



Community Newsletter

Aug 2026



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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

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No report due to family commitments. Most updates are incorporated in to the following reports.

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

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QDCC mailbox activity has been back closer to normal levels since the July 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.

- Dialogue with CEC Assets Team to discuss the outcome of the Asset Review (renamed Queensferry Campus) has occurred. A meeting to learn about next steps which was due to take place last week has been rescheduled for the first week in September
- A call with Marco Galli of CEC was held to discuss the Community Benefit associated with the installation of the Hawes Promenade Toilets. The funding associated with the project has been lodged and work on the brief linked with the planned mural is ongoing. QDCC will be kept informed of progress ahead of the choice of artist (by end of September)
- A meeting was held with Jane Iannarelli and Robbie Crockatt from CEC to discuss the current approach to Community Hubs and current housing policy in light of the discussion held at the July Business Meeting

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 July we have fielded a number of calls and responded to several online queries from local residents, including once again questions on the Builyeon Road development plans and associated pedestrian crossing points on both Builyeon Road and Echline Avenus , questions relating to progress on the High Street works, and anti social driving across the Burgh.

Other matters included another couple relating to Jacobs Ladder upkeep, the Lovers Lane electrical substation works, closure of the public right of way via Hopetoun and Society Road, condition of Echline playpark, mountain bike track opportunities at VAT Run, a request for assistance with council housing, a number of complaints relating to a sewage smell across various locations including dialogue with Scottish Water, local business window damage and requests to publish online surveys from various sources.

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.

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 – 17th August 2026

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

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Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Mark McKinney - Accountant Fees - £100.00

Total CC Funds - £497.76

[Community Facility Funding](#)

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £19141.53

95 Day Notice Account - July interest £160.26 - £68776.27

Nationwide - £95814.10

Barclays Bank - £87981.02

RBS - £94268.67

Charity Bank - April - June interest £516.55 - £68670. 63

Community Facility Funding Total = £434652.22

The annual accounts for 2025-2026 have been sent to CEC and accepted.

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

Aug 2026

[QDCC Facebook page](#) 28 days to 21/08 : 45,075 views, 4.1k engagements, 4,224 followers (+7)

[QDCC Website](#) 30 days to 21/08 : 1,517k 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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Key School Updates

Mobile Phone Policy

From Monday 24 August, Queensferry High School will introduce updated arrangements as part of the City of Edinburgh Council's Disconnect to Reconnect mobile phone policy.

S1–S4: Phones must be switched off and secured in pouches from 8:30 am to 3:15 pm, including lunchtime, while pupils are on school grounds.

Pupils leaving school at lunchtime may use their phones once they are off school grounds, but phones must be secured again when they return.

S5–S6: Existing arrangements will continue, allowing pupils to access phones on Floors 2 and 3 during lunchtime, as well as when off school grounds.

At all other times and in other areas, phones must remain switched off and secured.

The change is required to meet the City of Edinburgh Council's decision. The school has stated that the existing phone policy has been successful and that staff have been pleased with its positive impact.

Free School Meals and Financial Support

Families are reminded to check whether they are eligible for Free School Meals, clothing grants and other financial support for the new academic session.

Eligibility may include families receiving benefits such as Universal Credit, Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, or certain immigration and asylum support. For Universal Credit, the stated monthly earned-income limit is £850.

Pupils aged 16–18 may also be eligible if they receive qualifying benefits in their own right.

For more information and how to apply : <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/xfp/form/261>

Summer Fun 2026 Programme Report

The Summer Fun 2026 Programme has been a significant success, providing a diverse range of activities and opportunities for young people across South Queensferry, Kirkliston and Dalmeny.

This year, the programme offered **33 different activities**, engaging approximately **200 young people** and delivering a total of **619 sessions**. This level of participation demonstrates the strong demand for accessible, positive activities for young people during the summer holidays.

The delivery of the programme would not have been possible without the support of our funders, sponsors, service providers, local businesses and community partners.

We would like to express our sincere thanks 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) for their generous financial contributions. This funding was fundamental to enabling us to offer such a broad programme of activities the City of Edinburgh Council, who fund the staffing costs and provide administrative oversight, ensuring the programme can be delivered effectively having all risk assessments in place.

The Rosebery Hall Management Committee, Mary Giblett, Anne Mitchell and staff have provided invaluable support throughout the programme, including financial management and wider business assistance. We are extremely grateful for their continued commitment and support.

Our thanks also go to the local businesses and activity providers who helped make the programme accessible by offering reduced rates and, in some cases, providing activities free of charge. Their flexibility and generosity enabled us to maximise the range of opportunities available to local young people.

We would particularly like to recognise the continued support of the Community Council, especially Keith and Graeme. Their involvement has included financial and strategic support, practical assistance, and valuable guidance when challenges arose. Their contribution has been an important part of the programme's development and delivery.

The success of Summer Fun 2026 reflects the strength of partnership working across our communities. The participation figures demonstrate the positive impact that coordinated investment, local support and collaborative working can have in creating meaningful opportunities for young people.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to the programme and look forward to developing Summer Fun further in the years ahead.

Some feedback from our participants and parents/carers.:

The programme is a wonderful opportunity for young people to meet with their friends - old and newer from other transition programmes going into S1 - and learn new skills and build on others. There is so much to choose from and those that run the programme are really approachable and good with the young people. To have such a programme for free is amazing!

The opportunity to do things they wouldn't usually do, what an amazing range of activities!

Fabulous activities!

Getting to know other people

Free to all. I have to say no to so many things the kids ask for, even though I work, so it has been great to be able to say yes and let them try new things

Getting son off screens and out and about! He is reluctant to do family activities so it's great he can do things with friends.

Spending time with people he will go to high school with

The organisation

The chance to try new things, make new friends and feel more confident about starting high school.

The fact you have it - has been brilliant for the kids - fantastic activities- something for everyone

It's run very well. All the staff are excellent

Getting my son away from his game (PS5) fifa 2026 had my son glued cause of the World Cup

It has gave my child something different to do. He's going at heading to the hub etc to play footy but this was something else and with other kids he didn't know before.

The organisation and what activities there are to offer. A highlight was the dolphin coming to see them paddleboarding

That it's something max has really pushed himself to do and be part off, he thinks very highly of Anne Marie and has enjoyed doing things he has never done before.

Our daughter has had fun and enjoyed all the events shes attended, its also allowed her to engage with other younpeople she wouldn't have necessarily seen during the holidays

Opportunity to do something she wouldn't normally.

Having the opportunity to try new experiences

The variety of opportunities and showcasing local resources

Free local events

Lack of funds has meant we are unable to go away over the summer holidays, this has given my son a focus and something to look forward to

Freedom to do activities that require adult supervision without us parents. Safe, supervised fun. Meeting new kids & broadening social circles.

It's free! There just isn't enough for our young people that is local and free. Please can we have more

The variety and being free

Local community activities encourage engagement with others and convenient to attend.

Great variety of activities, all involving local companies/organisations. Its free, it allows young people to connect during the holidays, and its great fun

The programme was excellent overall. If I could suggest one improvement, it would be to offer even more activity sessions or additional places, as I'm sure many more children would love the opportunity to take part. It would also be helpful to have a few more full-day activities so that more children can experience them.

Only thing would be to run all summer

There is nothing to improve.

It was honestly brilliant! More weeks if it would be great ;)

All feedback from my son was amazing!

Nothing was excellent

I think the selection of activities on offer was fantastic, it was free to attend meaning it was open to everyone. Anne marie was at each event my child took part in providing a familiar face for my child

Anne Marie Boyd was very understanding of my child's needs & tried to help as much as she could to accommodate so that she would take part

We didn't expect this and feel so lucky it was provided - thank you.

Fabulous free activities to help break up the summer. Superb way to connect with all high school children, helps to make the high school start easier.

Always friendly and helpful

My daughter has been given the opportunity to try new things, meet with some local police officers and has really enjoyed all the activities she's tried. Anne Marie has been a superstar with all her organising! Thank you so much to all involved!

He has had a great time 😊

Friendly staff, local, fab selection of activities that suit all young people

Friendly and welcoming. Bringing his confidence out.

There were plenty activities to choose from The programme is fantastic



Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

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Sewage Odour

Following our intervention we have been notified by Scottish Water that the recent survey undertaken of the local water treatment works has identified the potential source of the noxious sewage odour

that has been a recurring problem over the past few months. The problem appears to be a saline ingress into a treatment pipe and an emergency repair order has been raised to repair the pipe. Interim steps are also being taken to reduce the level of odour permeating from the plant until the main repair works are completed.

Jacobs Ladder

As previously reported we continue to liaise with the relevant City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) officers to progress the long outstanding repairs to the steps which they have now committed to undertake.

Recycling Sites

The three recycling sites across South Queensferry continue to cause issues with "fly tipping" and also overflowing containers causing unsightly and occasionally unhealthy waste spillage material to be scattered over the surrounding areas. Our environmental convenor and the local CleanFerry lead have arranged a meeting with the CEC Waste Manager for West Edinburgh to discuss how to address these issues.

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

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New families continue to move into the area and much of this month's work has been helping newcomers with limited English apply for school placements. P1 is now full in the 3 most local schools with more children turning up expecting to automatically have a place in the school nearest them.

S3 in QHS is at capacity with the nearest places being Wester Hailes, Tynecastle and Craigroyston.

Sadly, changes within Foodbank funding mean that we are about to lose the financial advisor who attends foodbank every 2 weeks. An alternative source of advice is CHAI Edinburgh but applications for advice are at an all-time high causing delays in support.

There are plans to create a team of volunteers lead by a community guider but as yet it is not a clear model and there is a risk that Queensferry will be an outlier in a much larger area such as north Edinburgh.

I was delighted to join Laura Sexton and Diane Job in judging the arches made by the Ferry Fair court. An amazing effort was made by all the families, and it was very difficult to choose the winner.

Queensferry Community Association SCIO (Rosebery Hall)

The management committee have purchased 2 bleed kits to be used in catastrophic bleeding- one to be kept in the community centre and one is in the same box as the defibrillator outside Rosebery Hall.

The building used by SQUIDS has had roof repairs and hot water has been reestablished. The works expected to be carried out over the summer have been delayed and are unlikely to be started until next Easter.

The committee were pleased to continue to support Ferry Fair by providing space to be used by groups on the day.



Learn to Lipread

A **FREE 2-year** course in Edinburgh for people with hearing loss

- ? Do you sometimes feel left out of conversations?
- ? Would you like to meet others who understand what it's like to live with hearing loss?

Why join a Lipreading Group?

- ✓ Build confidence in conversations
- ✓ Learn strategies to cope with hearing loss
- ✓ Meet others and share experiences

Where and When:

📍 Rosebery Hall, 17 West Terrace, South Queensferry EH30 9LL

📅 Starts Monday 28 September 2026.

🕒 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

📅 30 weeks per year (Free 2-year course).

How to book your place:

✉ Email: deaflearners@ea.edin.sch.uk

☎ Telephone: 0131 221 5800 (leave your name & contact details)

☎ Mobile: 07355 926 732 (Text messaging only – leave your name & contact details)

🔗 More info: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/adult-learning/deaf-hard-hearing-adult-learning-service>

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Planning & Housing – Diane Job

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Applications

During the four week period three applications were received

26/0607/TCO - Maple tree section fell due to unsafe unions at the base - Wester Dalmeny Farmhouse Western Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny

26/03024/LBC - Extensive repair of single glazed windows and fir new double-glazed panes to be slimline glazing to suit astragals, 14mm wide with 4mm panes and 6mm cavity - 21A High Street

26/02868/FUL - Refurbish works to the existing food and drink premises, including replacement windows and door, shopfront repair and repainting, signage, external lighting and associated works (in retrospect) - 12 Edinburgh Road

Decisions

During the four week period four decisions were made

26/024271/LBC - Repainting of shopfront dark grey RAL7015 and signage (as amended) - 47 High Street - GRANTED

26/02428/ADV - Erection signage and 1no hanging sign - (as amended) - 47 High Street - GRANTED

26/0607/TCO - Maple tree section fell due to unsafe unions at the base - Wester Dalmeny Farmhouse Wester Dalmeny Steading Dalmeny - NOT TO MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

26/02407/FUL - Retrospective renovation of garden, includes, excavation of site waste, renovation /repainting of existing stonework. Restoration of stone steps. Levelling of base. Building low stone bench from reclaimed site stone. Landscaping with reclaimed stone troughs. Planting of wall capping with salt tolerant sedum /alpines - 13 Edinburgh Road (Sealscraig) - 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

No further update.

Buileyon Road Development - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

Any update will be given verbally at our monthly meeting

Buileyon Road Development - Lovell - The Crossings

Lovell will have an official handover of 100 homes for social rent for Sanctuary Scotland at The Crossings on Wednesday 26th August.

Designed and contracted by Lovell Partnerships, these homes form part of the development's affordable housing provision. Their delivery has been made possible through approximately £9 million of grant funding.

This development marks Lovell's first collaboration with Sanctuary Scotland and Sanctuary's first development in Edinburgh.

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

No further update

[LAR Development Port Edgar](#)

Any update will be given verbally at our monthly meeting

[Dalmeny Park](#)

25/06456/FUL Proposal to build a new residential flatted development including 20 No. flats of 2 and 3 bedrooms. | Land 40 Metres North Of 1 Craw's Close South Queensferry - Awaiting a decision - 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: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2026 : WORK CURRENTLY ONGOING

QDCC has raised road safety concerns on Builyeon Road with Almond Ward Councillors and directly with City of Edinburgh Council officials in recent years. 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 is currently ongoing to deliver 2 temporary road safety crossings on Builyeon Road and 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 is currently ongoing 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:](#)

UPDATE: CEC HAVE AGREED TO SUPPORT QDCC REQUEST TO BRING FORWARD PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION TO RESTRICT PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HAWES BRAE.

QDCC raised concerns about congestion on Hawes Brae during peak periods due to parking on both sides of the road. QDCC 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 particularly 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.

UPDATE

The City of Edinburgh Council have undertaken a review of parking on Hawes Brae in recent months and have subsequently agreed to support QDCC proposals to restrict parking by installation of double yellow lines from the side of Hawes Inn to the junction with Bankhead Road.

As part of the City of Edinburgh investigation, City of Edinburgh Council gathered information from Road Safety / Fire Brigade and Waste, also an inspection and parking survey was made of the location by a City of Edinburgh Council Roads Inspector.

Based upon the evidence gathered, the City of Edinburgh Council has decided to support restrictions, and the City of Edinburgh Council will add a proposal for traffic restrictions in the area in the next delegated powers report in 2027.

This process takes approximately twelve to eighteen months to complete including public consultation once the report is accepted by traffic orders. If there are objections during the public consultation the process this can take longer.

[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.

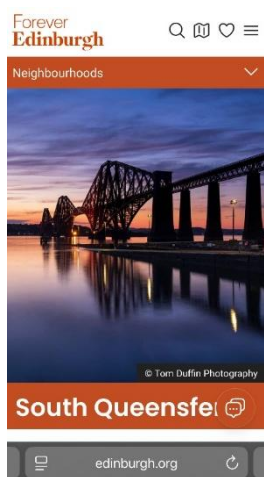
The introduction of these measures will enhance visibility for both pedestrians and drivers, reduce potential conflicts, and ensure crossing points remain clear and accessible. This supports the Council’s commitment to promoting active travel by making routes to school safer and more convenient.

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, QDCC: ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONVENOR

Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

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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/>

Ferry Fair

FF2026 was another great success. Extending to 8 days of events to celebrate the 90th crowning, this tradition along with The Burryman Tour draws significant footfall to the town centre, promoting the area.

Itison Promotion

All Itison Vouchers are available now. As at time of print 8586 vouchers have been sold. This represents £85.8k of trade specifically and exclusively for the local businesses who have signed up so far, of which there are now ten. 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.





Meeting Schedule Dates 2026

26 February 2026

21 April 2026

17 June 2026

17 September 2026

17 November 2026

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

RSVP: info@queensferrybusinessgroup.co.uk



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Rotary Club

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Youth

Each year Rotary requests nominations from local groups for a young person who they feel has gone above and beyond in their involvement within the organisation. Rotary assesses these nominations and awards the Ron Ainsworth trophy.

The presentation was held last Thursday evening at our weekly get to getter. The trophy was awarded to Amelia Henderson for her volunteering work at the QCCC and a Certificate of Recognition was given to Jake Watson for his passion shown in all aspects of his attendance at the Sea Cadets. On the evening the recipients were accompanied by their parents.

International

Britain thanks to the Purple Crocus Corm planting to raise awareness of the Rotary fight for a polio free world. Planting the purple crocus corms by Rotary and many community groups is a great way of getting active, having fun and talking to lots of different people about the need to eradicate the life threatening and disabling Spring each year sees a beautiful purple carpet of crocus blooming in many communities across Great polio virus. Once again this year Rotary is purchasing 4000 crocus corms for distribution to schools and groups within the Queensferry, Dalmeny and Kirkliston area.

Community

An informal opening at Queensferry High School of the Rotary Sustainable Garden and Outdoor Teaching Area will be held on Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 10.30. It has been a marathon project and only possible due to the wide ranging skill set Rotary are blessed with amongst the members but all really enjoyed the challenge of creating this legacy asset which will benefit the young people for many years to come.

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 17/08/2026

Agenda

QDCC August Business Meeting
Monday 24th August 2026 at 7.30pm
QDCC Office 53a High Street

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

Terry Airlie - Vice Chair & Secretary – 17th August 2026

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Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 27 July 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 (Treasurer), Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Judith Parke, Laura Sexton, Gill Fox (QBG), David Learmond (QHT), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

Guests: Helen Tulloch (Rotary), Jacob Callaghan (Ferry Saunas Ltd)

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Keith welcomed everyone to the July meeting, including Helen Tulloch representing the Rotary in Craig's absence. He advised discussion on sale of new build housing to CEC would be taken at the end of the meeting under AOB.
2. Apologies	Kirstie Lamont, Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Police Scotland.
3. Police Report	No report submitted this month.
4. Ferry Saunas Ltd	Keith introduced Jacob Callaghan, owner of Ferry Saunas, and invited him to update QDCC on the plans for Queensferry. Jacob reported agreement with Port Edgar Marina for 2 sauna buildings and 3 cold plunges next to Outboard. QDCC asked about timing, planning and set-up. Jacob advised this was the company's first site. • Plans to be submitted mid-Aug, with saunas opening in Dec/Jan if all agreed. • Intention is to make as affordable as possible, around £15/person for 1 hr. • Open at weekends, inc Fridays. • The saunas are 120 m², roughly size of a garden shed and are easily movable. • The 2 units will take 20 people in total and will be staffed. • Also available for private hire. • To be 2 staff on duty, with total of 8 employed and would be available to local people. • Heated by wood burner, stoves used are efficient, similar to house log burner, and produce little smoke or ash waste. • To be sited behind the boat sales area, space needed is around 400m² so units won't take up full area, leaving green space available for public use. • Customer profile is age 20-40, but accessible exercise for all, only requiring ability to enter/leave.

	DDA compliance and the Equalities Act were queried, Jacob reported doing all they could to be compliant and accessible. Existing toilet facilities would be used, and a new fully accessible changing place and toilet was already planned at the Marina. QDCC asked if there are other similar saunas elsewhere in the Edinburgh council area and whether any preliminary discussions had taken place with CEC. Jacob advised 4 sites currently exist managed by other companies, and discussions on using PE Marina had been had with CEC Estates Team. Keith thanked Jacob for outlining the proposals and for answering the various points asked by QDCC. He asked him to keep Diane updated on the planning process.
5. Minutes from Last Meeting(s) (AGM & June 26)	Terry explained CEC now require submission of AGM minutes by 31 August, so were being presented to this meeting for approval. AGM minutes proposed by Anne Marie and seconded by Anne. June monthly minutes proposed by Diane and seconded by David.
6. 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, Keith written to Derek Lawson, response awaited. <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, report to go to Sept 26 meeting. ONGOING RESUME SEPT/OCT – Cllr Work seeking to address CEC Committee meeting 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. CLOSED – met with Kirstie & Iain, and separately with Judith. <u>APRIL 26</u> Lovell Homes: Meet with representatives to discuss sale of homes to CEC and how QDCC can best support new residents living in Queensferry. ONGOING: Provided update on discussions with Council Housing Officers at June meeting. Lovell to consider how jointly can provide support to the new occupants, and report back. <u>MAY 26</u>

	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. Cllr Work & Laura to follow up, need response from CEC. ONGOING – Cllr Work written to CEC, 27 July, escalating as no response received. JUNE 26 CEC Housing Policy: QDCC & CEC representatives to meet separately re matters arising from CEC purchase of new homes in Queensferry. ONGOING – QDCC to provide draft agenda & topics for meeting with CEC. Sealscraig Hotel Building: Terry to forward resident's update re Sealscraig dangerous chimney to Cllr Work. CLOSED – Done. Chimney work completed, scaffolding removed. Planning: Diane, Nicola and David to liaise separately on QDCC action re 'Craigs' planning application, including possible QDCC formal comment to CEC. CLOSED – Done. Anti-Social Behaviour – Graffiti: Iain to take forward role of Inclusion & Diversity Officer, and update QDCC on activity proposed. ONGOING – Defer to next meeting. Anti-Social Driving: Keith to check if QDCC can request additional Police or other resources to combat the ASD at the Hawes, and elsewhere in Queensferry. CLOSED – Advised extra funding can be provided, action currently with MSP & Ward Cllrs. AGM JUNE 26 ACTIONS Community Facilities Fund: Gill asked QDCC to discuss how these funds might be used, once the banking arrangements had been concluded. QDCC to discuss CFF expenditure later in 2026. QDCC Agenda Items: Gill asked QDCC to consider including a specific topic on monthly agendas, such as CFF, ASB etc. QDCC to action August 26 onwards. Initial topics to be CFF, Succession Planning. Allocate 45mins after Secretary report. Succession Planning Nicola asked about proposal to look at succession plans for key Office Bearers raised at a previous meeting. QDCC to include on topic list for future meeting, as noted above.
7. Chair's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. No questions raised.

8. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports	Cllr Work. Norman noted met with Jacob re Ferry Saunas, and seen proposed site at Port Edgar. He was checking on licence arrangements. No questions raised. Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. No report submitted.
9. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Diane confirmed new Cashhub had been registered and activated. Checks on accounts required were to be done. The 2025/26 annual accounts had been independently checked by PMA and circulated prior to the meeting for QDCC review and approval. A typo on interest recorded on the certification statement received from PMA had been spotted and was to be corrected prior to submission to CEC. Subject to that amendment (<i>confirmed the following day</i>) the accounts were approved by Laura and seconded by Neil. Diane to submit to CEC by the 31 August deadline.
10. Secretary's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. No questions raised.
11. Engagement & Inclusion Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Keith highlighted QDCC's interaction with the community, noting the number of 'views' on the QDCC website and social media pages and thanked Graeme for maintaining these. Anne added 2 different businesses had asked how they could interact with new care home, their queries would have come from reviewing QDCC online info. Graeme asked for any items in-between meetings to be notified so can add promptly to the sites. The use of Facebook was discussed and possible need for alternative for younger residents considered. Setting up Facebook and Instagram together was suggested, as both provided by Meta.
12. Sub Committees	Reports received circulated via Newsletter. <u>Education</u> Graeme commented on the Summer Fun programme, where funding for some events had been raised via local businesses and others, with CEC covering staffing and admin costs. CEC had asked for a meeting to discuss way forward to keep this going given funding constraints. Keith commended Anne Marie and the team for their work on this with the community, including giving their time voluntarily. The input and support from the Community Police team was also recognised, and QDCC expressed thanks to them too. He also noted the support this type of activity provided for families moving into Queensferry, and its wider benefits. This would be included on the agenda for the meeting with CEC Housing Team, discussed at Item 15 below. All other Sub Committee reports were noted, no comments raised.

13. Local Interest Groups	Reports received circulated via Newsletter. <u>Rotary</u> Helen advised new Facebook page for South Queensferry Rotary. She thanked all involved for making the Raft Race on 28 June a success. £7,000 had been raised for charities, of which £2,000 was for Rotary sponsored bodies. That left £5,000 to distribute to community-based groups and applications were encouraged. Queensferry Rotary was open to new members and one of the QDCC Councillors had asked to join. Keith referred to the submitted report noting variety of engagement carried out across the Burgh. QDCC congratulated Rotary members on range of activities involved. It was also good to hear the Raft Race had gone well, and been supported by Port Edgar organisations. <u>QHT</u> David noted local resident Clare Meredith standing as a Trustee for NTS, and asked for local support where appropriate. The Open Gardens event had been a success, with 250 visitors despite the wet weather, and had raised £2,500. Nicola reported good feedback from the Scheme organisers, and were looking to do again next year. <u>Edinburgh Watersports</u> Karen reported work on new Changing Places toilet facility was progressing. A change in the personnel involved had given rise to a short delay, but hoping the facility would be in place by Sept/Oct. Watersports team currently busy with Summer Camp activities. Summer of Sport funding from SG just been received and she would liaise with Anne Marie on how this could best be used. <u>QBG</u> Gill advised no items to report, Group in recess over the summer and would resume activity in Sept. Keith thanked the Princess Cruise Line for hosting QBG and QDCC members aboard their liner on 18 July. It had been good to share the work done by businesses and others in Queensferry on hosting passengers, with cruise operators.
14. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	Updates circulated by Terry, as required. Nothing additional to report.
15. AOB CEC Housing Policy – Wider Issues	Keith referred to the previous meeting attended by CEC Housing Officers to discuss CEC policy on purchasing new build houses from developers. That meeting had given rise to wider concerns regarding the level of support available across a range of community services for the increased number of new families/residents moving into the community. A further meeting with relevant CEC officials had been agreed. QDCC members discussed information needed from CEC to help inform who should attend. A number of points were raised, these would be pulled together and forwarded to David Cooper at CEC to take forward ahead of the proposed meeting.

	ACTIONS: <u>Keith</u> - to summarise questions and topics for discussion arising from CEC purchase of new housing from developers, ahead of meeting with relevant CEC representatives. <u>Keith/Terry/Anne</u> - to draft letter to David Cooper, on items to discuss and CEC Officers required to provide QDCC with information on the services in question. Utilise new CEC Place Directorate contacts list to help identify officers concerned. <u>Laura/Anne</u> - to work together on Hubs information. <u>CLlr Work</u> - to look into data available on numbers, with CEC.
16. AOB Power Cut	Judith highlighted power cut the previous night at the bottom of The Loan and onto the west end of the High Street. She had also just had a separate message that power was to be turned off overnight, ie for a second night. This would have a significant impact on local hospitality businesses on the Street. It was understood work was ongoing to fix the problem.
17. Questions from the Floor	None.
18. Date and time of next meeting	The next monthly meeting is on 24 August 26 at 7.30pm. To include Focus Meeting, topic to be advised.