



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

QDCC August Business Meeting
Monday 23 September 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), Laura Sexton (Advisor), Emilia Michalak (minutes) , Councillor Louise Young, Councillor Graham Hutchison, Councillor Norman Work, Jenny Smith (Queensferry High School), Kirsten Heggie (Queensferry Businesses), Neil McKinlay (Rotary Club), David Learmond (Queensferry Heritage Trust).

Guest residents:

Interested in becoming Community Councillors: Irina McLean, Frances Stuart, Andy Stuart,
 Representatives from Ashburnham Loan attending to voice concerns about the Forth Bridge Walking Experience Planning Application; David Warren, Jeana Gorman, Alan Currie

Agenda item	Update
1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome	The Chair opened the last meeting of this term of office, introducing Cllr Work as a returning officer responsible for organisation of the next election and determining when the next meeting will take place. The date of the next meeting will become public after 30 September when all nominations are lodged with Cllr Work.
2. Apologies	Councillor Kevin Lang, Terry Arlie, June Jansen
3. QHS Update – Jenny Smith	<p>Jenny Smith, Depute Head Teacher of Queensferry Community High Schools presented three matters for the Committee's attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. This year's attainment picture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the 4th year performed very well and year 5 achieved qualifications at national level. The 6th year has been the best year yet. o In general Queensferry High School's performance has been beyond the local, Edinburgh and virtual comparison average and it is to be celebrated. ii. Educational priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Huge amount of work goes to developing young workforce so young people move to positive destinations. There are wide ranging routes for young people to take, not only universities. iii. The new high school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the high school is taking shape and the facilities are fit for 21st century education. The entry date is March 2020 and the work is on track. o The school are having a leadership away weekend with the focus on the newbuilt and improving practices. iv. Inclusion - copies of inclusion statement were distributed to the members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Scottish government guidance is about including all pupils and encouraging young people to make better decisions. The presumption of mainstream is challenging. SQ want to work with parents and carers and looking for support to meet the needs of learners. o Inclusion event in June was an opportunity to reach out to community to improve understanding of what inclusion is and to raise awareness around pertinent issues that affect young people in the 21st century. o the School welcomes any ideas and solutions so if there are any wider concerns or topics



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	<p>members of the community wish to discuss we would welcome an opportunity to meet and discuss.</p> <p>Questions and comments from the attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ bullying and threatening behaviour is a problem. threatening pupils feel protected when there's no evidence of their threatening behaviour. Students and parents need support to address their concerns and fears. Jenny acknowledged that more community and family engagement is sought by the school to unpick some of the issues that are initiated in the community. ○ lack of leadership at school - young people need to respect teachers as leaders and teachers should behave like leaders. Actions should be proactive not reactive. The Chair and Jenny agreed that this was not the forum for this particular discussion ○ one of the guests mentioned his son being a public speaker, drawing on his experience with disability and inclusion and could come to the school to deliver a talk with pupils. Jenny accepted and thanked for the offer ○ there should be more focus on dealing with pupils who are creating the problems. Jenny outlined the work which is currently happening in this space: planning in school or multi agency planning, working with police scotland, risk assessments and managing risks, working in partnership considering the needs of individual child. The school is also looking into mediations and police scotland are supporting the schools with this. Jenny emphasised that the school does not advertise widely was interventions we would put in place for young people who need more support to make better choices and that pupils are not separated into good and bad. Inclusion is about including, engaging and involving all learners. ○ looking for evidence of wrongdoing is frustrating for parents and victims. Conversations should be taking place even if there's no evidence. Jenny confirmed this is the current approach the school is taking and parents and children are listened to. <p>Jenny observed the need to communicate positive aspects of the school activities and not only focusing on the negatives. As a community we need to celebrate our school and talk positively about the work that we do in partnership to bring about positive outcomes for young people. The Chair responded to that by mentioning that the school will be putting on a show at the town's christmas event this year.</p> <p>Jenny thanked for all the comments and questions and encouraged to report even small issues to the school in order to catch problems early and to work with us.</p>
<p>4. SGN Works – Caroline Lawrie</p>	<p>Caroline Lawrie, George Ritchie and Paul Ferguson outlined the progress and further phases of work in the coming weeks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Zone 1 Stage 2 is progressing well and will be completed on the 27 September ii. Zone 1 Stage 3 will begin on the 30 September iii. Zone 2 phases 1-3 - starting on the 7 October, Station Road will be closed for up to 4 weeks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ this will impact on Dalmeny residents as well as those living in the surrounding area. ○ there will be access to residents provided but 43 bus service will be affected. ○ letters to local residents will be sent by SGN to let them know what's happening with information on taxis (with no cost to residents). The process will be for The City of Edinburgh Council, Travel Hub, Communities and Families team to create a Pin Number for residents to use, they can call Central Taxis direct with the Pin Number, this will enable them to order taxis without any charge. They would receive invoices from Central Taxis and can then invoice SGN for the costs incurred. ○ Bankhead Grove residents will be affected directly by gas pipe replacements, other residents only by road closures. <p>Concerns raised by the Committee and guests:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Traffic cones being moved out of the way by residents on the diversion route so cars can be parked. This causes delays to buses. The traffic order needs to be policed ii. Workers parking on the road, Ashburnham Gardens. They should not be parking there which has been agreed with Morrisons to leave access to local residents. QDCC will put a question to Morrisons to emphasise this (ACTION) iii. The community needs to be provided assurance on what's going on and taxi service as soon as possible. iv. High street works - the road will not be closed, just a footpath and parking will be restricted on one side.
<p>Application for the Forth Bridge Experience</p>	<p>Change to the agenda to address residents concerns with regards to plans for the Forth Bridge Experience.</p> <p>Diane outlined information filed in the planning application and asked the residents present to raise any concerns related to the application with her directly or the QDCC via website.</p> <p>The current concerns were: privacy, parking, tree removal, transport infrastructure, traffic, timescales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Diane confirmed that the experience will need to be booked in advance, people won't be able to just show up. The parking spaces should match the amount of visitors showing up on the day o Network rail will be promoting the experience and encouraging to arrive by rail o There is going to be 40 spaces to park bicycles o The Chair asked what support the residents required from QDCC and encouraged to raise concerns in writing. QDCC could arrange a meeting with Network Rail for the residents to be able to have a conversation ask questions directly. <p>Diane mentioned asking for additional time for comments on the application (until 21 October) so there is a suitable time to raise concerns.</p> <p>Laura sought clarification on whether an extension could be granted in the context of forthcoming community council elections where there is no community council in place to provide a response to the planning application Cllr Young confirmed she would check the election rules to ensure conflict of interest doesn't occur.</p> <p>Andy Stuart asked if the community will benefit from the scheme, especially if there will be improvements to the lightning in the area for walking at night time. Graham confirmed there will be improvements to the Jacob's Ladder and pedestrian access in the area.</p> <p>Cllr Young pointed out that residents should raise their issues individually, even each person in a household.</p> <p>The Chair confirmed that community views will be listened to and a meeting with Network Rail will be arranged.</p>
<p>5. Minutes from last meeting</p>	<p>The minutes from the August meeting were approved.</p>
<p>6. Matters Arising</p>	<p>OUTSTANDING ACTIONS</p>
	<p>May</p> <p>1 Norman to continue reporting on harbour wall knuckle progress until repairs are complete. Action CONTINUES</p> <p>An Engineers report has been obtained to advise on the structural condition of the harbour and to identify and prioritise future maintenance costs. The report has noted £0.500m backlog maintenance costs, with an indicative cost of £0.080m to £0.120m suggested for interim works to stabilise the harbour structure. For a more</p>



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	<p>robust interim figure to be provided, trial pits need to be dug in the harbour surface and the engineers will inspect and specify the works required. Quotations for this aspect of the work are currently being obtained.</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 Email exchange with Frank Little museums.</p> <p>4 Management team at CEC with a view to maintaining the Burgh Chambers area. Action CONTINUES</p> <p>August</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>Sept</p> <p>1 New actions QDCC to contact Morrisons and raise the issues of workers parking on the road in, Ashburnham Gardens. They should not be parking there which has been agreed with Morrisons before regarding leaving access to local residents.</p> <p>2 QDCC to arrange a meeting between Network Rail and Queensferry residents regarding application for the Forth Bridge Experience.</p>
7. Chairs Report	the Chair's report was circulated
8. Councillors Report	<p>Councillors Lang & Young – joint report was circulated</p> <p>Councillor Hutchison - report circulated Councillor Work's report was circulated. Cllr Work reminded about election nominations and that he can answer any questions on applications. Nomination forms can be emailed to him or handed in person.</p>
9. Treasurer's Report	<p>The report was circulated.</p> <p>Diane asked if the members were comfortable with the accounts being accurate as they had to be sent to CEC. the accounts were accepted</p>
10. Secretary's Report	The report was circulated
11. QDCC Sub Committees	<p>Planning</p> <p>i. the report was circulated</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>i. the report was circulated</p> <p>Health</p> <p>i. The report was circulated.</p> <p>Communication</p> <p>i. the report was circulated</p> <p>Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC)</p> <p>i. QCCC has been busy working on day care contracts</p>



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	<p>Queensferry Business Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. There are ongoing concerns around business impact of high street works planned next year. <p>Heritage Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The report was circulated ii. A meeting is being organised with someone from Edinburgh museums on the future of the Queensferry museum. New residents are encouraged to learn more about the museum so it can remain open <p>Rotary Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Startig to think about Christmas events. <p>David Flint announced retirement of Janis McLean from the Roseberry Hall an acknowledged all the good work she has done for many years. The Chair commented that QDCC was thankful to Janis for all her contributions.</p>
<p>12. Any other Business</p>	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for the contributions they have made and observed that QDCC covers the most diverse range of topics out of all community councils. The Chair also thanked the Councillors for attendance at the monthly meetings and support.</p>
<p>13. Questions from the floor</p>	<p>There were no further questions from the floor</p>
<p>14. Community Facility - closed session</p>	<p>The councillors met in a closed session to discuss the draft minutes of agreement yet to be issued to QCCC. Iif a development lease is definitely not acceptable to QCCC, a requirement should be added for QCCC to grant a standard security to the Community Council over their half share, until the development is complete.</p>
<p>15. Date and time of next meeting</p>	<p>The date of the next QDCC meeting will be confirmed.</p>