



Community Newsletter

July 2026



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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

July 2026

Community Council business communications have lightened which is normal at this time of year. I am in regular communications with all of the QDCC Convenors and members about QDCC business, most are noted in the Convenors reports in this newsletter. I continue to correspond with QDCC councillors, Council Officers, governance stakeholders and residents about matters pertaining to Queensferry.

I have over the last month carried out the following activities;

High Street Improvements

I speak regularly with the Project Manager about the High Street works. We met to discuss the up and coming Ferry Fair event and the key dates when the High Street will need to be clear of works for the Fair. We also discussed Queensferry events that take place on the High Street up to the year-end; Christmas in Queensferry and Armistice Sunday.

Jacobs Ladder

QDCC continues to receive enquiries from residents and visitors about the condition of Jacobs Ladder. Council officers are in discussions with Rosebery Estates about a lease for the land occupied by the ladder and are planning for repairs to be carried out soonest.

Public Meeting Anti-social driving behaviours

Along with the Transport Convenor I attended and participated in the public meeting called by Alex Cole Hamilton MSP held in St Andrews Church Hall on the Loan. The meeting was well attended. Following on from the meeting Police Scotland have carried out several effective patrols leading to offenders being charged and arrested with motoring offences.

Museum Building

I continue to support the council property services officers providing access to the basement of the building for surveyors surveying the property. Along with Graeme and Gill, QBG I met with Stephen Allen, City of Edinburgh Council consultant who has been commissioned to produce a report about the how the museum offer could be improved and make the museum sustainable. I also attended the monthly meeting and was advised that the report will be available in the next couple of weeks.

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

The Planning Convenor and I met with Lovell Homes representatives to discuss the sale of homes and how we best support the new residents living in Queensferry. We provided an update on QDCC's discussions held with Council Housing Officers at the June meeting and Lovell took that information away to consider how jointly we can provide support to the new occupants. They will report back in the next month.

Liner Visit

I attended the visit to the Majestic Princess moored in the Forth, a very enjoyable experience. Carnival informed the attendees that they wished to show their appreciation for the support given by the community to the ship when berthed off Queensferry. A very nice

gesture from them and very much appreciated. My thanks to Graeme for coordinating and organising the visit.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC

21st July 2026

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

July 2026

1. QDCC mailbox activity has been somewhat quieter than of late since the June business meeting of the Community Council, no doubt a reflection of the holiday season. 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. A meeting invitation has been received for early next month
- QDCC has submitted the Queensferry Place Plan to CEC. Formal acknowledgement and notification of registration of the plan has been received and it is now sitting on the CEC Local Place Plan Register.
<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/local-development-plan-guidance-1/local-place-plan-register>

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 June we have fielded a number of calls and responded to several online queries from local residents, including once again ongoing capacity issues with the Fife Circle service at Dalmeny, queries on Builyleon Road development plans and pedestrian crossing points, questions relating to progress on the High Street works, and anti social driving across the Burgh

Other matters included a query relating to Jacobs Ladder upkeep which has been passed directly onto CEC, the closure of The Loan and re-routing of buses, the planning application for 13 Edinburgh Road, the poor condition of The Sealsraig Hotel building, Inchgarvie House vandalism, The Battle of Jutland Noticeboard on Hawes Promenade and The Queensferry Place Plan

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 – 20th July 2026

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

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Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - Email Storage - £17.88

Keith Giblett - Retirement Gift - £21.49

Huw Thomas - ECW - CWA Membership Fee - £15.00

Total CC Funds - £597.76

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - June interest £52.35 - £19141.53

95 Day Notice Account - June interest £154.74 - £68616.01

Nationwide - £95814.10

Barclays Bank - £87981.02

RBS - £93804.84 -April - June interest - £463.83 - £94268.67

Charity Bank - £68154.08

Community Facility Funding Total = £433975.41

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

July 2026

QDCC Facebook page 28 days to 21/06 : 11,862 views, 16 interactions, 4,217 followers (-1)

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

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Summer Fun Programme 2026 Update

We are currently delivering our **Summer Fun Programme 2026**, a three-week programme offering **30 free activity sessions** for young people moving into **S1 and S2** after the summer holidays.

The programme is designed to remove financial barriers to participation, ensuring that every activity is free to attend and accessible to local young people. By working with local providers and businesses, the funding raised remains within the community, supporting community organisations while creating positive opportunities for our young people.

We have worked closely with our local School Link Officer, **PC O'Reilly**, alongside Community Officers **PC Sinclair** and **PC McLeod**, who have played an active role throughout the programme. Their involvement has created valuable opportunities for positive engagement between Police Scotland and local young people, helping to build trust and strengthen relationships.

We were also delighted to welcome the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to our opening **Parklife** event, where the **Blue Light Safety Squad** attended for the first time. The Blue Light Safety Squad is a joint partnership initiative between the North West Community Officers and the **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service City of Edinburgh Community Action Team**. Since their first visit, they have attended a number of our events, engaging young people through fun, interactive activities that promote safety awareness, develop practical life skills and encourage positive decision-making. The initiative also helps break down barriers between



emergency services and young people while promoting positive relationships and helping to deter anti-social behaviour.

The programme has only been possible thanks to the incredible support of our funders, sponsors and service providers. We are extremely grateful to **INEOS**, the **CALA Community Chest**,



the **Rotary Club**, the **Dakota Hotel**, the **Tesco Book Stand**, everyone who donated through our **JustGiving** page, and the **Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP)**. Without their generous financial support, this programme simply would not be possible. The **City of Edinburgh Council**, who fund the staffing costs and oversee the administration of the programme, providing essential support.

The response from local families has been outstanding.

Initially, **164 young people** registered for the programme, but through additional participation and flexibility across sessions, we have welcomed **over 200 young people** in total. Attendance has been excellent, and the activities have been extremely well received by both the young people and their families.

Finally, we are fortunate to have so many local businesses and activity providers who offer us generous discounts, reduced rates and, in some cases, free sessions. Their support demonstrates the true spirit of **community supporting community**, allowing us to provide an exciting, high-quality programme while keeping every activity free for local young people.





Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

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No update

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

July 2026

No update

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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Applications

During the four week period four applications were received

26/02427/LBC - Repainting of shopfront dark grey RAL7015 and erection of new signage - 47 High Street

26/02428/ADV - Erection of individual letter signage and 1no. hanging sign - 47 High Street

26/02676/FUL - Proposed two storey side extension - 12 Echline View

26/02864/FUL - Proposed two storey extension dwellinghouse to form new utility room and shower room on ground floor and new bedroom on first floor level. Single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse to form open plan kitchen/dining room - 58 Stoneyflatts Crescent

Decisions

During the four week period nine decisions were made

26//0398/TCO - Eastern white pine/Weymouth pine, removal - 5 Ashburnham Loan - NOT MAKE A TREE RESERVATION ORDER

26/01860/FUL - New opening of South elevation, replacement of garage door and glazed unit. Construction of new external store 1 Wester Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny - GRANTED

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

26/02005/CLP - Use of the premises as an office and occasional pre-booked paid whisky testings within a range of 1 or 2 per week - Unit 5 Bankhead Steading 1B Bankhead Road - GRANTED

26/01861/LBC - New opening on South elevation, replacement of garage door with glazed unit - 1 Wester Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny - GRANTED
26/02224/FUL - Alterations to front elevation , new window, side screens and new front door - 58 Springfield Road - PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT
25/06334/FULSTL - Retrospective change of use of premises to short-term let accommodation - 18 Atheling Grove - REFUSED
26/0273/TPO - Ash T1 removal of roadside ash showing significant signs of dieback - Tree Works Chapel Gate Road South Queensferry - MIXED DECISION
26/01193/CLESTL - Existing use of a house as self-catering accommodation by individuals, families or (otherwise) up to 6 occupiers - Lowood Cottage Lowwood Craigiehall - REFUSED

Planning Matters

Scotstoun Avenue

Scotstoun Ave - Section 75 - Resurfacing, Traffic Calming and Bus Stop Improvements. - this area is now included in the active travel proposals

Queensferry Heights - Springfield Development

No further update.

Builyeon Road Development - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

Everything going as planned with the build. Block 9 almost complete and block 8 ongoing. The affordable housing in block 6 have started with the timber kit going up. The power cable is laid but not connected - this cable had to go via Dakota Hotel car park and under the A9000 to reach the development

Builyeon Road Development - Lovell - The Crossings

Keith Giblett QDCC Chair and myself had a meeting with Lovell Reps to discuss the development including the sale of homes to CEC and explain QDCC's concerns. There are 14 commercial units in the development opposite the school site but although there has been interest in them unfortunately having no designated parking is proving a problem for interested businesses to locate here. QDCC plan to have a follow up meeting with Lovell.

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

The homes are now all sold. Not all homes are occupied yet and some homes are still being finished in part of the development but all are sold. As from the start of August TW have works to complete at the entrance to Hawthorn Gardens which will have to close during the day for period of time so there will be more traffic using the entrance that feeds into Scotstoun Avenue

LAR Development Port Edgar

CEC Street Naming got in touch with QDCC regarding LAR asking for the street name to be amended from The Old Barracks to simply The Barracks with the justification "the barracks are being given a new lease of life by the conversion, which is in opposition to using the word 'old' in the name. As there is no 'New Barracks', the use of the word 'old' is superfluous." QDCC had no objection to this change.

Security - LAR continue to get youths entering the site in the evenings and at weekends , the alarm system is picking up the intruders and once activated they leave quickly. We continue to

be very concerned with this ongoing issue . Police are informed after each incident and we will engage again with local youth leaders in an attempt to improve the situation.

Site Progress - The Officers West building is progressing well with a show flat scheduled to open in early September, with individual flats expected to be occupied around the turn of the year. Utilities continue to progress on the site. The off-site utility works near to the marine are close to completion. The Officers East building is the next area which will be completed with completions of these flats programmed for March /April 2027.

Sales - The initial blocks are now being marketed for sale, and the initial interest has been very positive

[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 - this application has been waiting 6 months on a decision being made

[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 - this application has been waiting 6 months on a decision being made

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

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[Builyeon Road: Installation of Temporary Pedestrian Crossings:](#)

UPDATE Delivery phase: SUMMER 2026 : WORK CURRENTLY ONGOING

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.

Work has commenced to deliver 2 temporary road safety crossings on Builyeon Road. The work is expected to be completed over the next few weeks.

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.

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.

LAURA SEXTON

Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

July 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. Representatives from QDCC and Queensferry Business Group were invited on to the Majestic Princess for a tour and chat about engagement with the local area.



High St

Refurbishment work has commenced at the west end, updates can be found [here](#). Inevitable disruption as the work is carried out.

Itison Promotion

All Itison Vouchers are available now. As at time of print 7181 vouchers have been sold. This represents £71.8k 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.



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.



Our latest QBG meeting was on Wednesday, 17th 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, 17th September.

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

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International

Thanks to Tesco and the generosity of their shoppers, from a bucket collection we were able to send a donation to ShelterBox for £1180.00 to help families rebuild their lives following the devastating Venezuelan earthquakes, thus providing vital shelter, warmth, dignity and hope.

Our Lend with Care account continues to re-invest. Over £14,594 has now been invested to projects in economically emerging countries, aiding 786 entrepreneurs and helping 3612 family members. We aim to introduce Lend with Care as a project with a local primary school, engaging pupils and teachers in selection of projects and following their progress

The eradication of Polio is one of Rotary International's longest standing and significant projects. Along with our partners we have helped immunise more than 3 billion children against polio in 122 countries. We have reduced polio by 99.9% worldwide and we won't stop until we end the disease for good. Polio is endemic in two countries Afghanistan and Pakistan with 7 new cases being reported in April-July 2026

Events

Our inaugural Raft Race at our new home of Port Edgar was overall deemed a great success. Over £7k has been raised for various charities and good causes including our own funds. The feedback from all the participating teams (9 number) about the whole day and the running of the event has been very positive and they clearly thoroughly enjoyed the experience with most saying "we will be back next year".

Big thanks to Edinburgh Watersports.



Community

The environmental team are now in month seven of building a sustainable garden and outdoor teaching area at Queensferry High School but are fast reaching the conclusion which will be completed before the school returns from the summer break in mid August.

The team have completed a number of fantastic legacy projects, for the community, during the past 3 to 4 years, however this one eclipses all the others in terms of scale, effort and skills required to design and build the project. An opening event is planned for the 1st September 2026.

If you would wish any information on Rotary or would like to help on our activities (which would be much appreciated), please contact - sec.rcsq2020@gmail.com

KCM 20/7/2026

Agenda

QDCC July Business Meeting
Monday 27th July 2026 at 7.30pm
QDCC Office 53a High Street

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. Jacob Callaghan – Ferry Saunas Ltd
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (June 2026) and 2026 AGM
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 - 20th July 2026

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Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 22 June 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 (Treasurer), 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), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Paul Hepburn, Demi McKay & David Cooper - CEC Housing Officers (Items 1-3), & 4 local residents.

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the June monthly meeting. He explained the meeting would be taken in 3 stages - commencing with discussion on Housing Policy involving CEC representatives; followed by the AGM; and then return to the monthly business meeting agenda.
2. Apologies	Lise Coles, Judith Parke, Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Police Scotland.
3. CEC Housing Policy	Keith introduced the 3 Housing Officers and invited them to update QDCC on CEC actions on tackling the housing emergency in Edinburgh. It was understood this included purchase of 230 new build homes in Queensferry for permanent council housing and temporary accommodation for those experiencing homelessness. A briefing paper circulated by CEC with additional information is attached to these minutes. - Anne commented it was understood one developer had declined to declare the number allocated, so percentage could be higher than 25-45% advised. Concerns were noted integrating new families into Queensferry and CEC was asked about action to help them settle in and be part of the community. Existing facilities such as doctors, dentists, nurseries were insufficient as were voluntary groups such as Scouts, Brownies etc. Aware of families not engaging with neighbours and not being provided with help to do so. It was felt this may be causing problems elsewhere, evidenced by unwelcome graffiti, for example. - David L also asked what percentage of the Housing budget was set aside to support new families, and that the extent of the current situation hadn't been known when QDCC prepared its recently completed LPP. Keith added no local Housing Officer to approach or advise. CEC advised there is an allocations policy, working with people and targeting funds where needed. This is looked at in the round, and if not working needs addressed.

	• Anne Marie added a separate issue regarding new families with no local connections to fall back on. If present as homeless and no family support locally won't be allocated a property. • Graeme commented on lack of joined up approach within CEC, where schools not provided with additional funds for new pupils with special needs. Support was reducing while housing increasing. He asked that this be addressed. CEC agreed and reported moving to 'place based' funding, but currently WIP. • Diane asked when Queensferry would be notified of the locations of the 230 properties across the town in order to help local primary schools' plan their intake. CEC advised able to provide tenure details, but not individual family data. Anne Marie asked where children who can't get a school place will go, and if transport is to be provided. And currently no Nursery places available. CEC advised Crawford McGhie, Education, is lead contact on this. • Anne advised local Health Visitors at breaking point. CEC noted working with NHS on needs. • Neil was concerned QDCC hadn't been informed that properties were to be bought by CEC, and had heard about the purchases second hand, and too late. David Cooper said CEC responsible for getting this right, and would take up with colleagues. Should be more joined up, but more to do. He added Ward Cllrs are involved, as the decision makers. Keith thanked the Housing Officers for attending and answering the questions raised. He proposed holding a separate meeting, along with CEC representatives, including social services, housing, education, police teams. David Cooper to lead on this and QDCC would nominate individuals to attend. Keith added that the LPP 'Call for Ideas' closes in August. Had QDCC known about these property purchases earlier would have included these serious issues in the Plan. ACTION: QDCC & CEC representatives to meet separately re matters arising from CEC purchase of new homes in Queensferry.
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (May 26)	Draft minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne Marie.
5. Matters Arising	<u>JANUARY 2021</u> Dalmeny Park Roads Adoption: Confirmed CEC has received applications for McArthur Rigg & Lowrie Gait and preparing adoption certificates. Dimma Park remedial work now done, to be checked by CEC and adopted. ONGOING – Status queried with Cala, response awaited. To be pursued. <u>JANUARY 2026</u> 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 CEC Committee on the issue. <u>MARCH 2026</u>

	Community Speedwatch Campaign: Terry to seek further information from Police Scotland on organising and supporting proposed Community Speedwatch campaign. ONGOING – Awaiting feedback from Police. 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 Lovell Homes: QDCC to discuss CEC buying up new housing from developers for mid-market rent, ascertain & consider implications on local services & infrastructure, seek views & information from local Ward Cllrs, and raise with EACC. ONGOING – Keith written to Lovell outlining QDCC concerns. Lovell agreed to meet QDCC members to discuss. To attend QDCC meeting on 27 July. MAY 26 Housing: 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. CLOSED – CEC Housing Officers attended June QDCC meeting, covered under main agenda, new action point. LPP: Keith to do LPP final spell-check and then submit to CEC. CLOSED – Done, noted in monthly report. Road Safety Concerns, U4 Minor Road: Cllr Work to ascertain action taken or proposed by CEC officials on road safety concerns raised regarding the U4 minor road. QDCC to thereafter respond to the Polo Club on the request for a meeting with local residents. ONGOING – Cllr Work & Laura to follow up. Need response from CEC. English as 2nd Language: Anne to send details of classes to Anne Marie. CLOSED – Done, covered in monthly report. Builyeon Road Pedestrian Crossings: Laura to check timing for new crossing points and chase if necessary. CLOSED – Done, covered in monthly report.
6. Chair's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. No questions raised.

7. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports	Cllr Work. Norman noted Sealscraig hotel building now fenced off, re dangerous chimney. Terry advised update on this received from a resident and will forward to Norman. ACTION: Terry to forward resident's update re Sealscraig to Cllr Work. Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. No report submitted.
8. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. No questions raised.
9. Secretary's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. No questions raised.
10. Engagement & Inclusion Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. No questions raised.
11. Sub Committees	Reports received circulated via Newsletter. <u>Planning</u> Diane highlighted potential misleading information in the 'Craigs' retrospective application, regarding reference to personal 'garden'. It was unsure if the owner was intending to close off public access to the area and she was to query this. One of the local residents present advised they had discussed Public Right of Way status with the property owner, who had stated access acceptable as long as respectful of the site. Nicola added need an archaeology report before starting work. ACTION: Diane, Nicola and David to liaise separately on QDCC action re 'Craigs' planning application, including possible QDCC formal comment to CEC. All other Sub Committee reports noted, and no comments raised.
12. Local Interest Groups	Reports circulated via Newsletter. No items raised.
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	Keith noted upcoming retirement of Dave Sinclair, CEC, and invited members to sign a best wishes card from QDCC.
14. AOB	<u>Anti-Social Behaviour – Graffiti</u> Keith welcomed a local resident and invited them to address the meeting. They wished to raise concerns at the recent racist graffiti in Queensferry, in the VAT Run and Echline Woodland areas, and asked if this had been brought up at QDCC. Graeme confirmed QDCC and Police both aware. To date been localised within a small area, and being monitored. Aware new people moving in, from diverse cultures and backgrounds as discussed earlier. The resident asked about steps the community could take to help with this and prevent the matter

	worsening. Examples of action elsewhere were provided. Kirstie reported working with Stand Up to Racism and willing to contact the resident separately to discuss. Iain asked if there could be a formal role for QDCC, via an Inclusion and Diversity Officer for example, and which he was willing to take on. This was accepted. ACTION: Iain to take forward role of Inclusion & Diversity Officer, and update QDCC on activity proposed. <u>Anti-Social Driving</u> Two separate residents raised the continuing, and worsening, issues with cars and bikes racing, revving engines, etc at the Hawes and elsewhere across Queensferry. Had addressed QDCC previously on this and acknowledged the support received. The issue was now over 5 years old and residents' views were if there are no consequences it will continue. The Police were commended for the work they'd done, but residents not aware of effectiveness, as don't publicise number of ASBOs, fines etc. Asked how QDCC could work with agencies proposed by CEC, to resolve the matter, could QDCC be more vocal regarding lack of CEC action. Graeme acknowledged the problem, describing it as horrendous for those affected. Alex Cole-Hamilton, MSP, had formally raised at Scottish Parliament, following a public meeting in Queensferry, and the SG had agreed to a Task Force review. A follow-up public meeting was to take place on 1 July. Keith advised new Police Chief Inspector was attending, and that QDCC had no engagement with them yet. Community Police Officers were main contact, but really need a designated team on this, if resources can be found. Laura asked if QDCC can request resource, Keith agreed to check. As described by the resident there were 4 working cameras in place, with success on the 2 new ones, but more were felt to be needed. Gill referenced a residents' meeting at the Hawes Inn 2 yrs ago where other action had been discussed, but not subsequently taken. The residents thanked QDCC for their comments and noted actions taken by them. ACTION: Keith to check if QDCC can request additional Police or other resources to combat the ASD at the Hawes, and elsewhere in Queensferry.
15. Questions from the Floor	None.
16. Date and time of next meeting	The next monthly meeting is on 27 July 26 at 7.30pm. Topic specific meeting on QDCC Strategy proposed for 20 July 26 at 7.30pm. Keith thanked everyone for attending, including local residents.

AGM 2026

Monday 22 June 2026 at 7.30pm

Burgh Chambers

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, Nicola Gourlay, Diane Job (Treasurer), 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), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Four local residents.

1. Chair's Opening Remarks	Keith Giblett, QDCC Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the 2026 AGM.
2. Apologies	Lise Coles, Judith Parke, Craig Mackenzie (Rotary).
3. Minutes from 2025 AGM (27 October 2025)	No amendments requested to the draft minutes. Minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by Anne Marie.
4. Chair's Report	Keith thanked everyone involved with the Community Council for their time on QDCC business during the previous year. This was appreciated by all concerned. He commented on key areas of activity including - • 'Welcome to Queensferry' booklet developed in conjunction with Cala Homes. • Queensferry Place Plan (LPP) produced with support from Ironside Farrar, input from local residents and pupils, and financial contribution from Cala. Plan signed off by CEC. To be followed by a 'Call for Ideas' early July. • High Street works, now ongoing. • Jacob's Ladder steps repairs due to commence shortly. • EACC meetings, with QDCC representation. • FBWHMG meetings, main business updating the Management Plan. • CEC Education Asset Review, QDCC involved in discussions on Early Years building and the Museum.

	• Housing, continuing engagement with developers building new houses across Queensferry. • Hawes Toilets, engagement with CEC on provision of new facilities at the promenade. • Anti-social Driving, noted very little, if no, improvement in the situation with impacts across the town. A further Public Meeting, organised by Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP, to be held on 1 July, David asked for clarification on 'signing off' the LPP and what the next steps were. Keith confirmed Plan approved by CEC, no queries received, now live and part of the 2040 City Plan. Regarding the 'Call for Ideas' Laura noted EACC had queried if the LPP can be shared. Keith confirmed this was OK, Plan is published on CEC website. Items in the Plan will be taken into account in the 'Call for Ideas'.
5. Secretary's Report	Terry thanked 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 extended to Liz for her role and support as Minute Secretary. He highlighted the following - • Submission and formal acknowledgement of the LPP. Specific thanks to Keith for driving it forward and to Ironside Farrar for guidance and support. • Current activities include CEC Queensferry Asset Review and Queensferry Connections/Active Travel. • Community Fund finances now moving onto more sustainable footing, pursued by Diane. • QDCC/Cala Community Pledge now completed 2nd round, with 19 applications received amounting to over £17,000 this year, and 13 awards made. • CEC Governance dialogue ongoing, with improvements in communications noted.
6. Engagement Officer's Report	Graeme commented on main areas of activity over the year, these were – • LPP production. • Monthly Newsletters published on website. • Social media, strongest outlet for outlining issues, decisions etc. He also noted a growing difficulty finding residents willing to take on Office Bearer roles for local organisations.
7. Annual Accounts 2025-26	Diane reported the QDCC accounts were with PMA for auditing. On return they would be circulated and presented for approval at the July business meeting.

	She highlighted the main areas of expenditure and income for information to members. Regarding the Community Facilities Fund discussions had taken place during the year on where the balance is held, and advice sought from a local Independent Financial Advisor. Following approval from QDCC work was now in hand to transfer the CFF to a CashHub account. Diane would provide further updates on this in due course. Gill asked for QDCC to discuss how these funds might be used, once the banking arrangements had been concluded. Keith agreed to take this forward. ACTION: QDCC to discuss CFF expenditure later in 2026.
8. Election of Office Bearers	Keith handed the Chair to Cllr Work to oversee the election of the following. No nominations had been received prior to the AGM.
Chair	Keith Giblett was proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Graeme, and accepted the nomination for the following year. He called for a succession plan to be discussed for replacement Chair to take up post at the 2027 AGM. There were no further nominations and Keith was re-appointed as Chair.
Vice Chair & Secretary	Terry Airlie was proposed by Neil and seconded by Anne. Terry indicated his acceptance of the joint nomination for one further year. There were no other nominations and Terry was re-appointed as Vice Chair and Secretary.
Treasurer	Diane Job was proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Laura, and accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations and Diane was re-appointed as Treasurer.
Engagement Officer	Graeme McKinley was proposed by Anne and seconded by David, and accepted the nomination. 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. Keith thanked Cllr Work for overseeing the election of QDCC Office Bearers.

9. Election of Sub Committee Chairs and Members	Existing Chairs (noted below) and Members of the following Sub Committees made known they were content to be re-elected. No other nominations were received. • Planning - Diane • Transport - Laura • Communications - Graeme • Education & Recreation – Anne Marie • Environment - Neil • Business & Tourism - Graeme • Health & Wellbeing - Anne
10. Local Interest Group Nominations	Existing Group Leads had made known they were content to continue. No other nominations were received. • Queensferry Business Group (QBG) - Gill • Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC) – Gillian • Queensferry Heritage Trust (QHT) – David • Queensferry Rotary – Craig • Queensferry Boat Club (QBC) – Vacant
11. Associate Members	• Local Resident co-opted - Iain • Community Police Team • Queensferry High School (QHS) - Kenny • Edinburgh Watersports - Karen • Minute Secretary - Liz
12. AOB	<u>Ward Cllr Engagement</u> Nicola noted QDCC’s good engagement with the community, via the LPP development and Community Pledge for example. She was, however, concerned at current lack of engagement with elected representatives, specifically the LibDem Ward Cllrs and asked if a strategy to rebuild this relationship could be developed. Gill reported CEC statement that Ward Cllr attendance not a formal requirement but expectation is that this does take place. Laura observed aware of another local Community Council where non-attendance is also the case, and agreed need to work in collaboration for good governance and democracy. Elected members should inform Community Councils of local activity, and submit reports. Kirstie asked if local MSP was aware of this. Keith advised had been invited to AGM, but declined due to other commitments. Proposal below to introduce topic specific meetings agreed to address this. <u>Business Agenda Items</u> Gill asked QDCC to consider topic specific meetings, separate from monthly business meetings, such as CFF, ASB etc. Keith confirmed this was acceptable but needs organising due to requirement to publicise all meeting dates with 7 days’ notice, subject matter etc, including for any private meetings.

	ACTION: QDCC to introduce topic specific meetings. <u>Succession Planning</u> Nicola asked about the proposal to look at succession plans for key Office Bearers mentioned at the March 25 inaugural meeting, post Community Council election. Keith agreed to put this on the agenda for the July monthly meeting, ref Item 8 above. ACTION: Add succession planning to July 26 meeting agenda.
13. Date of Next AGM	The next AGM will be on 28 June 2027, tbc.