



# Community Newsletter

June 2026



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# Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

June 2026

*No report due to holiday; verbal report to be given at meeting.*

## Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

June 2026

1. QDCC mailbox activity has been somewhat busier than of late since the May 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 has submitted the Queensferry Place Plan to CEC. We have received an acknowledgement of receipt. Before it is registered a check on making sure all legislative requirements are met is being carried out. We are currently awaiting the outcome of this check.

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 May 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, questions relating to progress on the High Street works, anti social driving across the Burgh and the ongoing SGN works in the Scotstoun area. (Notification has also been received from SGN of similar upcoming works across the Echline Estate).

Other matters included a query relating to an Air B&B (and short term lets), the relocation of High Street memorial benches, Scottish Water Newton works and associated smells, cruise liner visits, a request for assistance from Queensferry History Group, issues with disabled access at Hawes Promenade toilets, Community benefit associated with cruise liner visits, firework display notifications, a query from another Community Council relating to Community Policing Speedwatch project, and speeding on Scotstoun Avenue

My thanks as always go out to Diane for continuing to deal with what seems to be a never-ending number of planning matters on behalf of QDCC, to Liz for recording and generating meeting minutes and to Graeme for the administration of our website and 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 – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

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## Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

**June 2026**

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - SSL Certificate Website - £143.98

Huw Thomas - ECW Strimmer petrol - £13.70

**Total CC Funds - £652.13**

### Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £19089.18

95 Day Notice Account - May interest £159.53 - £68461.27

Nationwide - £95814.10

Barclays Bank - £87981.02

RBS - £93804.84

Charity Bank - Interest June 2025 - March 2026 £2064.45 - £68154.08

**Community Facility Funding Total = £433304.55**

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

## Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

**June 2026**

QDCC Facebook page 28 days to 21/06 : 26,224 views, 1.1k engagement, 4,218 followers (+11)

QDCC Website 30 days to 21/06 : 1,512k views 1.1k 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

June 2026

## Queensferry High school

The Children, Education and Communities Department at City of Edinburgh Council had advised that, from August 2026, almost half of the private buses used by Kirkliston children to travel to and from school will be removed. The routes concerned had been independently assessed as safe for walking or public transport. Affected pupils would lose their private bus passes and be issued free public bus passes instead.

The changes that were planned to take effect from the new school year and would have affected 199 children, representing 41% of those currently travelling by private coach from Kirkliston. Five other secondary schools across Edinburgh were also affected.

After an emergency motion was lodged to the council's education committee this action has now be paused and will give the council time to meet with parent councils, community councils and councillors to find a solution.

## Schools

All Schools will break up for the summer term on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

## Summer Fun Programme 2026

The summer fun programme 2026 will go live week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June, for bookings. This year's programme is for young people going into S1 and S2. There is a full 3 week programme of events taking place. All activities will be free for all young people to attend keeping it inclusive and removing financial barriers.

## Youth Clubs

All the youth clubs enjoyed their final week last week and will return after the summer holidays.

## Holiday clubs

<https://squids.scot/>

<https://www.edinburghwatersports.com/activities/junior-courses/kids-holiday-camps/>

<https://thefootballfunfactory.co.uk/locations/south-queensferry/>

<https://exploretheclubhouse.co.uk/>

<https://www.edinburghleisure.co.uk/holiday-camps/>

## Support services

**Umbrella Hubs** provide whole-family support for children and young people aged 0 to 18 and their parents or carers, especially those who don't meet the threshold for social work. Support is offered through community 'pop-ups' providing access to advice, emotional support and local services.

<https://padlet.com/thepromise/umbrella-hubs-info-please-scroll-down-to-find-your-local-dro-eq0s6nbu67xg491b>



# Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

**June 2026**

## Jacobs Ladder

We continue to press the appropriate City of Edinburgh (CEC) officers regarding the long outstanding renovation of the steps which they assure us is in hand.

## Damaged steps

CEC Parks Department have been contacted to effect repairs to the short flight of steps leading from Ashburnham Loan down to the cycle track. The handrail is damaged and requires to be replaced. CEC advise they have this in hand. To their credit they have acted quickly on previous requests to repair the steps leading from the bowling club to the cycle path and those leading from Rosshill Terrace down to the same cycle path.

## Sewage Odour

A resident has raised the issue of a reoccurrence of the smell of sewage emanating from the West side of town. The resident has not received a definitive response from Scottish Water with whom they raised the matter detailing both the underlying cause of the issue or action being taken so we are taking the matter up with the appropriate officer in the CEC Environmental Department

## Planting

The Greenferry group have once again received a generous selection of perennial and bedding plants from the Inch nursery to restock all our planters and tubs across town and a group of Greenferry volunteers have been busy planting these up this week. We are most grateful for this ongoing support.

**Neil McKinlay**

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

# Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

**June 2026**

## Care Home

Diane Job and I met with Craig Moody, Head of Client relations for Northcare, the family owned and operated care Group who are building the new facility on Builyeon Road.

This 66 bed facility hopes to receive clients from March 2027 and will support frail and elderly, people with dementia and those requiring respite or post-operative care. We were very impressed with the facilities provided in their home in Fairmilehead which had only been open 6 weeks. Staffing ratios seem appropriate and the clients we met seemed animated and interacting with the staff. Families seem very much part of the care process. It is the high end of the market which is disappointing, but as we have no care facilities in our area a much-needed neighbour.

Craig is keen to meet with other providers in the area who support local older people - with that in mind we have provided introductions to QCCC, DQPC, Graeme Mckinley to support

community comms and I intend to keep in touch as the building progresses. There may be opportunities for older groups to access aspects such as the cinema.

Suggested involving local schools in naming the different wings and will introduce when appropriate

Requested that clients from EH30 and EH29 get priority for spaces.

This will also be a potential for local employment opportunities; catering, housekeeping, nursing etc. Again, we really pushed that a priority would be local people all else being equal in applications. I will contact DWP to see if this could be an option with future work.

Craig is keen to meet the wider council over the winter months to update everyone with the progress of the site. He arranged to do a tour of Queensferry to get an idea of how the community works and the lay out.

[Ferry Elves](#) are working with the health visitors to support new families arriving with small babies and no equipment. Once again, this community has been amazing and we obtained 3 lovely prams for these families plus one in reserve from one community appeal.

[Lovell homes](#): we have asked for an update about the potential dentist basing themselves on this site. Also requested a lockable community noticeboard but told while there are noticeboards in the blocks of flats there are no plans for one in the site generally and this would be up to CEC.

Attended [VSF meeting](#) discussing transport for the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector.

[Rosebery Hall](#) held their AGM with good attendance. Still waiting to agree lease for Rosebery hall and considering lease agreements for the community centre. Finally the hot water in the huts has been replaced for SQUIDS. Care commission has looked at the CC to decide whether this can be upgraded for SQUIDS to use while school decants into the huts during upgrading of Queensferry primary. This will involve a lot of work and may not be financially viable. Following another survey we have been assured that work will not occur during this summer holidays so all existing bookings are fine to go ahead.

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## Planning & Housing – Diane Job

**June 2026**

### [Applications](#)

Applications

During the four week period seven applications were received:

26/01861/LBC/ - New opening on South elevation, replacement of garage door with glazed unit - 1 Wester Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny

26/02224/FUL - Alterations to front elevation, new window, side screens and new front door - 58 Springfield Road

26/02407/FUL - Retrospective renovation of garden includes, excavation of site waste, renovation/repointing of existing stonework. Restoration of stone steps. Levelling base. Building

low stone bench from reclaimed site stone troughs. Planting of wall capping with salt tolerant sedum/alpines - 13 Edinburgh Road (Sealscraig)

### Tree Preservation Orders

26/0398/TCO - Eastern white pine/Weymouth pine, removal - 5 Ashburnham Loan

26/0404/TCO - Lime tree in rear garden - due to age of tree we would like to crown the tree with a reduction of up to 2 metres overall - 31 Ashburnham Gardens

### Certificate of Lawfulness Existing

26/02191/CLESTL - Application for the issue of a certificate of Lawfulness confirming its existing use as a short term let - 5 High Street

### Certificate of Lawfulness Proposed

26/02005/CLP - Use of the premises as an office, with pre-booked paid whisky tastings held ancillary to the main office use - Unit 5 Bankhead Steading 1B Bankhead Road

### Decisions

During the four week period eight decisions were made:

26/0342/TCO - Eucalyptus tree - Removal of the tree - 41 Ashburnham Loan - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

26/01812/FUL - Change of use from B&B dining room/tea room to B&B en-suite bedroom - 15 West Terrace - WITHDRAWN

26/01671/FUL - Proposed single storey rear and side extension - 29 Ashburnham Loan - GRANTED

25/05224/FUL - Proposed drainage soakaway mound on land adjacent to Mhor House 28 Dundas Home Farm - Mhor House 28 Dundas Home Farm - GRANTED

26/0338/TCO - Lime tree in back garden is showing signs of ageing and needs reduced (crowned) in size - 31 Ashburnham Gardens - WITHDRAWN

26/0404/TCO - Lime tree in rear garden - Due to age of tree we would like to crown the tree with a reduction of up to 2 metres overall - 31 Ashburnham Gardens - NOT MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

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

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 Port Edgar Marina - 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 There has been no update on the progress

#### Builyeon Road Development - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

Any update received will be given verbally at our meeting

### Builyeon Road Development - Lovell - The Crossings

All social homes have now been handed over the Sanctuary. Lovell are currently within the 12 month defect liability period

Lovell have completed the refurbishment of the school cycle track and Ross's Memorial Gardens, there will be a press release

Lovell donated 300 whiteboard pens to Echline Primary School following a request for supplies

Two Lovell staff members attended the Echline Primary School Careers Fair

Lovell are currently relocating their welfare and office facilities as they move into the next phase of constructing the final homes within the area

Professional photography of the completed homes has been arranged

Still actively marketing the commercial units, glass doors being installed over the next few weeks as planned

### Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Any update received will be given verbally at our meeting

### LAR Development Port Edgar

**Security.** With the lighter nights there has been a marked increase in individuals breaking into the site. Police are informed on all occasions. A more recent break in resulted in theft and damage. Video images have been sent to the police. LAR are also liaising with local youth leaders to reiterate the dangers and potential consequences with some individuals.

**Planning.** LAR recently received planning to change a block of terraced houses at the west of the site into flats; a further minor planning amendment will be submitted shortly for the same block.

**Site Progress.** The Officers West building is progressing well with a show flat scheduled to open at the end August/early September. Utilities continue to progress on the site with the substation currently being installed and water now live to the west side of the development.

### 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

Anne Mitchell Health and Wellbeing Convener and I as Planning Convener visited the new Northcare Winton Suites Care Home at Fairmilehead to have a tour of the facilities available within the home. Northcare are building the care home in South Queensferry.

Diane Job

QDCC Planning Convener

## Transport – Laura Sexton

June 2026

### [Builyeon Road: Installation of Temporary Pedestrian Crossings: UPDATE Delivery phase: Summer 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 SUMMER 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 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

June 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 dates of upcoming ship visits can be viewed on the [CruiseForth website](#) under Find My Ship. A local map has been produced by RailBridge Bistro with local businesses, incorporating some offer incentives.

## High St

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

## Itison Promotion

All Itison Vouchers are available now. As at time of print 5753 vouchers have been sold. This represents £57.5k 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

Participating 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.

## Port Edgar

Considerable investment has been going in to the PE Marina area by the new owners. This continues to build on what has been a very popular and welcome development of that side of town.

# Queensferry Business Group Report – Gill Fox

June 2026

The Forth Bridges Creative Trail event took place on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May across 10 venues in Queensferry and 1 in Bo'ness. The event showcased the work of 37 artists and crafters using a variety of mediums to create many different types of artwork – ceramics, photography, jewellery, woodwork and paintings. There was a good turnout across the weekend although exhibitors said that the Saturday was busier and sales were higher than the Sunday when the cruise ship was in situ. Plans are already underway for a repeat event, hopefully on an even bigger scale, next year.



The graphic features the Queensferry Business Group logo at the top center, which includes a red bridge illustration and the text 'QUEENSFERRY BUSINESS GROUP'. To the left of the logo, the text 'Meeting Schedule Dates 2026' is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Below this, 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 circular elements: a small red dot, a large black circle, a red circle with horizontal lines, and a smaller black circle.

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

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



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**Queensferry Business Group**

Our latest QBG meeting was on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 30 Knots. The evening commenced with a speed-networking session followed by 2 speakers from the local business community at very different points in their business life-cycles. There was a good turnout on the evening with many new faces. All local businesses are welcome. We have a short break over the summer so our next meeting will be Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Summer market – I have been in touch with Robert Armstrong to request an update on the plans for this but no further information is available as yet.

## Rotary Club

June 2026

### Youth

A girl and a boy from Queensferry High School have been chosen to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) a week long outward bound and leadership camp. The vetting process was very challenging with three excellent candidates emerging. Unfortunately one (a girl) had to be the reserve. However we are extremely pleased Rotary District have agreed to fund our third candidate.

### Events

Everything is now in place for the Raft Race to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at the Port Edgar Marina there are 10 teams competing. The day will include stalls, rides and other attractions. All welcome.



You can still 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](http://rotaryrafttrace.com) queries – [administration@rotaryrafttrace.com](mailto:administration@rotaryrafttrace.com)

### Community

Work at the High School sustainable garden is now on two mornings a week. The perimeter fence and the outdoor teaching area are now complete leaving a greenhouse and shed to be assembled and shelved out. Pupils have been planting potatoes, vegetables, herbs and rhubarb in the raised beds. An opening ceremony will be held in September

Over the last month Rotary have assisted at The Race for Life at Hopetoun, Kirkliston Gala Day and had a stall at the RNLI Open Day

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

KCM 15/6/2026

# Agenda

QDCC Annual General Meeting  
Monday 22nd June 2026 at 7.30pm  
QDCC Office, Burgh Chambers, 53a High St

1. Chairs opening remarks
2. Recording of membership present and apologies
3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (October 2025)
4. Chair's Report (Verbal)
5. Secretary's Report (Verbal)
6. Engagement Officer' Report (Verbal)
7. Treasurer's submission of Balance Sheet and Annual Accounts
8. Demit of Current Office Bearers/Election of Office Bearers
  - (a) Chair
  - (b) Vice Chair & Secretary
  - (c) Treasurer
  - (d) Engagement Officer
9. Sub Committees
  - (a) Planning
  - (b) Transport
  - (c) Communications
  - (d) Education & Recreation
  - (e) Environment
  - (f) Business & Tourism
  - (g) Health & Wellbeing
10. Local Interest Groups
  - (a) Queensferry Boat Club
  - (b) Queensferry Business Group
  - (c) Queensferry Churches Care in the Community
  - (d) Queensferry Heritage Trust
  - (e) Queensferry Rotary
11. Associate Members
  - (a) Community Policing
  - (b) Queensferry High School
12. Date of next Annual General Meeting

Terry Airlie Vice Chair & Secretary – 15th June 2026

QDCC June Business Meeting  
Monday 22nd June 2026 at 7.30pm  
QDCC Office 53a High Street

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Demi McKay, Paul Hepburn & David Cooper – City of Edinburgh Council Housing
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (May 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 Report
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC updates
14. Any Other Business
15. Questions from the Floor
16. Date and time of next meeting

Terry Airlie - Vice Chair & Secretary – 15th June 2026

# Previous Minutes

## Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 25 May 2026 at 7.30pm

QDCC Office, 53a High Street

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, Lise Coles, Nicola Gourlay, Diane Job, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Laura Sexton, Gill Fox (QBG), David Learmond (QHT), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

**Guests:** Helen Tulloch (Rotary), and 2 local residents.

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| <b>1. Chair's Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> | Keith welcomed everyone to the May monthly meeting.<br>He introduced Helen representing the Rotary on behalf of Craig, and 2 local residents interested in QDCC activity across the town.  |
| <b>2. Apologies</b>                             | Neil McKinlay, Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Police Scotland.  |
| <b>3. Police Report</b>                         | Keith noted Police report circulated that afternoon.<br>He highlighted the main concerns – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continued anti-social driving matters</li><li>• Increase in youth related anti-social behaviour</li><li>• Further graffiti using hateful language.</li></ul> He also referred to the serious incident at Morison Gardens a few days previously where a man had sadly died, and extended QDCC's condolences to the family. It was understood a person had been charged and was to have appeared in Court that day.<br>He asked that any questions on the Police report be sent to Terry after the meeting. |
| <b>4. Minutes from Last Meeting (April 26)</b>  | Draft minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne.  |
| <b>5. Matters Arising</b>                       | <b><u>JANUARY 2021</u></b><br><b>Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption:</b> Confirmed CEC has received applications for McArthur Rigg & Lowrie Gait and preparing adoption certificates.<br>Dimma Park remedial work now done, to be checked by CEC and adopted.<br><b>ONGOING</b> – Status queried with Cala, response awaited. To be pursued.<br><br><b><u>AUGUST 2025</u></b>   |

**CFF:** Proposal to open CashHub account to hold CFF funds approved by QDCC, following IFA advice.

**CLOSED** – QDCC instructed IFA to set up CashHub account for CFF funds. Further updates via Treasurer reports.

### **JANUARY 2026**

**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. Cllr Work raised with CEC Transport Cttee.

**ONGOING** – Report to go to Sept 26 CEC Committee meeting. Cllr Work seeking to address the Cttee on the issue.

### **MARCH 2026**

**Community Speedwatch Campaign:** Terry to seek further information from Police Scotland on organising and supporting proposed Community Speedwatch campaign.

**ONGOING** – Awaiting feedback from Police.

**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. Phase 1 completed for Easter. Newsletter published online, advises programme reconfigured. Next phase is pavements from The Loan to Boat House steps.

**CLOSED** – Monitor via monthly reports.

**QDCC Members:** Keith & Terry to make contact with new QDCC members.

**ONGOING** – In hand, met with Kirstie & Iain. To reach out to Judith and new QBC representative shortly.

### **APRIL 26**

**LAR Housing:** Nicola to email queries on changes to planning & other matters to Terry to pass onto LAR Projects Team for response.

**CLOSED** – Done. Points to raise were -

- Will LAR housing be seeking to apply for a non-material or material variation for the development given the application was viewed by CEC as mid-market rental accommodation in the planning documentation but will now be 75% for sale.
- Will the section 75 agreement need to be amended/redrafted in light of the fact that all accommodation is no longer social housing.
- Believe that 12 units are to be retained as social housing, but if there are 49 units in total then 12 units falls short of the required 25% (or part thereof) social housing requirement. If a new application was required this percentage would increase to 35%.
- Will the 'Golden Share dwellings' remain in the development.

**ASD/ASB Reporting:** QDCC to highlight Police reporting protocol & numbers for cases of ASD/ASB, on QDCC website & Facebook page.

**CLOSED** – Done.

**Lovell Homes:** QDCC to discuss CEC buying up new housing from developers for mid-market rent, ascertain & consider implications on local services &

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|  | <p>infrastructure, seek views &amp; information from local Ward Cllrs, and raise with EACC.</p> <p><b>ONGOING</b> – Keith written to Lovell outlining QDCC concerns. Lovell agreed to meet QDCC members to discuss, date tba.</p> <p><b>Additional New Action, May 26:</b> Wider issues discussed regarding housing bought by CEC from other local developers. QDCC concerned at lack of support network(s) for new families/residents with additional needs and those not integrating within wider community. Uncertain if this is unique to Queensferry or a wider issue across CEC. Proposed meet with Head of Strategy and Housing Officers to gain understanding of CEC policy on purchasing these properties and how they intend to provide the additional support needed. Potential for this to be raised via EACC if there are similar concerns in other parts of the city.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Keith to hold separate meeting with members to discuss further.</b></p> |
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| <b>6. Chair's Report</b>                   | <p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Keith highlighted increase in tourism with start of the cruise ship season in May. He was also sad to report the demise of Forth Dimension which, after 48 years, was no longer able to meet its constitution of producing affordable shows. QDCC thanked the group for their contribution to Queensferry, this would be passed on by one of the local residents present at the meeting.</p> <p>Gill asked about the next phase of the High Street works. Keith advised due to commence that week. She also queried if the repairs to Jacobs Ladder would include the full path and the steps. Keith confirmed work agreed with CEC and Rosebery Estate was for steps only. Anne asked to be notified when this would take place in order to inform cruise ship visitors.</p>   |
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| <b>7. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports</b> | <p><b>Cllr Work.</b></p> <p>Norman confirmed he was in touch with CEC regarding the Sealscraig and need for urgent action on damaged wall. Keith noted QDCC has pictures showing the current status and area needing attention.</p> <p><b>Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie.</b></p> <p>No report submitted.</p>  |
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| <b>8. Treasurer's Report</b>               | <p>Report circulated via Newsletter.</p> <p>Diane reported prior year accounts with PMA for review.</p> <p>Action on the CFF was moving forward with the IFA, to transfer balances to CashHub account(s). Gill asked what action was planned for these funds after the banking arrangements had been dealt with. Keith and Diane outlined the background, including the original proposals for a daycare/respite facility which had fallen through. The current Community Facility work and input to CEC Asset Review plans would influence decisions going forward. QDCC would consider further in due course in order to seek best outcome. The potential to improve the Burgh Council building and bring it up to current standards was suggested as an option. David noted the LPP contained a number of ideas requiring funding and that CFF could provide starter finance for these.</p>  |
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| <b>9. Secretary's Report</b>                 | Report circulated via Newsletter.<br>No questions raised.  |
| <b>10. Engagement &amp; Inclusion Report</b> | Report circulated via Newsletter.<br>Lise asked about the proposal regarding a 'dummy' Policeman to help prevent speeding. Graeme advised would be considered alongside participation in the Community Speedwatch campaign. Awaiting feedback on this from Police Scotland.  |
| <b>11. Sub Committees</b>                    | Reports received circulated via Newsletter.<br><br><u>Planning</u><br>Keith reported LPP completed, QDCC approval for final sign-off sought and granted, subject to final spell-check.<br><b>ACTION: Keith to do LPP final spell-check and then submit to CEC.</b><br><br>Diane reported the lane at the 'Craig's' had been closed to the public. Work on the land near the Craig's has been stopped as planning permission is required. She has been in touch with the owner and waiting to review the plans for this area.<br>Complaints had been made about long grass at the Cemetery due to 'no mow May' campaign. Diane highlighted that there are no new lairs available but burials can still take place to existing family plots if space. She understood there are 25 new lairs available at Kirkliston Cemetery but when full, burials would have to take place further from Queensferry which may include Craigmillar. CEC seeking ground in West Edinburgh, and considering above ground 'ashes walls'. CEC had proposed a meeting in June to discuss the matter.<br><br><u>Transport</u><br>Laura noted correspondence received from Stewarton Polo Club regarding excessive traffic at peak times on the U4 minor road linking the B8020 to the A904 at its junction just west of Queensferry Crossing Roundabout. The concern was principally road safety, with reports of animals being injured. The Club stated a number of emails had been sent to the authorities but no action taken. QDCC was asked to meet with local residents to hear their issues. Cllr Work believed CEC officials had been involved, and that discussions had taken place with West Lothian Council, as the road crosses the local authority boundary. He undertook to check this and confirm.<br><b>ACTION: Cllr Work to ascertain action taken or proposed by CEC officials on road safety concerns raised regarding the U4 minor road linking B8020 to A904. QDCC to thereafter respond to the Polo Club on the request for a meeting with local residents.</b><br><br><u>Health</u><br>Anne noted CEC classes on English as a second language were being well received.<br><b>ACTION: Anne to send details of English as 2<sup>nd</sup> language classes to Anne Marie for new Nursery pupils.</b> |

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|   | <p><u>Education</u><br/>Nothing to add, no questions raised.</p>   |
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| <p><b>12. Local Interest Groups</b></p> | <p><u>QBG</u><br/>Gill highlighted following items from her report.<br/>The complementary minibus shuttle from the Hawes to/from Port Edgar for cruise ship visitors was doing well, helping the new Marina owners push to boost business. Anne understood an initial 5 days were scheduled and then assess potential to extend this service over the season.<br/>Details of this year's Creative Trail were now available. QDCC congratulated those involved setting this up and producing a very good promotional guide, noting the number and range of artists and makers included in this its second year.<br/>The next meeting of QBG is on 17 June.</p> <p><u>QHT</u><br/>David advised QHT currently putting together this year's talks programme. He also highlighted the QHG exhibition on WW2, with lots of local items available to view.</p> <p><u>Rotary</u><br/>Helen summarised progress with the Raft Race, to be held 28 June. Sponsorship had been received to cover prize money. To date 10 teams had entered, with fees going to the Rotary Trust Fund. Teams themselves can seek sponsorship for their own charity of choice.</p> |
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| <p><b>13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates</b></p> | <p>Keith reported quiet period for EACC. The meeting next month would be in-person.<br/>Terry reminded all that QDCC AGM is on 22 June. Minutes would need approved in July.</p>   |
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| <p><b>14. AOB</b></p>                   | <p><u>Open Gardens Scheme</u><br/>Nicola advised Queensferry participating in Scotland Open Gardens Scheme on Sunday 5 July. Five gardens would be open, including her own. Teas will be available in Hawthorn Bank Garden.</p> <p><u>Litter on Builyeon Road</u><br/>Graeme commented on excessive litter on Builyeon Road. It was uncertain if there were bins, or if these were adequate.</p> <p><u>Post Meeting Note</u><br/>There are 2 CEC bins at/near both bus stops on north side of Builyeon Road.</p> <p><u>Pedestrian Crossings at Builyeon Road</u><br/>Anne asked about progress with the Builyeon Road crossings. Laura thought these were scheduled for May-June but would check and pursue.<br/><b>ACTION: Laura to check timing for new crossing points on Builyeon Road, and chase if necessary.</b></p> <p><u>High Street Works</u></p>  |

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|  | <p>Keith asked for views on options proposed by CEC for storing materials &amp; machinery for the next phase of work along the High Street. These were to take car parking spaces at either the Binks or on the High Street itself. Residents present favoured neither option, commenting no provision has been made for parking elsewhere to offset the loss of spaces despite locations such as Scotmid, schools, Dalmeny estate being suggested. Instead, it was suggested using the grassed area at the Binks in order to maintain as many parking spaces as possible.</p> |
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| <b>15. Questions from the Floor</b>      | None.  |
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| <b>16. Date and time of next meeting</b> | <p>The next meetings are -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM on Monday 22 June 26, at 7.30pm.</li> <li>• To be followed by the June monthly meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Both at QDCC Council Office, 53a High Street.</p> <p>Keith thanked everyone for attending, including local residents.</p>  |

## AGM

Monday 27 October 2025 at 7.00pm

Burgh Chambers

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Anne Marie Boyd, Lise Coles, Nicola Gourlay, Diane Job, Kirstie Lamont, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Iain Plunkett, Gill Fox (QBG), David Learmond (QHT), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

**Guest:** One local resident.

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| <b>1. Chair's Opening Remarks</b>              | <p>Keith Giblett, QDCC Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 2025 AGM, including a local resident who wished to discuss the High Street works. Keith would meet with them separately, outwith the AGM.</p> <p>He outlined the agenda and advised that the elected positions at this year's AGM would be for QDCC Office Bearers. QDCC Sub Committee Chairs and Members, Local Interest Group and Associate Members, would remain as agreed at the March meeting, ie following the CEC Community Council elections in February. All confirmed they were content with this approach.</p> |
| <b>2. Apologies</b>                            | <p>Terry Airlie (Vice Chair &amp; Secretary), Judith Parke, Laura Sexton, Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Kenny Manson (QHS), Mark Meredith (QBC).</p>  |
| <b>3. Minutes from 2024 AGM (24 June 2024)</b> | <p>No amendments requested to the draft minutes.</p> <p>Minutes proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Anne.</p>  |
| <b>4. Chair's Report</b>                       | <p>Keith thanked everyone involved with the Community Council for their time on QDCC business during the previous year. This was appreciated by all concerned.</p> <p>He commented on key areas of activity during the past year including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ARUP offices closure at Scotstoun, site given over to luxury housing, impact to be assessed.</li><li>• INEOS continued community engagement, support to youth 'summer fun' activities noted.</li></ul>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Scotland, anti-social driving at Hawes area ongoing, community meetings supported, speed cushions installed and other action taken.</li> <li>• Housing Developers, good working relationship established with Cala, including the Community Chest, and with Lovell, and LAR including engagement with youngsters at recent brick laying ceremony.</li> <li>• Station Road &amp; Echline Avenue, resurfacing undertaken during the year, residual remedial work underway.</li> <li>• Scotstoun Avenue, traffic calming measures delivered.</li> <li>• Harbour Wall, raised with CEC repairs underway.</li> <li>• QHS, plan in place to increase capacity.</li> </ul> <p>On the relationship with LibDem Cllrs he reiterated that if there were any continuing concerns from QDCC on his role as Chair he would reconsider his position regarding re-election. None raised.</p>   |
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| <p><b>5. Secretary's Report</b></p>          | <p>Terry had submitted a written report which Keith read out on his behalf –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firstly, thanks to my fellow Executive Members for their continuing support throughout the year with an ever-increasing workload – handling and supporting both a varied and mixed bunch of queries, requests for information and assistance. Thanks also go out to Liz for her role and support as our Minute Secretary.</li> <li>• This year saw a new round of Community Council elections. My thanks go to Cllr Work for his assistance in facilitating these and also I'd like to again welcome our new members and add my thanks again to those who stood down after many years of service.</li> <li>• Ongoing activities requiring continuing input include Local Place Plan, CEC Queensferry Asset Review and Queensferry Connections/Active Travel.</li> <li>• The QDCC Community Fund finances require further attention as the administration remains problematical.</li> <li>• Since the last AGM we have successfully concluded the initial CALA/QDCC Community Pledge and are currently executing this year's process. Thanks to Amy and Emily from CALA and to Diane, Laura and Grant for last year's pledge and to Diane and Kirstie for the ongoing process.</li> <li>• Dialogue with CEC Governance continues on an ongoing basis – communication channels are decent enough, although some issues still remain.</li> </ul> <p>QDCC thanked Terry for his report.</p> |
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| <p><b>6. Engagement Officer's Report</b></p> | <p>Graeme highlighted the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Street a key area for QDCC in 2026, plans approved and work now underway.</li> <li>• Website a central point of contacts for residents, site activity monitored, reports are being read, feedback on format welcomed.</li> </ul>  |

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|                                      | <p>He noted engagement activity mostly led by others, eg developers, CEC consultations etc. Sub Committee in place and to be utilised, where needed.</p> <p>Kirstie suggested a survey across the town to seek views on current and proposed activity to inform QDCC input, feedback to CEC and others.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Graeme to consider proposal for a QDCC led residents survey.</b></p>  |
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| <b>7. Annual Accounts 2024-25</b>    | <p>Diane reported the accounts issued with the AGM papers had been audited with no amendments. Running costs had been met from CEC block grant.</p> <p>Bank account arrangements for the Community Facility Funding continue to be checked so that balances stay within the £85k 'safety net' limit. Work in hand on seeking a better solution for this funding and would be discussed further at the follow-on October monthly meeting.</p> <p>The annual accounts for year ending 31 March 2025 were proposed by Anne and seconded by David, and formally approved.</p> |
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| <b>8. Election of Office Bearers</b> | <p>Keith handed the Chair to Cllr Work to oversee the election of the following. No nominations had been received prior to the AGM.</p>   |
| Chair                                | <p>Keith Giblett was proposed by Graeme and seconded by Neil, and accepted the nomination.</p> <p>There were no further nominations and Keith was re-appointed as Chair.</p>  |
| Vice Chair                           | <p>Terry Airlie was proposed by Anne and seconded by Anne Marie. Terry had confirmed his acceptance of the nomination prior to the meeting.</p> <p>There were no further nominations and Terry was re-appointed as Vice Chair.</p>  |
| Secretary                            | <p>Terry Airlie was proposed by David and seconded by Anne Marie. Terry had confirmed his acceptance of the nomination prior to the meeting.</p> <p>There were no further nominations and Terry was re-appointed as Secretary.</p>  |
| Treasurer                            | <p>Diane Job was proposed by Graeme and seconded by Lise, and accepted the nomination.</p> <p>There were no further nominations and Diane was re-appointed as Treasurer.</p>  |
| Engagement Officer                   | <p>Graeme McKinley was proposed by Anne and seconded by Neil, and accepted the nomination.</p>  |

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|                             | There were no further nominations and Graeme was re-appointed as Engagement Officer.   |
|                             | Cllr Work handed the Chair back to Keith to continue with AGM business.<br>Keith thanked Cllr Work for overseeing the election of QDCC Office Bearers. |
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| <b>9. AOB</b>               | None raised.   |
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| <b>10. Date of Next AGM</b> | The next AGM will be on 22 June 2026, tbc.   |