



Community Newsletter

May 2026

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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

May 2026

Community Council business remains a regular constant demand on my time. I 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

Work was planned to commence on the west end of the High St on the 11th May, some logistical matters are being worked on getting materials to the work area, attempting to minimise the impacts on the High Street and surrounding roads.

Queensferry Place Plan

Ironside Farrer completed the Queensferry LPP as planned in April. The final LPP has been circulated to community councillors for sign off, prior to lodging with The City of Edinburgh Council.

Jacobs Ladder

QDCC has received enquiries from residents and visitors and the Environmental Convenor has replied to the enquiries.

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 ant-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. Our MSP is yet to contact me, so this remains a work in progress.

Museum Building

I was contacted by one of the council's property surveyors asking if I would could attend the Museum when they were carrying out a property survey. I along with a History Group representative attended to provide access to the basement of the building. Jointly we walked the building and pointed out the dampness and where the fabric of the property was in poor condition. The focus was the externals of the property as well as upgrading the electrics. An asbestos survey is the next steps in the plan.

The Second World War Comes to Queensferry Exhibition

I was invited to and attended the launch of the Queensferry History Group's Second World War Exhibition being held in the Museum. I would encourage everyone to find the time to visit the exhibition as it is well worth the visit. My congratulations to the History Group for assembling and excellent exhibition and display of items.

Lovell Homes – sale of homes to The City of Edinburgh Council

Following from the representations made to QDCC about the sale of Lovell homes to The City of Edinburgh Council I contacted Lovell Homes by e mail and sought an explanation. I can confirm that Lovell is in discussions with CEC about the potential sale of homes but haven't as yet sold any to the council. They agreed to my request to set up a meeting with their Senior Manager to discuss QDCC's concerns.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC, 20th May 2026

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

May 2026

1. QDCC mailbox activity has remained fairly steady since the April 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 formal 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.
- QDCC and Ironside Farrar (IF) have completed the updates to The Queensferry Local Place Plan. This has been circulated to all Community Councillors ahead of the May Business Meeting where formal approval by QDCC will be sought prior to submission of the LPP to The City of Edinburgh Council.
- A meeting was held with the Independent Financial Advisor to progress the consolidation of the Community Facility Funding bank accounts.

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 April 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 development plans (including a supermarket) and the ongoing SGN works in the Scotstoun area.

Other matters included a request for assistance for social housing, delays in bin uplifts, access to QHS leisure facilities, an update on Jacobs ladder repairs, a query regarding the setting up of an LEZ, a query regarding ongoing works associated with a property on The High Street and a request for assistance that was passed onto Queensferry Community Council in North Wales.

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.
Can I please remind all members to include me in the circulation of any email chains involving any QDCC related activity?

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Secretary – 18th May 2026

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

May 2026

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - Microsoft Teams Invoice - £44.64

Total CC Funds - £809.81

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £19089.18

95 Day Notice Account - April interest £154.03 - £68301.74

Nationwide - £95814.10

Barclays Bank - £87981.02

RBS - £93804.84

Charity Bank - £66089.69

Community Facility Funding Total = £431080.57

Please note there was a typo error in the Community Facility Funding Total in the end of year and April report should have read £430926.54 and not £430925.54

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

May 2026

[QDCC Facebook page](#) 28 days to 22/05 : 23,748 views, 1k engagement, 4,207 followers (+8)

[QDCC Website](#) 30 days to 25/04 : 1,904k views 1.3k visitors.

[Local public drop-ins, consultations or events](#)

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

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Education Report – Anne Marie Boyd

May 2026

Echline Primary School

I also attended the recent parent council meeting at Echline Primary School, where Donna Murray provided parents with an update on the current running of the school. The meeting gave parents the opportunity to raise questions and discuss any issues or concerns.

The Blew light disco

The Blew Light Disco, held at the beginning of May, was once again a major success. Around 165 P7 pupils from schools across the local cluster attended the event. The disco is organised in partnership with the police and the local youth work team and continues to be a well-supported and enjoyable event for all involved.

Youth Clubs

All youth clubs are now back up and running, with strong attendance levels across the board. Work is also well underway on planning the summer programme, alongside efforts to secure the necessary funding to support activities and opportunities for local young people.

Terrific Two places nursery

Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) is available for two-year-olds in some council ELC settings, Partner Provider Nurseries, and some childminders. Children who meet the Terrific 2's criteria below will be eligible for a funded place from the week following their second birthday.

Who is eligible?

Children may be eligible if a parent or carer receives one or more of these benefits:

- ✓ Universal Credit with a monthly take home pay of £885 or less (Take-home pay is the money a household receives from work after tax, National Insurance and any pension contributions have been taken off. See page 3)
- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- ✓ Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance
- ✓ State Pension Credit
- ✓ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Note: Disability allowance is not included as income

Or if the child is:

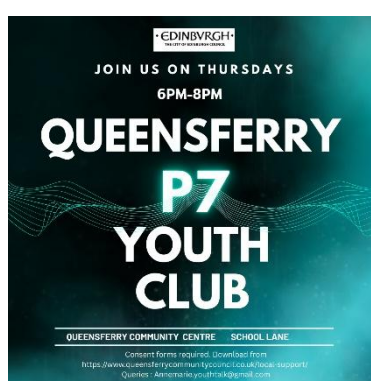
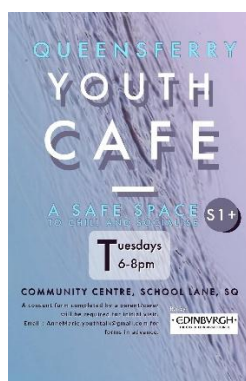
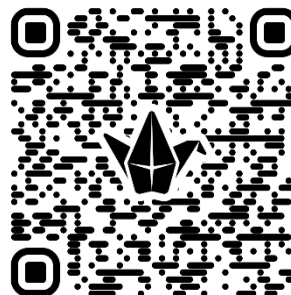
- ✓ Looked after or is considered to be at risk of becoming looked after
- ✓ Under a kinship care order
- ✓ Living with a parent-appointed guardian
- ✓ Care experienced or has a parent who is Care experienced
- ✓ In temporary accommodation/homeless
- ✓ Or if the family has:
- ✓ Graduated from the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP)

For more information and to apply: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/nursery-places-two-year-olds>

To find nursery spaces in Edinburgh: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/find-early-learning-childcare>

To find spaces for Forest Kindergarten in Edinburgh:
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/early-learning-childcare-three-four-year-olds-forest-kindergarten>

Transition Project 2026 Resources for ELC and Primary 1



Cairn Service (6VT Edinburgh City Youth Cafe)

Availability : **Edinburgh Wide**

Who is this for?

- Children and Young People, age 10-25 who experienced crime (victim or witness of crime), who are based in Edinburgh and Lothians.

Description

The Cairn Service provides person-centred support to any child and Young Person who has experienced any type of crime, whether this was reported or not. We can also assist with reporting (Third Party Reporting service) any crime.

We are located in Central Edinburgh and Young People can also access 6VT Drop-In service as part of the holistic service.

<https://ithriveedinburgh.org.uk/services/cairn-service/>

Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

May 2026

Jacobs Ladder and other steps

QDCC had hoped that the work to repair these steps would have commenced by now as the busy summer visitors season approaches. However we have been assured by the appropriate City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) officers that the matter is receiving attention so hopefully this protracted matter will be resolved soon.

On a more positive note repairs have been completed by CEC contractors to the short flight of steps leading from Station Road ,at the end of Rosshill Terrace , down to the cycle path .This leaves repairs to one last short flight of stairs from Ashburnham Loan down to the cycle path to be undertaken and we will seek the support from CEC to do this.

The VAT Run

A working party including members of QDCC is being formed to initiate improvements to the open public facility known locally as the VAT Run which is used by a significant number of young children and older youngsters for outdoor learning and other physical outdoor activities . With the kind support from the Community Service Team work has already commenced clearing overgrown vegetation for the land around the pond area whilst leaving plenty of cover for our wildlife and insects. The overgrown pond will be tackled early Spring 2027 . A project plan is being prepared to repair and enhance other facilities e.g. the bike pump track. There is great potential to enhance this area for community use.

GreenFerry Team

The team received their first delivery of plants courtesy of the CEC Inch Nursery so a big shout out to them. These have all been planted up in our tubs, planters and community gardens and another delivery of annuals from the Inch Nursery will be received in early June to help to continue to make our town look lovely.

Team members ran vegetable planting days for groups of children at both Queensferry Primary School and St Margarets Primary School and they all had a great time .

Ross's Garden - Echline Primary

A big shout out to Lovell Homes who have completed a significant make over of "Ross's Memorial Garden" at Echline Primary School as it was starting to look a bit run down.

Lodge St Margaret

Lodge members have undertaken a significant task to clear all the overgrown brambles and weeds from the embankment outside the front of their Lodge building .Our thanks go to the local CEC task force team who uplifted all the green material (and there was a lot of it!) . The embankment is looking great in its cleared but still natural state.

Neil McKinlay

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

May 2026

Care Home

Plans progressing and meeting with team on 26th May at their newest home recently opened in Fairmilehead and of a similar style to one planned for Queensferry. Diane Job also attending.

Dentist

no further update

English as a second language started successfully on 12th May and plans to continue until the end of term. Anyone wanting to access is welcome to just turn up. Both course and creche are free.

Voluntary sector forum meets next week

Rosebery hall

AGM is June 1ST

Care commission to review community centre 26th May to assess for use by SQUIDS as the other building is intended to be used to decant school pupils during renovations.



English Class

Tuesdays 10:00-12:00
Starting from 12th of May
Creche for children 0-5y

South Queensferry Community Centre

School Lane
Kirkliston Road
South
Queensferry
EH30 9NZ

Drop in or email:
mhairi.mcneill@ea.edin.sch.uk

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The poster features a photograph of a dark wooden building with a white door and a ramp. Below the photo is an illustration of two children sitting at a table reading a book, and two children talking. The Edinburgh City Council logo is at the bottom.

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

May 2026

Applications

During the four week period eight applications were received

26/01501/FUL - Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of two new buildings and formation of access - 22 Kirkliston Road

26/01618/FUL - Erection of a [prefabricated modular Changing Places toilet facility. To be installed on a concrete base including the provision of drainage and utility connections - Land 10 metres South West of 17 Shore Road

26.01671/FUL - Proposed single storey rear and side extensions - 29 Ashburnham Loan

26/01869/FUL - New opening on South elevation, replacement of garage door with glazed unit. Construction of new external store - 1 Wester Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny

26/01882/FUL - New gable including feature windows. Installation of bi-fold doors with new raised deck. Replacement windows and new window openings, garage conversion and creation of bedrooms in basement areas - 1 Edinburgh Road

26/01885/LBC - New gable including feature windows. Installation of bi-fold doors with new raised deck. Replacement windows and new window openings, garage conversion and creation of bedrooms in basement areas and relocation of kitchen and bedroom - 1 Edinburgh Road

Tree Preservation Orders

26/0273/TPO - Ash T1 removal of roadside ash showing significant signs of dieback - Tree Works Chapel Gate Road

Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

26/01465/CLE - The building has been used as a vehicle servicing and repair centre under the name of East Coast Tyres from around 2009 and then an MOT test centre from 2011 under the same business name. Class 5 - 29 The Loan

Decisions

During the four week period nine decisions were made

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 too roof -Queensferry Parish Church

26 The Loan - GRANTED

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

26/00800/FUL - Convert a single storey double garage to provide accessible living accommodation ancillary to existing domestic property - 3 Lovers Lane - GRANTED

25/00598/FUL - Outbuilding - 39 Forth Place - GRANTED

26/01508/CLP - Proposed rear extension and internal alterations - 66 Atheling Grove - GRANTED

26/01811/LBC - Change of use of B&B dining room/tearoom to B&B en-suite bedroom - 15 West Terrace - PERMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED

26/00982/FUL - Alterations and extensions of existing building to create 3 residential flats at first floor (as amended) - Development North of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar - GRANTED

26/00984/LBC - Internal and external alterations to existing single storey building (as amended) - Development North of Inchgarvie Lodge Society Road Port Edgar - GRANTED

25/01411/FULSTL- Retrospective change of use of premises to short term let accommodation - 5 High Street - WITHDRAWN

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

[April update from Lovell](#)

Currently delivered

100 social homes for Sanctuary Housing Association - all units completed and Lovell are in the process of handing over the Sanctuary

185 private market rent homes for Sigma Capital - 100% handed over

113 open market homes for sale by Lovell Homes - ongoing build, directed by market interest

14 Commercial Units - currently in negotiations with buyers and still in the active marketing stage

Over Easter Lovell refreshed Echline Primary school playground cycling area and repaired the planters in Ross's garden

[Hawthorn Gardens Development \(South Scotstoun\)](#)

Any update received will be given verbally at our meeting

[LAR Development Port Edgar](#)

LAR representatives attended our April meeting and it was disappointing to hear that the plan for this development has had to change. Due to external funding by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Scottish Government not being approved the residential flats will now have to be sold and no longer will be available to rent. This is a loss to Queensferry as LAR Housing Trust offers affordable tenancies to those who are ineligible for social housing but who do not have the means to affordably rent in the private market.

[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

May 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.

Queensferry High Street Improvement Works

High Street Improvement works commenced 7 October 2025. Phase 2 has commenced to upgrade pavements along the High Street.

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 was published for statutory consultation in 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](#)

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.

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.”

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 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

May 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/>

Cruise Ships

The first of 41 scheduled cruise ships have visited Queensferry. The dates of upcoming ship visits can be viewed on the [CruiseForth website](#) under Find My Ship.

Businesses in Port Edgar have jointly organised a shuttle bus from Hawes Pier to PE on selected Cruise ship visit days. A local map has been produced by RailBridge Bistro with local businesses, incorporating some offer incentives.

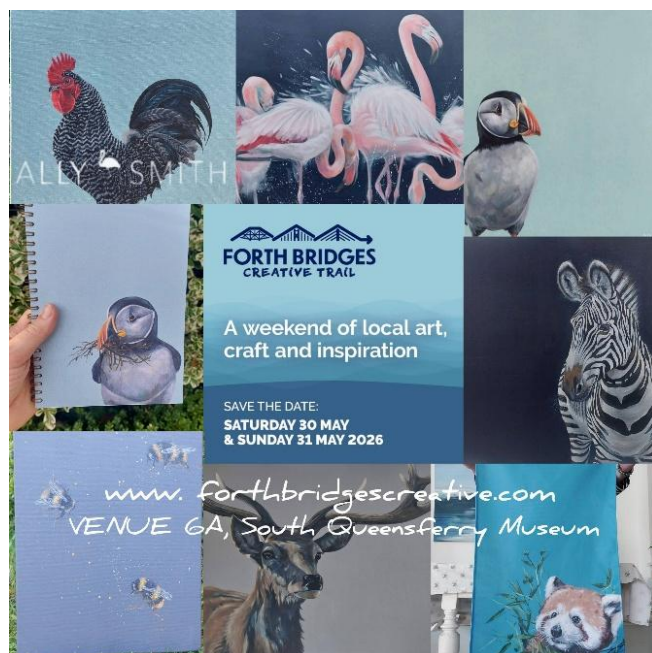
High St

SeaKist sold within one week, we welcome the new owners [Halliday Homes](#), a multi-award winning sales and letting agency. Planning activity with other commercial properties indicates the High St remains a highly desirable proposition.

Refurbishment work has commenced at the west end, updates can be found [here](#).

Forth Bridges Creative Trail

Following the successful launch of this initiative in May 2025, the second trail will take place 30th & 31st May 2026. Significant investment in this now and we would like to praise the team pulling this together from nothing. Another event to promote Queensferry. More details [here](#).



Itison Promotion

All Itison Vouchers are available now. As at time of print 4748 vouchers have been sold. This represents £47.5k of trade specifically and exclusively for the local businesses who have signed up so far, of which there are now 10. Open to High St businesses to apply to participate.



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

New to Itison
Past cooking venues on Queensferry High Street

£5
Was £10 Save 50%
+ £0.49 service fee
Buy now
1895 deals sold

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 and a consultant has been appointed to explore options to create a sustainable business model to support the museum. Meantime CEC has committed to bringing the building back up to wind and watertight standard and the museum is currently open Thursdays & Fridays.

Queensferry Business Group Report – Gill Fox

May 2026

Queensferry Business Group meeting will be on online meeting on Wed, 17thst June 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.



The graphic features the Queensferry Business Group logo (a red bridge) and the text 'QUEENSFERRY BUSINESS GROUP'. Below this, the text 'Meeting Schedule Dates 2026' is displayed in large, bold, black font. To the right of the text are several decorative elements: a small red dot, a large black circle, a red circle with horizontal lines, and another red circle with horizontal lines. Below the text, 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. To the right of these boxes are a black circle and a small red dot.

**Meeting
Schedule
Dates
2026**

QUEENSFERRY
BUSINESS GROUP

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



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Rotary Club

May 2026

Youth

At our local round of the Rotary Primary Schools Quiz, contested by 6 schools, Echline was the winner and progressed to the area round. Unfortunately in this competition, on the 14th May, Echline were one point behind second place, the top two teams progressing to the District round

A successful Race Night, both financial and enjoyment, was held in the Masonic Hall on the 24th April. The money raised going towards sending a boy and a girl from the High School on an outward bound adventure week.

Events

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



Enter a team -

- Ideally a team of 8 but 6 can work as a team too...
- No raft to build – a great opportunity to give paddle boarding a try
- Raise sponsored funds for your charity or charity of your choice

Information - rotaryrafttrace.com Queries – administration@rotaryrafttrace.com

Community

Construction continues on the Queensferry High School sustainable garden and outdoor learning area. Items to be completed are some fencing and a base plus the erection of a donated greenhouse, which is in over a hundred pieces!

Additional funds have been allocated for the refurbishment of the pergola at the Haven (QCCC) this will include a new and stronger Perspex roof.

Any help on these would be much appreciated, please contact - sec.rcsq2020@gmail.com

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Agenda

QDCC May Business Meeting
Monday 25th May 2026 at 7.30pm
QDCC Office, Burgh Chambers, 53a High St

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

Previous Minutes

Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 27 April 2026 at 7.30pm

QDCC Office, 53a High Street

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, Nicola Gourlay, Diane Job, Kirstie Lamont, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Iain Plunkett, Laura Sexton, Gill Fox (QBG), David Learmond (QHT), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Gillian Smith (QCCC), PC Macleod & PC Sinclair (Items 1-4), Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Gary Harkins & Cat Love, LAR Housing Trust; and 3 local residents.

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the April monthly meeting.
2. Apologies	Lise Coles, Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Cllr Norman Work.
3. LAR Port Edgar Development	<p>Keith introduced Gary Harkins and Cat Love from LAR Housing Trust and invited them to update the meeting on their development at the former naval barracks. Gary explained that due to external funding not being approved by both the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Scottish Government their plans had changed. The residential flats were now to be sold, 36 via the open market and CEC taking 12. The Boiler House and Guard House would both also be sold on the open market. The plans for the Heritage Trail had been cancelled but LAR was willing to share the details on this should a local group wish to consider taking it on. The Mens Shed would continue, at a nominal rent, as it's a standalone building and was previously set aside for LAR use.</p> <p>Keith noted QDCC's disappointment at this news and opened the meeting up to questions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graeme asked if any other LAR sites had been refused funding, Gary confirmed finance secured at all other current developments. LAR would be the Factor for the PE site but would have no other involvement.• David commented on the John Muir Way path and whether community access via new public gate would still go ahead. Gary thought this was the case and reiterated that LAR remains interested in developing the Heritage Trail.• Gary confirmed discussions were ongoing with CEC on the 12 properties to be bought by them. The Guard House would be placed on the open market for sale, soon.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicola queried if a non-material variation would be actioned and commented on other relevant planning matters given the changes outlined. Gary & Cat advised these would be for the Projects Team to handle. • Diane noted disappointment that the properties were no longer to be available for mid-market rent. The initial plans had been welcomed by QDCC and it was known several families had been looking forward to being able to rent these. • Anne asked whether LAR could consider ways of making the properties for sale more accessible to local people who could not normally purchase. • Graeme asked about timing, Gary advised show-flat in May/June with sales from mid-summer. <p>ACTION: Nicola to email specific queries on changes to planning and other matters to Terry to pass onto the LAR Projects Team for response.</p> <p>Keith thanked Gary and Cat for attending, providing the update and answering the questions asked. He reiterated disappointment on behalf of Queensferry community regarding the change of direction at the Port Edgar development.</p>
<p>4. Police Report</p>	<p>Keith welcomed PCs Macleod & Sinclair and advised their report had been circulated. They commented on the following matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Speed gun</u> - in use within Queensferry. Issues arising focussed on cars at High Street and Hawes. • <u>Speedwatch</u> – initiative introduced by new Chief Inspector. Background outlined, feedback sought from community groups, inc QDCC. Anticipate introduction towards end of summer. • <u>ASD</u> – instances at Hawes lower than previous year. Receiving more email reports than 101 calls. Met with residents and explained need reported calls to enable additional resources to be provided. • <u>ASB</u> – 3 incidents in month, at East Terrace, Hope Street, and Briggers Brae. • <u>Graffiti</u> – of more concern, Morison Gardens/Hopetoun Road area, using hateful language. Police seeking information from members of the public. Cllr Work also aware. QDCC noted similar language near Stoneyflatts path. <p>ACTION: QDCC to highlight Police reporting protocol and number(s) to use for cases of ASD and ASB, on the QDCC website and Facebook page.</p> <p>Nicola asked if there was a Police view on the extended pub opening hours for the World Cup. PC Macleod advised that comments are handled via the Licencing Dept.</p> <p>Keith thanked both officers for attending, and for any additional questions to be routed via Terry.</p>
<p>5. Lovell Homes</p>	<p>Keith introduced a local resident and invited them to update QDCC on their experience purchasing a Lovell home at The Crossings development. The resident had made a reservation for a Phase 2 property in early January. They put their existing Queensferry house on the market and accepted an offer in late March/early April, planning to move in July. They then received a call around 10 days ago requesting a meeting and on 20 April were advised CEC had bought all of the Phase 2 properties for mid-market rent as part of the partnership working with Councils, Housing Associations. The reservation fee paid and any legal expenses incurred would be refunded to the resident, but nothing additional. The resident had reluctantly decided to withdraw from the</p>

	<p>sale of their current property. Their concern was regarding CEC purchase of the full Phase and the impact on the balance of owner/rented housing on local infrastructure, including schools and health services.</p> <p>QDCC expressed concern at what had happened and felt could have been better handled regarding the resident’s position, while accepting it was a business decision for Lovell to make. The resident was seeking support from QDCC to highlight the way this had been conducted and the lack of transparency. They felt this should be taken up with CEC and/or Lovell. QDCC was also concerned to identify if happening elsewhere in Edinburgh or specific to Queensferry, and agreed it raised potential concerns over infrastructure and capacity. There was a need for more openness and accountability and may have implications for other developers. QDCC thanked the resident for bringing this to its attention. To be discussed further, with Ward Cllrs, and with EACC.</p> <p>ACTION: QDCC to discuss CEC buying up new housing from developers within Queensferry for mid-market rent, ascertain and consider the implications on local services and infrastructure, seek views and information from local Ward Cllrs, and raise with EACC.</p>
<p>6. Minutes from Last Meeting (Mar 26)</p>	<p>Draft minutes proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Graeme.</p>
<p>7. Matters Arising</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 2021</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: Confirmed CEC has received applications for McArthur Rigg & Lowrie Gait and preparing adoption certificates.</p> <p>Feb 26 - Dimma Park remedial work now done, to be checked by CEC and adopted.</p> <p>ONGOING – Keith querying status with Cala. Cllr Work still awaiting update from CEC on adoption process.</p> <p><u>AUGUST 2025</u></p> <p>CFF: Mar 26 - proposal to open CashHub account to hold CFF funds approved by QDCC, following IFA advice.</p> <p>ONGOING – in hand, QDCC to instruct IFA to set up CashHub account for CFF funds.</p> <p><u>JANUARY 2026</u></p> <p>Dalmeny Park Grit Bins: 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 – Cllr Work raised with CEC Transport Cttee, still awaiting their response.</p> <p><u>FEBRUARY 2026</u></p> <p>Pop-up Policeman: Purchase & placement of ‘pop-up policeman’ to be discussed by Transport Committee.</p> <p>CLOSED – To review in conjunction with proposed Speedwatch campaign below.</p>

	<p><u>MARCH 2026</u></p> <p>Community Speedwatch Campaign: Terry to seek further information from Police Scotland on organising and supporting proposed Community Speedwatch campaign.</p> <p>ONGOING – in hand.</p> <p>Active Travel, Builyeon Road: Nicola to submit QDCC views on Builyeon Road and Active Travel to CEC.</p> <p>CLOSED – Done. CEC advised new drawings available, Nicola to review in due course and report back.</p> <p>High St Works, Progress Report: To set up meeting with Robert Armstrong after Easter to discuss status of works at The Loan and High Street.</p> <p>DEFERRED – Phase 1 completed for Easter. Newsletter published online, advises programme reconfigured. Next phase is pavements from The Loan to Boat House steps.</p> <p>QDCC Members: Keith & Terry to make contact with new QDCC members.</p> <p>ONGOING – in hand.</p>
8. Chair's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. No questions raised.
9. Almond Ward Councillor's Reports	<p>Cllr Work.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u></p> <p>Updates from Cllr Work received during meeting and incorporated into relevant sections, these are roads adoption, grit bins, graffiti, Sealscraig.</p> <p>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</p> <p>No report submitted.</p>
10. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Diane advised updated End of Year report published in the Newsletter. Action on bank accounts and movement of funds to CashHub would be taken shortly.
11. Secretary's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Terry noted AGM due May or June. June was proposed.
12. Engagement & Inclusion Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Graeme commented on current discussions with QHS regarding public access to Leisure Centre facilities. Options being assessed included reference to accessibility, staffing, supervision. Other models where this worked well for both the school and public were Winchburgh and Lasswade, noting both under different local authority control. Meeting to be held with Edinburgh Leisure and QHS to discuss further and hopefully reach an acceptable solution. He would report back in due course.
13. Sub Committees	Reports received circulated via Newsletter.

	<p><u>Transport</u> Laura referred to Scotrail response on train capacity issues at Dalmeny, in her report. This was being followed up.</p> <p><u>Planning</u> Diane noted CEC sale of premises at 41 High Street, this was to person with current café application. She had written to owners of Sealscraig building regarding tidy up of the area but not received response. Cllr Work to be asked if he could assist with this. It was also understood the owner was aware of crack in the building wall. Nicola confirmed this was a Council responsibility if dangerous. Cllr Work had advised separately on work on the public access side of the building. It was noted there seemed to be work/changes in progress leading down to the “Craig’s” and shoreline and limiting public access to this area.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> Keith noted funds allocated for repairs to Jacob’s Ladder steps. Work involving the Parks Dept was awaited.</p>
14. Local Interest Groups	<p><u>QHT</u> David advised AGM held. Had also been contacted by LAR and was aware Lottery funding hadn’t been approved.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u> Neil commented QHS sustainable garden was nearly complete, some painting needed. Had been a really good project though assistance with some of the more labour intensive activity would have been welcome from QHS. Graeme undertook to note at next PTA. Planning on Raft Race at Port Edgar on 28 June in hand. Have 7 teams, ie 56 people, wanting to participate.</p> <p><u>QCCC</u> Gillian was pleased to report award of £50k for 5 years from BoS Foundation. Also donation from event held by Manor Estates Staff Association. The Trishaw was to be at the Forth Road Bridge 11-17 May, doing 4 slots/day from 10am-4pm.</p>
15. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	Laura commented waiting to be notified of CEC Community Council Liaison officer appointment.
16. AOB	Keith advised CEC High Street works team now using No17 The Loan as welfare premises for the workers. He proposed QDCC holding a ‘meet the contractor(s)’ event. To then be followed by similar meet for businesses, stakeholders, and High Street property owners. This was agreed and Keith would pursue.
17. Questions from the Floor	None.

18. Date and time of next meeting	The next meeting is on Monday 25 May 26, 7.30pm, at QDCC Council Office, High Street.
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