



Community Newsletter

Sept 2026



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Chair's Report – Keith Giblett

Sep 2026

I am in regular communications with 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 continue to discuss the ongoing works regularly with the Project Manager. An update has been loaded to the CEC Website outlining the plans going forward. This update will be given by the PM at the September Community Council meeting. There are plans in place to hold two drop in sessions to explain the plans in detail.

Jacobs Ladder

Plans are in place to commence works by site establishment on Monday 21st September 2026.

INEOS Meeting

Along with The Secretary I attended a meeting of the INEOS FSP Community Group which was held at the RNLI building. An update of activities and business performance relating to both Hound Point Platform and Dalmeny Tank Farm was given. The meeting presentation has been shared with all of QDCC. INEOS, who had supported the Summer Camp, complemented the organisers and volunteers who ran a very successful event and had offered the young people a wide range of experiences.

Asset Review Meeting

As reported by the Secretary QDCC Exec. members attended a meeting with Asset Team Officers. At the meeting we raised our concerns about the need for improved Community Facilities which will arise from accommodating the Queensferry populous from the council's change in policy for purchasing housing stock from the private sector.

Local Interest Groups Councillor Vacancy

QBC had a local interest group member who stood down from QDCC earlier in the year. QBC has advised that they are unable to fill the vacancy. QDCC will publicise the vacancy to the Queensferry local interest groups and the Community Council Scheme protocols, for filling the vacancy.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC

21 Sept 2026

Secretary's Report – Terry Airlie

Sep 2026

1. QDCC mailbox activity has returned to normal levels since the August 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) continues A meeting to learn about next steps which was due to take place last month has now taken place and feedback awaited
- Along with The Chair I attended a meeting of the INEOS FSP Community Group which was held at the RNLI building. An update of activities and business performance relating to both Hound Point Platform and Dalmeny Tank Farm was given. The meeting presentation has been shared with all of QDCC.

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 August 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 Builyeon Road itself, 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, B800/Ferrymuir bus stop proposals, a query related to the QDCC/CALA Community Chest, availability of social housing and a query on the Hawthorn Bank walled garden.

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 – 21st September 2026

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Treasurer's Report – Diane Job

Sep 2026

Money in this month:

None

Money out this month:

Graeme McKinley - Domain Renewal - £31.18

Total CC Funds - £466.58

Community Facility Funding

Virgin Money

Cash Management Account - £68968.06 transferred from 95 Day Notice Account - £88109.59

95 Day Notice Account - Account Closed and funds of £68968.05 including interest of £191.79 transferred to Cash Management Account

Nationwide - £95814.10

Barclays Bank - £87981.02

RBS - £94268.67

Charity Bank - £68670.63

Community Facility Funding Total = £434844.01

Diane Job

QDCC Treasurer

Community Engagement – Graeme McKinley

Sep 2026

[QDCC Facebook page](#) 28 days to 25/09 : 66,765 views, 8,978 engagements, 4.2k followers (+32)

[QDCC Website](#) 30 days to 25/09 : 1,253 views, 881 visitors.

Local public drop-ins, consultations or events

- Doors Open Day Sep 26th & 27th – various venues incl Queensferry Crossing
<https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/regions/edinburgh>
- High St refurb drop ins – Sep 30th 3pm-7pm, Oct 1st 3pm-7pm, 17 The Loan, EH30 9SD.
- All city wide consultations can be viewed at
<https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/>

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Education Report – Anne Marie Boyd

Sep 2026

Queensferry Primary School

I attended the recent Queensferry Primary School Parent Council meeting, where one of the main topics discussed was the upcoming retirement of the school's long-standing Head Teacher, Karen McGregor, who will retire at the Christmas break.

Mrs McGregor has been a fantastic Head Teacher and has served the children and families of Queensferry Primary School with great dedication over many years. She will be greatly missed by the whole school community, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done for the school and wish her all the very best for her retirement.

The Parent Council also discussed the process for appointing Mrs McGregor's replacement. Two parents from the Parent Council have been invited to take part in the interview panel. The school is keen to ensure that the views of parents are represented as part of the recruitment process.

To help achieve this, a question was sent out to all parents and staff asking:

"If you could ask one question at the interview for the new Head Teacher, what would it be?"

This is a really positive way of ensuring that parents and staff have an opportunity to contribute their views and help shape the questions asked during the interview process.

Queensferry High School

I was privileged to be invited along to the Queensferry High School Senior Awards Evening. It was wonderful to see so many young people recognised for their hard work, achievements and commitment.

There was a fantastic representation of young people from across the school, and it was a lovely evening celebrating their successes. A huge well done to all the young people who received awards — they should all be very proud of their achievements.

Queensferry High School & Queensferry Campus

There has been no further update at this time regarding the Queensferry High School extension or the wider Queensferry Campus plans. I will continue to share any updates as they become available.

Youth Clubs

All youth clubs are now back up and running, with excellent attendance from young people. The clubs provide a safe, fun and inclusive environment where young people can meet friends, build relationships and take part in a range of activities.

The P7 clubs have been particularly successful, bringing together pupils from across the cluster primary schools. This gives them a great opportunity to meet new friends and build

relationships ahead of their move to Queensferry High School next year, supporting a positive transition to secondary school.

A further transition event is planned for 2 October, with the first Blew Light Disco taking place at Queensferry High School. P7 pupils from across the cluster schools will come together for an evening delivered by Police Scotland and the youth work team. This will provide another great opportunity for pupils to get to know each other and begin building connections before starting high school.

Anne Marie Boyd



Environment Report – Neil McKinlay

Sep 2026

Jacobs Ladder

We are pleased to advise that we have been reliably informed that work to renovate the steps known locally as " Jacobs Ladder" will commence within the next week or very soon thereafter.

This has been a long journey and we are delighted that the end is now in sight. Clearly this will mean temporary closure of the steps for a period of time as the work required is quite extensive. Appropriate signage directing the public to an alternative slightly longer temporary route to and from the pier to the cycle path and station will be put in place.

Health & Wellbeing – Anne Mitchell

Sep 2026

English as a second language classes have resumed and is well attended as is the creche.

Lip reading class is due to start in Rosebery Hall on 28th September providing enough people sign up.

Community fridge times have changed; Thursday 6.15 -7.15 as before but Tuesday now 3pm-4pm. The team are looking for volunteers to join them.

Voluntary sector forum continues to meet regularly but as EVOC support is lessened more falls on Tommy McLean and Liz McIntosh. Anyone wishing to join this group to support with minutes or meeting organisation would be very welcome.

South Queensferry library is closed for repairs most of October but would love to see you at Kirkliston.

Many people find going into appointments on their own daunting and there is now a service where someone can meet you at the door and go with you to sit in on consultations.

Loth.bridgebuilders@nhs.scot

Care Home

Diane and I were pleased to represent QDCC at the handover of homes from Lovell to Sigma who now run affordable homes in Sir John Fowler Square and Sir John Fowler court. We met a couple of new residents who were thrilled to settle into their new home.

Sanctuary homes were handed over previously

Public Toilets

The public toilets on the sea front remain a disappointment with broken locks, out of order notice written on door in ink which remains visible even when toilet repaired. They are not open early enough on cruise days. Lines to access are a regular occurrence even on non-cruise days.

Walks

Thanks to funding from Almond, we now have a leaflet covering Queensferry walks for local people – placed in library, Rosebery hall and the priory church at present.

Ferry Elves

Ferry Elves are gearing up for a busy winter season with referral forms going out soon.

Rosebery hall and community centre

As planned renovations by CEC have not come to fruition the management committee has purchased new blinds for both sites and are looking into other upgrades for the SQUIDS building such as new flooring in the toilet and cool touch radiators. CEC has repaired both the roof and the boiler. Plans to upgrade the Rosebery Hall disabled toilet.

Investigating which hearing loops are appropriate to purchase.

Cruise Ships

Cruise season comes to an end on 26th September with a large complement of visitors. We were privileged to have the Lord Provost visit to see the work of the volunteers – although our visitors thought he had come to welcome them! Next year's numbers appear to be significantly down with a current estimate of 27 ships (43 this year) but 3 will be overnight.

The map created by the businesses has proved positive



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 eight applications were received

26/03247/LBC - Replacement of uPVC windows + driveway widening alterations to existing stone boundary wall - 14 Shore Road

26/03259/LBC - Installation of Electrical Car Charging point on the exterior of the kitchen extension - Stirling's Dairy 2 Brewery Close

26/03316/FUL - Erect garage/workshop and associated external works, and change of use to residential of the works footprint - Land 15 metres West of 24 Ashburnham Loan

26/0704/TCO - A large eucalyptus tree - We would like to have the tree professionally removed - 41 Ashburnham Loan

26/0706/TCO - Mature pear (approx 30 metres in height) crown reduction by approx 1-1.5 metres and deadwood - 7 Ashburnham Loan

26/0707/TCO - x1 Silver birch approx 12 metres in height, x1 Maple approx 10 metres in height - Crown reduction Silver Birch by 1 to 2 mtrs and crown reduction on Maple by approx 1 mtr - 20 Ashburnham Loan

26/03535/FUL - Erect garden room ancillary to main dwelling - 33 Briggers Wynd

Trees in Conservation Area

26/0771/TCO - It's a large Norway Maple overhanging Hawes Brae leaning over the road with a split fork removal of dangerous Norway Maple overhanging Hawes Brae Road - Tree Works Hawes Brae

Decisions

During the four week period five decisions were made

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26/0241/TCO - Conifer cut tree down to stump - Flat 2 15 East Terrace - WITHDRAWN

26/02864/FUL - Proposed two storey extension to side of existing 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/diningroom - 58 Stoneyflatts Crescent

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

Builyeon Road Development - Rosebery Wynd - Cala

No update

Builyeon Road Development - Lovell - The Crossings

On 26th August Anne Mitchell and I attended the official handover of 100 homes from Lovell to Sanctuary Scotland. These homes form part of the development's affordable housing provision.

The commercial units are still being marketed through a third party.
Lovell are building homes to suit open market requirements

Hawthorn Gardens Development (South Scotstoun)

Taylor Wimpey are progressing the roads and landscaping as they finalise the development

LAR Development Port Edgar

No update

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 - additional documents were added to the portal in February and March - still 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 - a revised application form was received on the 1st April showing that the owner of the property was now the applicant of the planning application and not EDC Estates as shown on the previous application form - additional documents were added on the 14th August - still awaiting a decision

QDCC sent comments to planning in support of 26/03461/FUL Formation of New Access and Relocation of Previously Approved Car Parking Easter Dalmeny Steading Easter Dalmeny Dalmeny

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

Sep 2026

Builyeon Road: Installation of Temporary Pedestrian Crossings

INSTALLATION COMPLETED: UPDATE: QDCC HAS WRITTEN TO ALMOND WARD COUNCILLORS AND CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL OFFICIALS SEEKING URGENT ACTION TO ADDRESS ACK OF SIGNAGE AND SPEEDING

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 had stressed the critical need for installation of the two temporary crossings effect to ensure residents from the new Bridgewater village estate can cross the road safely.

The installation of the two temporary crossings has been completed. However, QDCC has responded to road safety concerns raised by residents about the lack of signage and speeding issues and has written to Almond Ward Councillors and City of Edinburgh Council Roads and Transport officials requesting urgent action to be taken to address these road safety concerns.

QUEENSFERRY HIGH STREET IMPROVEMENT WORKS

UPDATE: TWO PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS WILL BE HOSTED BY CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL PROJECT TEAM FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES ON WEDNESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER AND THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026, 3PM TO 7PM, 17 THE LOAN, SQ. Edinburgh Council (CEC) ARE HOLDI

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, STATION ROAD

UPDATE: DOUBLE YELLOW LINES HAVE NOW BEEN PAINTED ON THE ROAD AND WAITING/PARKING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN FORCE.

The City of Edinburgh Council has implemented a Traffic Restriction Order to enable waiting, pa and loading restrictions on Whitehead Grove, Ashburnham Road, Ashburnham Gardens, and Station Road 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 City of Edinburgh Council's commitment to promoting active travel by making routes to school safer and more convenient.

LAURA SEXTON, QDCC: ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONVENOR

Local Economy & Tourism – Graeme McKinley

Sep 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/>



The Cruise Ship season in Queensferry comes to an end on Sat 26th Sep. Focus turns to the autumn/winter and Christmas events to support local trade. Sectional traffic closures on the High St to facilitate the road resurfacing. Updates on the project can be found on the dedicated website here. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/roads-travel-parking/queensferry-town-centre-improvements>

Itison Promotion

All Itison Vouchers are available now. As at time of print 10,003 vouchers have been sold. This represents £100k 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.



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.

Queensferry Business Group Report – Gill Fox

Sep 2026

We held our recent QBG meeting at Hawes Inn on 17th September. Our speaker was Sarah Shewan, founder and Director of Abercorn HR. Her presentation was interesting and informative and the Q & A and discussion afterwards was lively with lots of input from the attendees.

The next QBG meeting is on Tuesday, 17th November at 5.30, further details to be issued closer to the date. This will be our last meeting of 2026.

Markets

Plans are progressing with the Queensferry Christmas Market which will again be supported by CEC as part of the High Street regeneration works. Full details plus information for traders and visitors will be circulated shortly by Victoria Mortimer, the Market co-ordinator. We are also crystallising plans for venues, dates and formats for quarterly markets in 2027.

Cruise Ships

The last cruise ships of the 2026 season arrive this week. The Costa Favolosa arrives on Tuesday, 22nd for a 2 day visit and the MSC Preziosa arrives for a day trip on Saturday. Next year, the cruise visits are estimated to be around the 20-25 day mark before increasing again for 2028.

Gill Fox

Queensferry Business Group

20 Sept 2026

Rotary Club

Sep 2026

Community



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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Front page of the Gazette – Rotary's Gift of a Garden.



Queensferry Rotarians have completed a nine month project to build a sustainable garden and outdoor learning area for Queensferry High School. The garden comprises of extensive raised vegetable beds, a polytunnel greenhouse and a large seated pergola area. The saving in labour costs to the school has been estimated at approaching £25,000.00 and without Rotary's support it would simply not have been possible. The Rotary

environmental team was supported by other community volunteers. (Gazette 11/9) Rotary President Brian Johnson is pictured handing over the key to Kenny Manson Deputy Headmaster at Queensferry High School.

Though this has been the most ambitious, Rotary have completed many projects around the town over the past few years. Echline and St Margaret's Primary Schools, Dalmeny planters and seated area, Dalmeny station, QCCC and many more.

Anyone wishing to help on these light construction, painting and planting projects please contact Rotary at -

sec.rcsq2020@gmail.com



International and Youth

Kirkliston Primary School is to be introduced to Lend with Care as a learning and engagement project. The international and youth teams plan to raise £150.00 which will be match funded by our Trust account. With the £300.00 pupils and teachers will participate in selecting entrepreneurs to support around the world, helping young people understand global citizenship and microfinance.

First for the Youth Services team this session is Young Artist. The Art department at Queensferry High School has confirmed the pupils will take part in this year's Rotary competition.

Further to our donation to ShelterBox's Venezuela appeal we have donated to their appeal for Nepal.

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 21/09/2026

Agenda

QDCC September Business Meeting
Monday 28th September 2026 at 7.30pm
QDCC Office 53a High Street

1. QDCC Chair's Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Police Report
4. High Street Update – Robert Armstrong (Senior Interface Manager – CEC)
5. Minutes from the last Business Meeting (August 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
17. Succession Planning – in Private

Terry Airlie - Vice Chair & Secretary –21st September 2026

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Monthly Business Meeting

Monday 24 August 2026 at 7.30pm

QDCC Office, 53a High Street

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Terry Airlie (Vice Chair & Secretary), Anne Marie Boyd, Lise Coles, Diane Job (Treasurer), Kirstie Lamont, Neil McKinlay, Graeme McKinley, Iain Plunkett, Laura Sexton, Gill Fox (QBG), Craig Mackenzie (Rotary), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Cllr Norman Work, Liz Holmes (Minute Secretary).

1. Chair's Welcome & Opening Remarks	Terry welcomed everyone to the August meeting which he would Chair in Keith's absence. August had been a busy month for residents and families across Queensferry, with the 90 th anniversary of the Ferry Fair, followed by the return to school.
2. Apologies	Keith Giblett (Chair), Nicola Gourlay, Anne Mitchell, Judith Parke, David Learmond (QHT), Karen Leslie (Edinburgh Watersports), Kenny Manson (QHS).
3. Police Report	No report submitted this month. Terry to check with local Community Officers as 2nd month without a report. ACTION: Terry to query submission of Police Report with Community Officers.
4. Minutes from Last Meeting (July 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, 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.

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. Terry to query.

APRIL 26

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.

MAY 26

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. Laura noted other transport issues pending with CEC but no response. Proposed invite Gavin Brown, Alan Hoad & Carolyn Fraser to meet with QDCC. Prefer full QDCC, but Sub Cttee would be acceptable.

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. In hand, including action on points raised at July meeting, re Hubs and property numbers.

Anti-Social Behaviour – Graffiti: Iain to take forward role of Inclusion & Diversity Officer, and update QDCC on activity proposed.

ONGOING – WIP meetings held, liaison with Edinburgh group. Proposals for role description to Sept mtg,

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.

Deferred to Sept, due to reduced member attendance at August meeting.

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.

6. Chair's Report	No formal report this month due to personal commitments. Most updates incorporated into the reports submitted below.
7. Almond Ward Councillors' Reports	Cllr Work. A query was raised regarding process involved to erect a boundary fence in the garden area at Echline Primary School. Norman to check requirements with CEC. ACTION: Cllr Work to ascertain CEC policy for a new fence at EPS, and whether this can be handled locally. Cllrs Lang/Young/Younie. No report submitted.
8. Treasurer's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Diane provided an update on CFF, action to close existing accounts was in hand with balances moved initially to VM as a 'holding' account and then onto Quilter for Cashhub action. The full exercise was expected to be complete by 31 December. The 2025/26 annual accounts submitted to CEC had been accepted with no queries raised.
9. Secretary's Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Graeme noted the new Hawes Toilets were not being cleaned thoroughly. ACTION: Cllr Work to check Hawes Toilets maintenance arrangements with CEC, and raise formal complaint if necessary.
10. Community Engagement Report	Report circulated via Newsletter. Graeme commented on message from MSP received that afternoon advising outcome of public survey on overnight closure of the Hawes car park.
11. Sub Committees	Reports received circulated via Newsletter. <u>Planning</u> Diane commented on the following items – • <u>'Craigs' Garden proposal</u> – application granted. QDCC had requested a formal condition regarding continued public access. Not accepted as necessary by CEC, QDCC will monitor. • <u>LAR Port Edgar</u> – electricity Sub Station and mains cable laying now complete. Seawall (wave barrier) being installed. Show flat expected to be ready end Sept, work around the west block progressing with that in mind. • LAR also commented on youths breaking-in to the site, Police informed, and liaising with them and local youth workers. Anne Marie noted this may be a wider online 'urbex' (urban exploration) trending issue and involve other locations. • <u>High Street</u> – additional documents and plans for No41 submitted to CEC on 14 Aug. It was understood that CEC has sold the property to the applicant as shown in the revised application form submitted.

	• <u>Dalmeny Park</u> – no progress on application for flats at Craws Close site. • <u>Builyeon Road Retail</u> – still no update or contact from BP Pulse. • <u>Town Crier</u> – understood premises closing and may be taken by an existing local business. • <u>Ashburnham Loan</u> – new application re small parcel of land noted that day, to be monitored. Gill asked if there was any update on the Anchor Inn building, rumoured to be a wine bar. Diane was monitoring. <u>Transport</u> Laura highlighted the following matters - • <u>Hawes Brae</u> - process commenced to add double yellow lines to south-west side, from Hawes Inn to Bankhead Road. This would take 12-18 months to be approved and in place. • <u>Builyeon Road</u> – temporary lights removed that morning, and new pedestrian crossings now in use. However, QDCC not notified of withdrawal of the contractors from the site previous week, nor the reasons why. This had been a major road safety concern, given the start of the school term. Improved communication from CEC to QDCC on this and other transport related matters was needed. ACTION: Cllr Work to contact CEC (Alan Hoad & Gavin Brown) next day seeking update, and request CEC includes QDCC in all urgent/relevant transport related comms. <u>Environment</u> Neil had met Murray Black, CEC, regarding the 3 recycling sites in Queensferry. The sites suffered from fly-tipping and waste was often contaminated so ended up in landfill. Proposal was to remove the 3 locations – Tesco, Scotmid, Scotstoun Grove, and for residents to use their household recycling bins and the CEC city facilities. CEC were to send details of proposal to QDCC to consider and subsequently advise Ward Cllrs of their views. The possibility of utilising the big container at the Roads Depot was suggested, and also whether CEC could remove the charge for special uplifts. Gill asked if there was an update on Jacob’s Ladder repairs. Neil advised that as CEC has added this onto the High Street works, it’s now in their hands regarding timing. All other Sub Committee reports were noted, no comments raised.
12. Local Interest Groups	Reports received circulated via Newsletter. <u>Rotary</u> Craig noted successful social event for members held at the weekend, including an informative talk given by Mark Meredith. <u>QCCC</u>

	Gillian advised recruitment process for new Board member(s) commenced. Details had been shared by QDCC. New people needed, in particular someone with a finance background. <u>QBG</u> Gill reported next meeting, post summer recess, is on 17 Sept.
13. CEC/EACC/QDCC Updates	Updates circulated by Terry, as required. Nothing additional to report.
14. AOB - Community Bus	Regarding Active Travel Lise asked whether provision of a small Community Bus had been considered, to help new residents and others access businesses along/beyond the High Street, as the public bus services only go as near as the Police Station/Scotmid. Gill said a 'hopper' type bus had been discussed, and Graeme noted trial this year of a shuttle service between Hawes Pier and Port Edgar on cruise ship days. A survey of residents was suggested to assess potential take up. ACTION: Lise to draft flyer/survey document for consideration by QDCC, to assess public response to a Community type bus service along the High Street.
15. Questions from the Floor	None.
16. Date and time of next meeting	The next monthly meeting is on 28 September 26 at 7.30pm.