



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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Community Facility Press Release

Keith Giblett, Chair of Queensferry & District Community Council - In 2008 Queensferry & District Community Council (QDCC) were gifted land and funding to build a community facility at the Ferrymuir Site Queensferry by Forth Bridges Business Park Developments Ltd (Evans Property Group).

When the land release and funding was activated earlier this year we sought groups, organisations or individuals who have the vision and necessary skills to design, construct, develop and manage a community facility with a revenue generating, self-sustaining model that invests any profits back in to the facility or the community. We asked interested parties to lodge a business plan with QDCC.

Further to an initial five queries we received two formal business plans and after carefully assessing the plans with support and advice from local business and community partners we are pleased to announce that Queensferry Churches Care in the Community is the project that QDCC will be sponsoring for an improved Day Care facility and Respite Centre at Ferrymuir.

The other proposal that QDCC received was for a play cafe primarily for the 0-4yr age group and we continue to explore these opportunities in the town with the interested parties.

Andrew Burton, Chair to the Board of Directors Queensferry Care in the Community- The proposed Day Care facility & Respite Centre safeguards the future of QDCC and will be of huge benefit to the residents of Kirkliston, Ratho, Ratho Village, Newbridge & South Queensferry who currently & in the future will use our services.

It allows us to further our ability to improve the daily lives of vulnerable older people in our communities. By having the ability to provide the great service that we pride ourselves on, as part of a respite package, will give our service users and their carers the added comfort that they are being afforded the highest of care in an environment they know and trust.

The focus now is to secure funding support for the project which will be of significant benefit to the communities in the Almond Ward, the challenge we face to raise in excess of £1.1million to fund the project is one we are not afraid and both the QDCC team & the Board of Directors are excited by what the future holds for us and we look forward, with the support of our communities, in cementing the legacy started by our founding members in providing critical life enhancing services for the older people in our community