopetoun drop in looking as their plans going forward.

Rosebery hall continues to be busy. We have agreed to a temporary updated lease from CEC as it is unchanged but going forward with a new one will need a lot of discussion and clarity as none of the current options suit taking on an old listed building.

Community centres across the city are trying to work together and are at the point of agreeing terms of reference.

A second market was held in Rosebery hall - the goal was to provide exposure for the businesses in the high street affected by the high street works. While the hall was busy and the Thai food was amazing not many of the stalls were run by high street businesses.

Anne

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

April 2026

[Applications](#)

During the four week period nine applications were received

26/01073/FUL - Convert existing garage and form first floor extension above - 28 Standingstone Road Dalmeny

26/00982/FUL - Applications for 3 residential flats at first floor within the building consented under 22/01987/FUL and 22/020471/LBC - Development North of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar

26/00984/LBC - This application is for an alternative internal layout of the new first floor extension to the existing single storey building which was approved under 22/020471/LBC - Development North of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar

26/01106/FULSTL - Change of use of premises to short term let accommodation - Holly Cottage 3 Westfield Totley Wells

Trees in Conservation Area

26/0138/TCO - Mature sycamore prune lateral overhanging branches to stem collars - Treeworks Ashburnham Loan

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

26/00974/CLP - Extend driveway into existing part of garden in front of house - 14 Echline Park

Certificate of Lawfulness Existing

26/01193/CLESTL - Existing use of house as self-catering accommodation by individuals, families or (otherwise) up to 6 occupiers - Lowood Cottage Lowood Craigiehall

26/01196/CLESTL - Use of entire flatted dwelling as short-stay residential accommodation, by single persons, or up to 6 persons together - Flat 2 19 Rose Lane

Decisions

During the four week period nine decisions were made

26/00428/FUL - Construct single storey pitched roof extension - 48 Stoneyflatts Crescent - GRANTED

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

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 - REFUSED

26/0138/TCO - Mature sycamore prune lateral overhanging branches to stem collars - Treeworks Ashburnham Loan - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

26/00057/FULSTL - Erection of single storey detached chalet at Land Adjacent to Lowood House (Short term letting holiday accommodation) - Land 40 metres West of Lowood Cottage Lowood Craigiehall - REFUSED

25/05325/AMC - Approval of matters specified in condition 2,3,4,5,7,9,10 of 16/01797/PPP to 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 - GRANTED

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

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

26/00649/FUL - Proposed single storey front extension - 69 Sommerville Gardens – 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

A footpath linking Queensferry Heights to Society Road is due to commence in April

Builyeon Road Development - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

Any update received will be given verbally at our meeting

Builyeon Road Development - Bridgewater Village - Lovell

Any update received will be given verbally at our meeting

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Any update received will be given verbally at our meeting

LAR Development Port Edgar

Any update received will be given verbally at our meeting

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

April 2026

Builyeon Road: Installation of Temporary Pedestrian Crossings: UPDATE Delivery phase: May/June 2026

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

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 delivery phase of the project is expected to be undertaken in May/June 2026 once a contractor has been chosen to undertake the project.

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](#)

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.

[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.

[Scotrail: Lack of capacity/overcrowding on Dalmeny/Edinburgh service:](#)

UPDATE APRIL 2026: QDCC HAVE WRITTEN AGAIN TO SCOTRAIL TO REQUEST A RESPONSE ABOUT OVERCROWDING AT DALMENY STATION.

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 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.”

EXTRACT FROM SCOTRAIL RESPONSE DATED 23 APRIL 2026

The main challenge for increasing the capacity of our services is the availability of rolling stock. ScotRail have a fixed number of trains and carriages, all of which are fully utilised daily in our normal timetable. Adding more seats to services on any given route, would be at the expense of another service which may also already be busy. Our strategy and planning team proactively monitor capacity on all of our services continually, and we make amendments to our timetable twice per year to ensure that we are balancing the capacity on our services, as well as their timings.

As you will appreciate, we get requests across the country for timetable changes, but this takes careful planning and consideration to ensure we are not making changes to the detriment of communities across the country.

I have passed your comments onto our service planning team who will ensure that this route continues to be monitored and considered when timetable changes are being planned.

It may also be helpful to know that recent announcements around the replacement of our HST trains, which operate our intercity routes, will have a knock-on benefit for communities in and around Fife. The rolling stock we use in Fife are the only alternative trains we can use when an HST fails which can result in Fife services having fewer numbers of carriages than planned. The decision to alter a service, such as a cancellation, or short formation, is never taken lightly by our Integrated Control team. A cancellation may be necessary to minimise the disruption to customers overall. This is to ensure the overall service recovers from delays more quickly, but we do appreciate how frustrating it can be for customers when a specific service is cancelled.

The first new intercity trains are expected to enter service by late 2027, with a phased introduction and the full fleet in operation by the end of 2028. Staff training will form part of the programme to ensure safe operation to the highest standard. In the meantime, we are currently undertaking a programme of improvement works on the HSTs to try and reduce the need to use carriages from other routes, including through improvements to electrical systems, driver cabs, and doors, which will conclude in May 2026.

LAURA SEXTON
QDCC: ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONVENOR

Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

Apr 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 again with local businesses on April 2nd at Hawes Inn to discuss how best to maximise opportunity from the 2026 cruise season. 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. First ship arrives Saturday 25/4.

Queensferry Markets

Following the significant success of the first market in Rosebery Hall in November, a second market took place on Sat 4th April. Organised by Victoria Mortimer on behalf of City of Edinburgh council as part mitigation towards the High St disruption. Good momentum and some learning points over onsite promotion to be taken onboard to capitalise on High St passing traffic.

Itison Promotion

All Itison Vouchers are available now, no longer releasing in phases. As at time of print 3628 vouchers have been sold. This represents £36k 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.

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 Thursdays & Fridays.



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

Queensferry Business Group Report – Gill Fox

April 2026

The Easter Market held at the beginning April had less footfall than the December market possibly due to the inclement weather. Local businesses were well represented and Victoria, the market co-ordinator, is arranging for large banners to be printed which can be displayed outside on future dates which will highlight the event.

The implementation of the ItisOn voucher scheme is receiving mixed responses with some businesses declining to take part due to the long payment timescales. The vouchers seem to be selling well on each tranche released. Feedback seems to be that it is mostly existing local customers using the vouchers perhaps with an increased spend per visit. Only 10 businesses have signed up to the scheme so far. Vouchers can be used at any of the participating businesses and cost £5 to give a £10 spend – they can be purchased online at Itison.com/Queensferry High Street.

Cruise Forth held a meeting for on 2nd April to discuss the large number of cruise ships expected this year and how to promote Queensferry businesses to them. Good progress is being made with the Map of local businesses for distribution to cruise passengers and other visitors – thanks to Jade at the Railbridge for the work she has done in bringing this together.

The next Queensferry Business Group meeting will be on online meeting on Tuesday, 21st April to promote networking and information exchange. All local businesses are welcome at all the QBG meetings. Please email info@queensferrybusinessgroup.co.uk for a link to join the meeting.

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20/4/26



The graphic features the Queensferry Business Group logo at the top right, which includes a red bridge illustration and the text 'QUEENSFERRY BUSINESS GROUP'. The main title 'Meeting Schedule Dates 2026' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, five red, slanted rectangular boxes list the meeting dates: 26 February 2026, 21 April 2026, 17 June 2026, 17 September 2026, and 17 November 2026. The graphic is decorated with several black and red circles of varying sizes. At the bottom, there is a disclaimer: 'Meetings and topics are subject to change depending on circumstances, we will let you know at the earliest opportunity..'. Below the disclaimer, the RSVP information is provided: 'RSVP: info@queensferrybusinessgroup.co.uk', followed by a Facebook icon and the text 'Follow our page Queensferry Business Group'.

Meeting Schedule Dates 2026

- 26 February 2026
- 21 April 2026
- 17 June 2026
- 17 September 2026
- 17 November 2026

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Rotary Club

Apr 2026

No Report this month

Agenda

QDCC March Business Meeting
Monday 27th April 2026 at 7.30pm
QDCC Office, Burgh Chambers 53a Hight ST

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. LAR Housing Trust – Development Update
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (March 2026)
6. Matters Arising
7. Chair's Report
8. Almond Ward Councillors Reports
9. Treasurer's Report
10. Secretary's Report
11. Engagement and Communications Report
12. QDCC Sub Committees Reports
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC updates
14. Any Other Business
15. Questions from the Floor
16. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie - Vice Chair & Secretary – 19th April 2026

Previous Minutes

Monday 23 March 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, David Learmond (QHT), Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the March monthly meeting.
2. Apologies	Lise Coles, Gill Fox (QBG), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	<p>Keith advised Police report circulated and available to view on QDCC website. A separate email had been received advising a Community Speedwatch campaign was being considered for Almond Ward, including Queensferry. This was at an early stage and would involve volunteers using handheld devices to record and deter speeding, organised by approved community groups. QDCC was asked if it was able to support the initiative, in relation to anti-social driving in the town. Members discussed how this might work and agreed further information on training, potential risks, and resource commitment was required.</p> <p>ACTION: Terry to seek further information from Police Scotland on organising and supporting proposed Community Speedwatch campaign.</p>
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (Feb 26)	<p>Draft Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne Marie, subject to the following 2 amendments to Item 4 Anti-Social Behaviour & Vehicles.</p> <p>Para 2 (page 2), 4th & 5th bullet points amended to - "QDCC supports petition proposals, except for overnight closure of the car park. Concern closure could lead to displacement to other areas in Queensferry. Physical barriers wouldn't stop motorbikes, for example. A TRO would take 18 months to implement, but unlikely to be given go ahead during High Street works."</p> <p>Para 4 (page3) amended to - "Nicola commented that an Experimental 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 noted an ETRO would last for 18 months but this wouldn't address the car park closure concern regarding unintended consequences which was why QDCC was maintaining a neutral stance on this particular point.</p>

	<p><u>Post Meeting Note</u> – to record that while QDCC members as a whole did not support car park closure there were some who did.”</p>
5. Matters Arising	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: Confirmed CEC has received applications for McArthur Rigg & Lowrie Gait and are preparing adoption certificates. Dimma Park remedial work now done, to be checked by CEC and adopted thereafter.</p> <p>ONGOING – No further update Mar 26, Cllr Work to monitor and chase as necessary.</p> <p><u>AUGUST 2025</u></p> <p>CFF: 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. Proposal following financial advice going through due diligence, ahead of formal presentation to full QDCC.</p> <p>ONGOING: WIP, discussed under Agenda item 8.</p> <p><u>JANUARY 2026</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park Grit Bins: Anne Marie reported grit bins not being replenished as owned/put in by Factors, so CEC won't refill. CEC proposal to charge residents £250 per bin to maintain supplies and treat pavements, as bins not supplied and streets not adopted by CEC.</p> <p>ONGOING – WIP, Cllr Work raised with CEC Transport Cttee, awaiting their response.</p> <p>Damaged Traffic Beacon: Cllr Work to pursue reinstatement of damaged traffic beacon at Station Road roundabout.</p> <p>CLOSED – Action taken.</p> <p><u>FEBRUARY 2026</u></p> <p>Hawes Area ASD/ASB: QDCC to reflect on anti-social driving/behaviour at Hawes area following representations from local resident(s).</p> <p>CLOSED – Being taken forward by Transport Committee.</p> <p>B800 Parking & Hawes Brae: Scotstoun House site contractor parking on B800 and parking both sides of Hawes Brae to be raised with CEC.</p> <p>CLOSED – Transport Committee raised at Active Travel meeting.</p> <p>Pop-up Policeman: Purchase & placement of 'pop up policeman' to be discussed by Transport Committee.</p> <p>ONGOING – To review in conjunction with proposed Speedwatch campaign.</p>
6. Chair's Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Keith highlighted work done and in hand on finalising the LPP including the QHS workshop, timeline, new photos. Would be ready for QDCC review end April, and then lodge with CEC and circulate to stakeholders.</p>

	<p>A meeting with the Rosebery Estate factor and Robert Armstrong, CEC, had resulted in funding for Jacob's Ladder repairs being assigned to the community aspect of the High Street works budget and to be completed in time for the liner season just after Easter. Additionally, Rosebery Estate and CEC were to discuss setting up a long-term lease and look at potential improvements, including rest stations and lighting. Neil thanked Keith for getting the action taken, and hopefully reaching a long-term solution.</p>
<p>7. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports</p>	<p>Cllr Work. Norman gave a verbal update. A resident had asked him about the QHS sauna and/or steam room being out of action. Anne Marie advised the sauna was open and working. The steam room needed attention and was closed meantime for repairs.</p> <p>He had attended a CEC workshop on the new Visitor Levy. All Wards are to receive the same financial amount from the Levy and he was pushing for those larger Wards with tourism impact, including Queensferry, to be recognised more favourably. He was monitoring this and would report back.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. No report submitted.</p>
<p>8. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter. Diane advised main item was the Community Fund Banking Proposal, details circulated separately to members. Following independent financial advice from Whyte Sharp the proposal was to open a CashHub account and transfer the CFF to it. This had the benefit of access to competitive interest rates across a variety of banks and account types while maintaining FSCS protection. Diane was asked if free advice from another organisation previously suggested had been considered. She explained that as it had only applied to charities, which QDCC isn't, it hadn't been pursued. Seeking a second opinion was also queried. It was noted the previous suggestion to move the funding to gilts had been considered but the IFA advice was a CashHub was a better way to proceed given QDCC's status and the desire to preserve the capital value. Diane added that some funding may be retained in a separate bank account for short term needs, as some CashHub deposits are on 3-month notice. This would be discussed further if the proposal to proceed was agreed, as would the length of time the funds would be 'locked away' for. Keith confirmed timeframes would be informed by the Asset Review. The cost for the advice provided and setting up the initial CashHub account was £700. There were no additional ongoing fees. It was felt this was acceptable to QDCC based on the work involved. Keith closed the discussion by asking members to confirm if they supported the proposal, and this was agreed. One member maintained reservations on seeking a second opinion from another advisor.</p>
<p>9. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter. Terry commented on the SGN replacement pipework plan. The notification for Sommerville Avenue area had been circulated to members that day. Any questions on this to be emailed to Terry to follow up with SGN.</p>

10. Engagement & Inclusion Report	<p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Keith asked if the Facebook numbers were higher than previously for this time of year. Graeme noted actually slightly lower, but had been higher previous month due to interest in the LPP submission.</p>
11. Sub Committees	<p>Reports circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>Diane was keeping an eye on the Sealscraig building following expiry of the Building Warrant. A general tidy up of the area was felt to be needed. She had contacted the owner but no response yet. To be kept under review.</p> <p>David asked if it was known which company was opening the new supermarket at Builyeon Road. Diane was making enquiries on this but a response from the site managers, BP Pulse, had not been forthcoming.</p> <p><u>Health & Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Anne reported on the ForthSpan event at QHS previous day. It had been hoped to attract new residents from multicultural backgrounds but that hadn't happened. CEC was offering teaching English as a 2nd language and it was hoped this would be taken up.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>Anne Marie highlighted presentation to OAH young people on use of Bleed Kits. This had been well received. Proposing to place kits in Queensferry Community Centres and schools and provide training, at no charge. Anne Marie was following up.</p> <p><u>Business & Tourism</u></p> <p>Graeme commented on the Itison Voucher scheme in place during the High Street works. £21k had been purchased in vouchers to date, across 10 businesses. The Railbridge Bar & Bistro had signed up recently.</p> <p>A second Queensferry Market was planned for Easter Saturday, 4 April, at Rosebery Hall involving around 15 local vendors.</p> <p>A new local businesses map was being produced by CruiseForth, in time for the new liner season, and with support from the Railbridge. It was also noted that the Railbridge was currently up for sale.</p> <p><u>Transport</u></p> <p>Laura referred to current matters in hand in her report. Keith asked about engagement with Alex Cole-Hamilton, MSP, on the anti-social driving behaviours. He understood a meeting was being arranged with QDCC on this. Laura noted this may now need to be deferred to after the Holyrood elections on 7 May.</p> <p>A meeting with the new Police Chief Inspector was being organised, date to be agreed. Keith also commented on Nicola's draft paper on Builyeon Road and Active Travel. This was well prepared and with couple of suggestions separately advised he asked her to send this to Miles Wilkinson, CEC on behalf of QDCC.</p>

	<p>Diane added she felt the new road seemed narrow for the amount and type of traffic expected but that more would be known on this in next few months. ACTION: Nicola to submit QDCC views on Builyeon Road and Active Travel to CEC.</p> <p>Graeme noted current status of the High Street refurbishment works. The unfinished situation beyond the Sealscraig was of growing concern, given new cruise season commencing shortly plus local residents would be seeking update. Laura felt the project status could be defined as 'delayed' and that a meeting with Robert Armstrong was required. Keith agreed, and had sent Robert photos of the area as it stands. The response was had been labour issues but the promenade area would be finished in time for Easter, including resurfacing the road, line markings etc. Graeme added need for more realistic deadlines, Nicola agreed and proposed asking for a formal catch-up plan. Laura noted impact on businesses. ACTION: Keith asked Laura or Graeme to write to Robert Armstrong, CEC, to set up meeting after Easter to discuss the status of works at The Loan and High Street.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> Keith thanked Graeme and Anne Marie for their help recently at Echline Woodland. More work and volunteers on maintaining the area was needed and both asked for support in promoting this with other contacts.</p>
<p>12. Local Interest Groups</p>	<p><u>QHT</u> David noted positive meeting with Karl Chapman, CEC, regarding the Museum. A consultant had been appointed by CEC to review its use and purpose and there was an opportunity to include it in the wider context of the LPP, as a key building on the High Street and a centre for the Forth Bridge, and the other bridges. QDCC had been present at the meeting and agreed went well. All confirmed need to keep momentum going. Anne asked about opening times, as nothing had been heard so far regarding cruise ships. Keith advised was to be 3 days/week and try to include the liner days. David also commented on the conclusion of last year's QHT meetings programme. Been good attendance and varied topics. Attendance was strong with 40-50 at the events, out of a membership of 80.</p> <p><u>QCCC</u> Gillian reported funding still an issue, with bidding through to 2028 re CEC. Saturday café and market were going well, and the Golf event on 4 May was in hand.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> - report circulated via Newsletter. Craig highlighted Quiz held with all 5 Primary Schools (inc Kirkliston). Had been much enjoyed by the children, families, and teachers with Echline winning by a single point. Raft Race planning in hand, website being set up.</p>

13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	Keith advised he had contacted QBC regarding a replacement representative. He also noted need to reach out to new QDCC members. ACTION: Keith & Terry to make contact with new QDCC members.
14. AOB	None.
15. Questions from the Floor	None.
16. Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting is on Monday 27 April 26, 7.30pm, at the Burgh Chambers.