



## QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### CELEBRATING 32 YEARS 1986-2018



#### MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2018 BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

**Present:** Keith Giblett (Chair), Laura Sexton, Maggie Quayle, Diane Job (Treasurer/Planning Convenor), Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor), David Flint (Education Convenor), June Jansen (Environment Convenor), Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Gillian Smith (QCCC), Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Louise Young, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Kirsten Heggie (Chair, Business Association), PC Jim Kelly (Police Scotland)

1. **Chairman's Welcome**

The Chair welcomed members to the September meeting. He said September had been a slightly quieter month. Various debates on relevant local matters had been viewed as webcasts from City of Edinburgh Council. The last liner visit for 2018 had taken place and he was hopeful that the Hawes toilets would be renewed. Carolyn McDonald had stood down from the QHS Parent Council.

**ACTION: Terry to check the formal positions of Queensferry Business and Queensferry High School reps on QDCC. Whether the places are co-opted or constituted should be established.**

2. **Apologies**

Terry Airlie, Councillor Kevin Lang, Fiona Duncan, Neil McKinlay, Jennifer Garner, Anne Mitchell, Eleanor Sneddon.

3. **Police Report for August 2018**

Two break-ins reported, both from building sites but on widely separated dates. In each case a power tool was stolen.

Four thefts reported. One of money from a shop till, one bike from a garden, one boat and one generator from a building site (separate to above break-ins).

Two assaults reported. One was a fight between two people known to each other, the other an assault by a named person associated with a disturbance about which enquiries continue.

One road incident. A driver arrested at Builyleon Road for various offences, including drink driving. Continued use of Pop-Up Bob to address speeding at various locations was highlighted.

One hate crime reported and arrest made in connection with this.

One car reported vandalised, with the person responsible being identified.

One reported case of bogus workmen, with a resident being coerced into handing over £10,000 in cash for substandard driveway surfacing. Patterns of this type of crime are recorded through Operation Aristotle and fingerprint data from this particular incident is being reviewed.

4. **Community Facility Update**

Six assessors are being briefed with a view to commencing review meetings.

**ACTION: Terry to provide a date for review, preferably during the first week in October**

5. **Minutes** – circulated prior to meeting

Minutes from August 2018 were approved subject to two minor corrections. These were both in Item 12, where (i) action for comms mast site at The Loan should have been placed on Diane, and (ii) title for Eleanor's report should have been Queensferry Heritage Trust.

Proposed – David Flint

Seconded – Diane Job

6. **Matters Arising from August Minutes**

- **Norman to provide data on CEC's Key Performance Indicators and where these lie in relation to other councils in Scotland.** Report distributed. Action closed
- **Norman to check lairs capacity and whether CEC had plans to futureproof cemetery provision.** Confirmed this is not an LDP matter, has requested further information via T&E Committee. **Action continues**
- **Grant and Diane to enquire about QPS extension.** Concerns remain over coordination between QPS and QHS contractors and that a safety plan was not being enforced by CEC. Post meeting note – coordination confirmed by David at QPS Parent Council meeting. Action closed.
- **Keith to contact Elaine Campbell regarding work commencing at Queens Crossing prior to approval.** Elaine Campbell contacted. Action closed
- **Diane to clarify location and type of telecoms equipment proposed for The Loan.** **Action continues**
- **Eleanor to clarify situation and propose ideas for safe transfer of person with mobility issues from bus to Queensferry Parish Church building, or seek help if needed.** Patient in question recently passed away. Action closed
- **Keith to take forward naming a street in memory of ward councillor and CEC Lord Provost George Grubb.** **Action continues**

7. **Chair's Report** – report circulated

Additions to the report were that QCCC should be congratulated in attaining their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Forth Bridges area tourism strategy was tabled for approval at a meeting of CEC's Culture Committee on 11 September and was referred to the Housing & Economy Committee. Some recommendations in the strategy fall to CEC for delivery. However a toilet upgrade for the benefit of liner passengers must be pursued separately and there is concern that this becomes part of the High St resurfacing plan. Norman and Kevin sit on the Housing & Economy Committee and will have visibility of the report.

8. **Treasurer's Report** – report circulated

No change was reported to money in the QDCC coffers. However £10,52 interest had been gained from the community facility fund. Opening multiple accounts to protect against the statutory £85,000 guarantee limit was proving highly inconvenient owing to the lack of online facilities offered by banks.

**ACTION: Diane to contact a local accountant for assistance in partitioning the community facility money**

9. **Secretary's Report** – report circulated

10. **Councillors' Reports**

**Councillor Louise Young** – report circulated

Louise congratulated QCCC in attaining their 25th anniversary at CEC's recent full council meeting. A motion was also proposed at this meeting regarding bus service provision in rural west and south west Edinburgh. While the motion was rejected, an amendment from the administration allows a degree of community engagement. The High St consultation event had been well-attended if poorly-advertised. A change to the Corus site planning application was being investigated, with clarification expected within the next week. Our constituency MSP had asked Transport Scotland for a financial contribution towards a pedestrian crossing on Bo'ness Road but this was rejected. Traffic calming on Scotstoun Avenue would be the subject of consultation during October.

**ACTION: Louise to distribute material regarding the proposed traffic calming designs in advance of October's consultation phase**

**Councillor Graham Hutchison** – report circulated

Recent developments with garden bin stickers were highlighted. These are being sent out to qualifying residents but councillors had not been involved in the identification mechanism for bins or the roll-out of adhesive stickers, which received wide criticism. Negotiations associated with the Sea Cadet lease at Port Edgar were still ongoing.

**Councillor Norman Work** – report circulated

Norman additionally commented that the High St resurface consultation experience could have been enhanced if CEC and consultant staff reps had worn badges to identify them as helpers. He stressed that the image in the briefing material showing market stalls in the High St was merely an example of a possible application which could be accommodated in the street design rather than indicating an intention to deploy market stalls at any future time. Some, but not all, damage from recent stormy weather had been repaired. Anyone with concerns regarding storm damage or tree clearing should contact Norman in the first instance, even if ownership of the trees is in doubt. Street lights in Sommerville Gardens were highlighted as being defective because they were not being lit at certain times. However similarly affected lights in Stewart Clark Avenue had been repaired satisfactorily.

**ACTION: Norman to pursue resolution of the street light timing fault at Sommerville Gardens**

## 11. QDCC Sub-Committee Reports

**Transport** – report circulated. Ward councillors reported that establishing a bus link between Kirkliston and Dalmeny Station was viewed as a high priority. This is shown in the Public Transport Priority Action Plan.

**Planning** – report circulated. Following a meeting with Link representatives some uncertainty remained over the availability of assisted living housing to residents with a local connection. Views were expressed that every other council area in Scotland promotes schemes where moving residents remain within their localities while Edinburgh's EdIndex system does not. It was felt if Link were not constrained by EdIndex then aging Queensferry residents could automatically be re-housed here, rather than those without local pedigree filling the newly-built accommodation.

**ACTION: Laura to check if CEC and EdIndex rules meet Scottish Housing Regulator standards and if Queensferry residents are being unfairly disadvantaged through forced use of EdIndex**

**Communications** – report circulated. The Youth Talk event was highlighted as being a very encouraging start to engagement with the target demographic. A report is being written by Scott Donkin's department which will be available for feedback prior to final publication. The process is expected to take 4-5 weeks. Any initiatives requiring finance will be promoted through the locality committee as normal.

**Education** – David endorsed Graeme's positive comments regarding the Youth Talk session. The QPS Parent Council would be held within the next few days and the practicalities of building the extension in parallel with QHS construction could be raised. The inaugural QHS Parent Council would be held on 24 October.

**Queensferry Businesses** – Kirsten expected the business group constitution would be available for approval shortly, and an AGM would be held this coming Wednesday. Much effort was going into collating feedback on plans for resurfacing the High Street. Appreciation was expressed for Graeme's efforts in creating a Facebook group for businesses wishing to be involved in the group.

**QCCC** – report circulated. Gillian thanked the councillors for acknowledging QCCC's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary achievement. Owing to the upcoming Rosebery Avenue resurfacing some concerns had been raised regarding access to The Haven, however reassurance had been received that this would be available in some way throughout the project. No more had been heard from BUPA regarding contributions towards resurfacing the car park, which QCCC viewed as unnecessary.

**Health** – report circulated

**Port Edgar Yacht Club** – Maggie reported that architects had drawn up plans for the new clubhouse near the dinghy park which could be put into effect once the existing clubhouse is demolished.

**Environment** – June reported that a black bollard in Dalmeny had been knocked over and is now lying at the side of the road. She had attended an Active Travel Forum organised by CEC and was dismayed to find nothing that applied to Queensferry. Some points she highlighted as being relevant were improvements to NCN1 in Queensferry, safer routes to schools and construction of a ramp as an alternative to the steps between Morison Gardens & Scotmid car park. Although the subject some discussion over the past few years, the ramp project has never 'got off the ground' but could conceivably be funded through Sustrans assistance.

**ACTION: Louise to pull information together on how to fund and build a ramp up from Scotmid car park.**

**Queensferry Boat Club** – Keith reported on behalf of Fiona. Recent issues had arisen with dog fouling around the harbour. The QBC clubhouse in Old Post Office Lane off the High Street had suffered flooding. QBC are still pressing for NEPS funding to contribute towards harbour repairs

## 12. Any Other Business

No other business was suggested

## 13. Questions from the Floor – No members of the public were present to ask any questions

## 14. Date of next meeting – Monday 22nd October 2018 at 7.30pm