



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

QDCC August Business Meeting
Monday 26 August at 7.30pm
 QDCC Offices, Council Building
 53 High Street, South Queensferry

Present:

Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie (Vice Chair/Secretary), 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), Laura Sexton (Advisor), Emilia Michalak (minutes), Councillor Louise Young, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Jim Kelly and DJ MacLean (Police Scotland), Caroline Lawrie (SGN), Graham Sutherland (SGN).

Agenda item	Update
1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome	The Chair opened the meeting by congratulating the Ferry Fair for a successful weekend of events.
2. Apologies	Jenny Smith (Queensferry High School), Kirsten Heggie (Queensferry Businesses), David Learmond (Queensferry Heritage Trust), Neil McKinlay (Rotary Club), Councillor Norman Work, Councillor Kevin Lang, June Jansen (Environment Convenor)
3. Police Report (for June 2019)	<p>PC Kelly provided a verbal update on crimes reported by the end of July 2019 13 crimes reported, 3 of them solved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 1 business housebreaking – Scotmid, when cigarettes were stolen. Still being investigated and a pattern is being looked into with West Lothian Police; ii. 1 garden shed break-in (2 pedal bikes stolen) iii. 4 assaults (3 solved) iv. 3 thefts (including a push bike) and 2 vandalisms v. 1 car window broken <p>PC Kelly warned to pay attention to sheds, garages and gardens as there has been some sporadic bike theft in the area.</p>
4. Minutes from last meeting	The June 2019 minutes had been distributed to members in draft form. The draft minutes were approved.
5. Matters Arising	<p>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</p> <p>May</p> <p>1 Norman to continue reporting on harbour wall knuckle progress until repairs are complete. Action CONTINUES Councillor Work was not in attendance but information was provided that Brian Patton is seeking a release of £100k to start work on the Harbour. Concern was also raised about a crane which has not been inspected since 2008. The Chair confirmed he was going to email Cllr Work to pursue the issue.</p> <p>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 It was decided that this action should be picked up after the elections of the new members of QDCC.</p> <p>June</p> <p>3 Keith and Graeme to establish dialogue with the Facilities. Action CONTINUES Keith confirmed reaching out to Frank Little however there has been no reply yet.</p>



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	<p>4 Management team at CEC with a view to maintaining the Burgh Chambers area. Action CONTINUES</p> <p>July</p> <p>NEW ACTIONS</p> <p>1 Councillor Lang offered to put Kirsten in contact with the organisers of a successful marketing campaign in Portobello last year to draw on their experience during the disruption of roadworks. Information passed to Kirsten. COMPLETED</p> <p>2 Cllr Lang to send Neil details of a contact in Kirkliston who might provide further details on the Plastic Free initiative. COMPLETED</p> <p>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. Information was circulated. COMPLETED</p> <p>4 The secretary to write to QHS to commend them on the Senior Show. CONTINUES</p> <p>5 Cllr Work to provide details of Manna House Bakery licence application to QDCC. Information provided within Cllr Work's report. (application will be heard at August Licensing Board, 3 public objections related to noise, not alcohol sale) COMPLETED</p> <p>6 David Learmond to ask Frank Hay for assistance in resolving the QDCC website issues. The website is up and running. COMPLETED</p> <p>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. A few options were discussed. COMPLETED</p> <p>8 Graeme to post the briefing note about Port Edgar Yacht Club lease and clubhouse extension on QDCC social media channels. COMPLETED</p> <p>9 Muir to distribute the paper from Spokes regarding the High Street resurfacing project. Paper circulated. COMPLETED.</p> <p>August New actions</p> <p>1 QDCC members to get involved in the planning of a smooth transition from the old high school to the new one. Action to be picked up by the newly elected members after the September election.</p>
<p>6. Chairs Report – circulated</p>	<p>The Chair asked Diane about the status of annual accounts. She confirmed they were back from the accountant however there was one figure needed correcting. Diane will circulate the report when ready.</p> <p>The Chair attended an effective meeting with Crawford McGee about Early Learning. The cost of Early Years build across the City exceeded the budget so the build plan had to be prioritised and there are other areas of greater priority than Queensferry, Echline. The proposal remains on the list for the plan.</p> <p>The Chair then introduced Caroline Lawrie and Graham Sutherland from Scottish Gas Network, who kindly agreed to attend the meeting and present their plans for gas supply upgrade work scheduled to start on 2 September 2019 in South Queensferry.</p>
<p>Scottish Gas Network presentation</p>	<p>SGN outlined stages of gas supply upgrade which start on 2 September and will last until the end of November.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The work will start on The Loan (approx 3 weeks) 2. The work will then move in front of the primary school. At any time there will be access to either Station Road or Burges Road. 3. The next stage will last approx 5 weeks going further into the Station Road up to the new high school. This stage should start around 7 October. The work on the new high school will not be halted. Efforts will be made to give access to the workers. 4. The last phase of the Station Road will restrict access to Dalmeny train station for approx 6 weeks. There will be updates regarding access to the station posted on community groups on facebook and on the QDCC website. Information will also be passed to Kirkliston community group.



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	<p>5. Additionally a small part of High Street will also be worked on for approx 3 days.</p> <p>6. The last stage will cover work along the shore, starting in front of the library (1 week)</p> <p>The Committee raised the following concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Considering there are plans to resurface High Street next year, is any gas work planned future proofed? SGN confirmed they will survey the street for this purpose. ii. Communication with the community is vital. SGN were asked to prepare a map outlining each stage of work in colours with approximate timescales of work. iii. Bus redirections and Dalmeny community. How are vulnerable people going to get to the surgery, shops, pharmacy, etc. Who's responsible for organising travel alternatives. SGN confirmed that they can offer taxi service where required and cover the cost. SGN are also working with the Resilience team in order to organise traffic. The Chair asked that the Resilience team keep in touch with QDCC to ensure all traffic concerns are resolved effectively. iv. There will also be some work required in individual houses meaning that gas supply will need to be switched off for a day. The Committee asked how will vulnerable people be protected giving this work will be delivered in November. SGN can provide electric heaters when required. Leaflets were provided for distribution in the community with a phone number to sign up to a help scheme. <p>The Chair suggested that a meeting with TRO, SGN and QDCC would be beneficial to get confidence that all community concerns will be addressed in time for the start of road works.</p> <p>Terry pointed out that there was still no bus redirection route agreed and published with only a week left to the start of road works. It seems there has been a breakdown of communication from the Edinburgh Council as the gas work was approved weeks ago without QDCC and the community being aware.</p>
<p>7. Councillors Report</p>	<p>Councillors Lang & Young – joint report received.</p> <p>Cllr Young provided an update on the motorway bridge on the way to Kirkliston. Cement fell off the bridge and there was a quick response to the incident. There are repairs required and the road will be closed off during off peak hours. Lothian buses will run during peak hours and First buses will operate a shuttle bus between Kirkliston and Winchburgh. The permission the road closure was issued until 15 September however it is approximated that the repairs won't take longer than 2-3 days.</p> <p>Cllr Young also confirmed that she was looking into concerns around cruise liners being allowed in South Queensferry during the Ferry Fair period and would update the Committee when she had an update.</p> <p>Councillor Hutchison - report circulated. Councillor Work - report was circulated</p>
<p>8. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>The report was circulated. QDCC have received our yearly grant from CEC</p>
<p>9. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>The report was circulated</p>
<p>10. QDCC Sub Committees</p>	<p>Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ferrymuir Gate have 4 more days to submit detailed documents for their application. If documents are not submitted by the end of August QDCC will suggest that the application is rejected. <p>Transport</p>



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	<p>i. It looks like the High Street works can start early next year, starting at the Hawes Inn end. The work will be done in phases with periods of full closure and will last until the summer. Full planning details will be circulated.</p> <p>Health The report was circulated.</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>i. The Chair thanked Graeme and Frank Hay for the restoration of the website which is no up and running. Ongoing improvements to the website are also being discussed.</p> <p>ii. Youth CLubs will be starting again next month and the new LGBT club will have a meeting space in the Roseberry Hall</p> <p>iii. 13 volunteers have gotten in touch with regards to a call for volunteers for Health in Mind support group as a result of the facebook communication.</p> <p>Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)</p> <p>i. The annual report is available online on the QCCC website and will be circulated.</p> <p>ii. Volunteer driving service will try to provide drivers' coverage during the gas works.</p> <p>Book Club</p> <p>i. The Committee meets only during winter months and will be starting soon.</p>
<p>11. Any other Business</p>	<p>A question was raised about plans for access to ne new high school facilities. There will be access outside of school hours, Edinburgh leisure will have open access to users. It is not known yet what access will be available during school hours.</p> <p>Another question was with regards plans for a smooth transition from the old high school to the new one however QDCC members were not aware of any current discussions taking place on the topic. It was acknowledged that QDCC should pick up this action following the election of new members.</p>
<p>12. Questions from the floor</p>	<p>There were no members of the public in attendance.</p>
<p>13. Date and time of next meeting</p>	<p>The next QDCC meeting is on 23 September 2019.</p>