



QUEENSFERRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of Business Meeting - Monday, 24th June 2019

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Laura Sexton (Advisor), Diane Job (Treasurer and Planning Convenor), Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor), David Flint (Education Convenor), Graeme McKinley (Social Media Site Administrator), Anne Mitchell (Health Convenor), Gillian Smith (QCCC), June Jansen (Environment Convenor), Muir Kay (QBC), David Learmond (Queensferry Heritage Trust), Councillor Graham Hutchison, 1 member of the public.

1. Chairman's Welcome

Keith welcomed all attendees to the meeting, which was being held in Dalmeny, particularly the former community councillor Bill Ross as a member of the public and a prospective new minute secretary, Emilia Michalak. He thanked June for making arrangements to book the Amos room of the church for what has traditionally become an annual exception to the community council's usual monthly meeting place in Queensferry Burgh Chambers.

2. Apologies

Kirsten Heggie (Queensferry Businesses), Councillor Kevin Lang, Councillor Norman Work, Terry Airlie (Vice Chair/Secretary), Cllr Louise Young, Neil McKinlay (Rotary Club), Jenny Smith (Queensferry High School), PC Martin Crow (Police Scotland)

3. Police Report (for May 2019)

Copies of the police report were distributed amongst everyone present. However no police rep was available to elaborate on the content. Some members commented that they thought the Pub Watch scheme had been quite successful and is being extended. Also, sponsorship for the Community Alcohol Partnership is being sought, with the charitable element of some alcohol vendors sometimes kept low-key.

4. Minutes from Last Meeting

The May 2019 minutes had been distributed to members in draft form, with re-wording suggested by Diane made and re-circulated in advance of the June meeting. The 'Draft 4a' minutes were proposed by David and seconded by Graeme.

5. Matters Arising

ACTIONS FROM MAY 2019 MEETING, REMAINING OPEN FROM JUNE

- **Norman to continue reporting on harbour wall knuckle progress until repairs are complete. Action continues.** Keith has chased up the property surveyor. No formal comments received back regarding a timeline plan, and repairs have not started yet.

- **Norman to find date for publication of Locality Review papers and supply a copy of the report being submitted to the Corporate Policy Committee. Action Continues.** No date or papers available yet, but Graham has been appointed as Almond representative on the new partnership
- **Diane to enquire about details (ongoing costs and responsibilities) for the shared internet connection proposal with Queensferry History Group. Action continues.** Diane has asked but hasn't heard anything back from History Group yet
- **Diane to investigate prospects for Planning Sub-Committee to hear talk from former CEC planning official, similar to the recent presentation to QHT. Action continues.** Contact details available but this will probably take place after the holidays (there isn't any particular rush for the talk)
- **Kevin and Keith to find out why full-width barriers at junction of Killiekrankies Path with Dimma Park were removed and if alternative measures (such as bollards) can be taken to prevent vehicles using the path. Action continues.** Keith has been in communication with Gavin Pope and there is some debate about exactly how vehicles can be prevented from being driven along the path without overly inconveniencing pedestrians and cyclists who had to weave around the previous barriers. However resolution is expected soon

ACTIONS FROM MAY 2019 MEETING, CLOSED IN JUNE

- Terry to write to Cllr Cath Fullerton (CEC Regulatory Committee Convenor) asking for clarification and reasoning for the existing HMO notification process, stating that QDCC deem this unsatisfactory and wish it changed. Email written and response received from Cllr Fullerton. Action complete

6. Chairman's Report - circulated

Keith highlighted that a note of appreciation had been received from Taylor Wimpey in connection with the meeting held with QDCC prior to the public session to publicise their housing development at South Scotstoun. Also topical was a nearby site meeting regarding road safety near the Rosebery Grange development on Bankhead Road. In connection with the Forth Bridge Experience event held at Orocco Pier, Muir raised some concern that Network Rail had wrongly attributed a path ownership. Although not relevant to the application it begged the question as to what other errors could exist in their assessment. On the community facility building at Ferrymuir, it was pointed out that joint ownership of land title (with QDCC) would be required by QCCC rather than a leasing arrangement in order to satisfy conditions of existing and potential funders for development. This could be established once QCCC has full planning permission from CEC for development proposals associated with the respite centre.

7. Councillors' Reports

Councillors Lang & Young – joint report received.

Councillor Hutchison – report circulated. Most community councils have voiced displeasure at the arrangements for ward representatives to sit on the North West Locality Community Planning Partnership.

Councillor Work – report circulated. It was highlighted that Norman will be the presiding and returning officer for the upcoming community council election process in Queensferry

8. Treasurer's Report – circulated.

The accountants are taking a bit longer than normal to scrutinise QDCC's accounts. Remaining funds are £792.13, excluding the community facility money

9. Secretary's Report - circulated

10. QDCC Sub-Committees

Planning – circulated

Diane highlighted the following subjects

Worship Hall at Milton Farm – A previous application from 2016 was refused due to being a new construction within the green belt. A similar proposal has re-emerged. QDCC submitted a 'neutral' comment previously and intend to look at the revisions

Dundas Avenue Playpark – Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust continue to pursue alternative sources of supplementary funding following Viridor being unable to match the £25k put up by CEC. One avenue of investigation was Edinburgh Airport and a decision is expected in early July

South Scotstoun Section 75 Agreement – This has taken much longer than normal (18 months rather than a more usual 6 months) but has now been completed. QDCC held a fairly positive meeting with Taylor Wimpey in advance of their public engagement session.

Builyeon Road Section 75 Agreement – Draft legal agreement now postponed until November, and the uncertainty surrounding this large site is slightly worrying. The town will lack an expected education contribution from the site and could miss coordinated with other sites using the same schools. The delays could affect timing of a catchment review, and give roll/capacity mismatch

Early Years Centre at Echline Primary School – This will not go ahead, but provision will be made at Queensferry Primary and a forest school instead. In general, QDCC is seeking an update from CEC on their plans for education, as communication channels seem weak

Craigiehall Housing Development – Recommended for refusal by CEC planners, but the application was withdrawn by the developer prior to discussion by councillors. The developer has requested a meeting with QDCC

Transport - circulated.

Some changes to the plans for High Street resurfacing were outlined. The intention for traffic flow convention would now remain as 2-way rather than pursuing the 1-way concept. This is largely driven by project timescales, budget availability, and consultation responses from the immediately surrounding residents and businesses. However the design should retain the option for progressing to 1-way convention in future. A pedestrian crossing, and possibly 3-way traffic lights at the High Street, Hopetoun Road & The Loan junction, would remain possible under the new plans.

CEC had produced a paper (linked [here](#)) outlining traffic congestion and possibilities for bus lanes on the A90 for its Transport & Environment Sub-Committee.

ACTION – Grant to distribute the report on A90 traffic congestion

Education/Recreation/Rosebery Hall

In a verbal report, David mentioned that Queensferry High School's Inclusion Event was successful and inspirational, with feedback being very positive. On the Ferrymuir Gait site, David said a document prepared by Keith with proposals for an alternative use of the Corus site had been circulated to CEC councillors via conventional post, but few replies or acknowledgements had been received to date.

Health

In a verbal report, Anne mentioned that an appeal hearing for the rejected pharmacy application would be held on 4 July at Waverley Gate on Waterloo Place but she would be unable to attend herself. She asked if others from QDCC could check their diaries to see if anyone else could go along instead.

Queensferry Businesses

No report

Port Edgar Yacht Club

No report

Environment

In a verbal report, June mentioned that she had attended the planning meeting with Taylor Wimpey, and stressed the recent rainfall had potential bring flooding to some areas of Queensferry.

Queensferry Boat Club

In a verbal report, Muir passed a copy of a letter from CEC regarding hedge cutting enforcement to Keith, along with a reply that Neil prepared. He mentioned that plans were being finalised for the Queensferry Regatta, which would be held on Saturday 14 July.

Queensferry Heritage Trust

In a verbal report, David said that preparations for Doors Open Day in September were reported as progressing well, with all churches expecting to open. A map would be useful to distribute amongst visitors so that they could find their way between multiple venues.

ACTION – David L to see if Kirsten’s business map is sufficiently developed and appropriate for use at the Doors Open event. If not, Ann might be able to offer maps previously used by liner passengers

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)

No report

Communications – circulated

Graeme echoed David F’s positive comments regarding the QHS Inclusion Event, pointing out that some sessions had over-run due to enthusiasm of participants.

11. Any Other Business

Some routine maintenance issues (like weed growth, accumulation of litter and flag pole functionality) have been arising recently at the Burgh Chambers building on the High Street. Without a programme or schedule to deal with these, there’s a risk that the area falls into disrepair and becomes a conspicuous eyesore for example once the road surface is improved.

ACTION – Keith and Graeme to establish dialogue with the Facilities Management team at CEC with a view to maintaining the Burgh Chambers area

12. Questions from the Floor

A question about potential for re-opening of slip roads (or at least the Edinburgh-bound slip road) at the Echline Roundabout was raised. It was felt that this could reduce the amount of traffic passing through Dalmeny village or queuing on the B924 to join the A90 at Dolphington. Keith replied that Transport Scotland had been approached on this subject, and their answer stated a full year of normal operation was necessary to monitor the impact of the new bridge and associated public transport corridor, after which changes could be considered. As the scheme remains incomplete (particularly the ITS) this monitoring period has not started yet.

13. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Monday 22nd July 2019, in the basement of 53 High Street at 7.30pm.