



## QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



**QDCC July Business Meeting**  
**Monday 22 July at 7:30pm**  
 QDCC Offices, Council Building  
 53 High Street, South Queensferry

Present:

Keith Giblett (Chair), , Kirsten Heggie (Queensferry Businesses), 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), Muir Kay (QBC), David Learmond (Queensferry Heritage Trust), Emilia Michalak (minutes), Neil McKinlay (Rotary Club), PC Martin Crow (Police Scotland), Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Kevin Lang.

Agenda item	Update
<b>1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome</b>	The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for such good attendance during the holiday period, meaning there was a quorum. The next month's meeting will be the last one of the current election term. The Chair also pointed out that Port Edgar Yacht Club is still to appoint a representative.
<b>2. Apologies</b>	Terry Airlie (Vice Chair/Secretary) June Jansen (Environment Convenor) Councillor Graham Hutchison Jenny Smith (Queensferry High School), Laura Sexton (Advisor) Councillor Loiuise Young
<b>3. Police Report (for June 2019)</b>	PC Crow provided a verbal update on crimes reported between 01/06/2019 – 30/06/2019: 33 crimes reported but a few worth noting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Car was damaged in Port Edgar</li> <li>ii. Attempted break ins to huts in the Queensferry area</li> <li>iii. Break in to Scotmid – Queensferry was not the only one targetted. The matter is being investigated by the CID's House Breaking team at Police Scotland</li> <li>iv. So called "Jump ins" have been an ongoing concern, when minors target adults outside of shops to buy them alcohol.</li> </ul> There has been a survey conducted within the Youth Club on the topic as well as a letter drop in shops to warn people that buying alcohol for minors is an offence
<b>4. Minutes from last meeting</b>	The June 2019 minutes had been distributed to members in draft form. The draft minutes were proposed by Diane and seconded by David Flint.
<b>5. Matters Arising</b>	<b>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</b>  <b>May</b> <b>1</b> Norman to continue reporting on harbour wall knuckle progress until repairs are complete. Action <b>CONTINUES</b> Councillor Work confirmed he had no further updates. However a report from Brian Paton (Senior Surveyor at CEC Property & Facilities) quoted estimated cost of repairs as £480k of which £420k was necessary to cover the most urgent ones. The report listed a number of activities and funding routes however no specifics for the urgent repairs were given. The report also offered monthly updates and Councillor Work agreed to contact the author to ask to receive them <b>2</b> 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 <b>CLOSED</b> It was noted that ward Councillors are not represented at the network meetings (apart from one nominee, Cllr Hutchison) and the action was closed



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- 3** Diane to enquire about details (ongoing costs and responsibilities) for the sh connection proposal with Queensferry History Group. Action **CLOSED**  
The History Group are now progressing their request through CEC.
  - 4** 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**
  - 5** 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 **CLOSED**  
Councillor Lang confirmed that Cala has taken responsibility to install the barriers and the installation is expected to happen soon.
- June**
- 1** Grant to distribute the report on A90 traffic congestion. Action **CLOSED**  
The report had been distributed
  - 2** 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. Action **CLOSED**  
The maps were discussed.
  - 3** Keith and Graeme to establish dialogue with the Facilities. Action **CONTINUES**
  - 4** Management team at CEC with a view to maintaining the Burgh Chambers area. Action **CONTINUES**
- July** **NEW ACTIONS**
- 1** Councillor Lang offered to put Kirsten in contact with organisers of a successful marketing campaign in Portobello last year to draw on their experience during the disruption of roadworks
  - 2** Cllr Lang to send Neil details of a contact in Kirkliston who might provide further details on the Plastic Free initiative
  - 3** Councillor Lang took an action to look into plans for some of the changes listed in Section 75 of South Scotstoun, including junction B800 and update the Committee on this.
  - 4** The secretary to write to QHS to commend them on the Senior Show
  - 5** Cllr Work to provide details of Manna House Bakery licence application to QDCC
  - 6** David Learmond to ask Frank Hay for assistance in resolving the QDCC website issues
  - 7** Keith to speak with Martin regarding difficulties experienced by QCCC when collecting a client from Plewlands House in a bus which needs to be parked on the inside corner of The Loan and Hopetoun Road
  - 8** Graeme to post the briefing note about Port Edgar Yacht Club lease and clubhouse extension on QDCC social media channels
  - 9** Muir to distribute the paper from Spokes regarding the High Street resurfacing project

**6. Chairs Report – circulated** The chair briefly mentioned the Plastic Free South Queensferry initiative which QDCC might facilitate and support in the longer term. There will be a speaker arranged to visit one of the QDCC meetings.

**7. Councillors Report**

**Councillors Lang & Young – joint report received.**  
The Committee discussed ongoing issues with the frequency of grass cutting, resulting in piles of grass preventing residents enjoying green spaces. Councillor Lang promised to keep the Committee updated on this topic.

**Councillor Hutchison - report circulated.**

**Councillor Works - report circulated.**  
The Committee discussed a new alcohol licence notice displayed in Mana House Bakery window. No details on operational planning has been provided so far but hours in the application are now available.  
Councillor Work confirmed that the alcohol licence application needs to be approved by the Licensing Board on 26 August.

**8. Treasurers Report - circulated** Diane confirmed that the accountant is due to finish with QDCC accounts by the end of the week.



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9. Secretary's Report	The report was circulated
10. QDCC Sub Committees	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Dalmeny Park has displayed a notice that the park is for use of Dalmeny Park residents only. This will only work as a deterrent as the notice is not enforceable.</li> <li>ii. South Scotstoun development is starting in the next few weeks</li> <li>iii. An update on the primary school extension will be available next Monday</li> </ul> <p><b>Transport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Grant made an observation that some of the commitments listed in section 75 for South Scotstoun were not listed in the LDP Action Programme. Councillor Lang took an action to look into plans for some of the listed changes, including junction B800 and update the Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Health</b></p> <p>The report was circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. There have been enough people interested for an anxiety course to run at the end of September. The Committee offered the QDCC offices can be used for this purpose.</li> <li>ii. The appeal hearing against rejection of the application for a new pharmacy shop in Queensferry was cancelled due to ill health of a panel member. No replacement date is known yet.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Sparks Festival has started in South Queensferry and Kirkliston with various different activities for school kids</li> <li>ii. Hawthornbank walled garden is opening on 17 August, not 2 August as previously stated. QDCC will be represented by 3 councillors at the event</li> <li>iii. Spotlight magazine are looking for more community content, they can be contacted directly or through QDCC</li> <li>iv. There hasn't been much progress with implementing ideas for changes in arrangements for liner visits during this season. The police expressed some concerns around the overall organisation</li> </ul> <p><b>Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. David had attended the Senior Show at Queensferry High School where each of the three houses produced outstanding performances. The Chair proposed that the secretary write to the school to thank them for the tickets and commend the performance.</li> </ul> <p><b>Queensferry Businesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Kirsten mentioned ongoing issues with the map for cruise liner, however it should be printed in the next few days.</li> <li>ii. Queensferry Businesses are trying to widen their membership to have a more targeted marketing approach and spread knowledge about the local market to the local community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Queensferry Heritage Trust</b></p> <p>Preparations are still being made for next year's programme and Doors Open Day in September.</p> <p><b>Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. There are two new volunteer services launching. Garden tidying has already launched and was received well. Another one, driving residents in need of care to their appointments, is starting in mid to late August.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rotary Club</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The club has reached a 1mln barrier for participants in the Forth Bridge charity abseil events. The Rotary Club take a small premium from this for their own charitable work</li> <li>ii. 5-6 members have been recently lost however new 6 members have joined.</li> </ul> <p><b>Port Edgar Yacht Club</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An 85 year lease is now secure and planning permission has been granted for a club house extension, which is great news. Briefing note will be circulated to all members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Queensferry Boat Club</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Beyond repairs to the harbour wall, Muir intends to distribute a report from Spokes outlining their opinion on the High Street resurfacing project.</li> </ul>



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	<p>The Committee discussed planning permission for the former Corus Hotel land at Ferryhill which has been advertised for sale for almost a year with permission for residential buildings. Many feel this land could be used in a better way that might offer more benefit for residents or visitors. Councillor Lang pointed out that the price of the land is linked to the residential use planning permission and it may not be possible to change the purpose of it.</p>
<p><b>12. Questions from the floor</b></p>	<p>There were no members of public in attendance.</p>
<p><b>13. Date and time of next meeting</b></p>	<p>The next QDCC meeting is on 26 August 2019.</p>