



**QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COUNCIL CELEBRATING 33 YEARS 1986-2019**



**QDCC August Business Meeting
Monday 25 November at 7.30pm
QDCC Offices, Council Building
53 High Street, South Queensferry**

Present: Keith Giblett (Chair), Terry Airlie, Diane Job, Grant Sangster, Graeme McKinley, Anne Mitchell, Gillian Smith, Laura Sexton, Emilia Michalak (minutes), Neil McKinlay, Andrew Malarky, Andy Stuart, Muir Kay, David Flint, Martin (Police), David Learmont, Councillor Graham Hutchison.

Derek Lawson and Tony Thomas (CALA Homes), Claire Ironside and Amanda Hay (Manor Estates)

Guest residents:

1. QDCC Chairman's Welcome	The Chair welcomed everyone at the first meeting after QDCC elections and introduced CALA Home's Tony Thomas and Derek Lawson who attended to make a presentation on plans for new housing developments at Builyeon Road and Springfield.
2. Apologies	Cllr Norman Work, Cllr Young, Kirsten Heggie, Jenny Smith, Craig Lynes (CALA)
3. Police Report	Martin presented crime figures for the period of 1 October 2019 – 25 November 2019. Total 41 crimes recorded, majority of them road offences. 4 crimes affecting community, involving break ins and vandalism; 10 public nuisance calls related to youths misbehaving. Martin also commented that there was an alcohol awareness week which was attended by Cllr Work.
4. CALA Homes – Builyeon Road & Springfield	Derek Lawson, Strategic Land Director for CALA, circulated a presentation and provided an overview of plans with input from Tony Thomas, Planning Consultant for CALA: HSG 32 site - Builyeon Rd application has been approved in principle but the plans are still with Edinburgh Council for formal issue; The plans are for 700-980 properties; The action plan for development included developers' contributions list which consists of: education, footpaths, cycle paths, bus improvements and healthcare. The masterplan will bring them together through a process lead by Derek Lawson; Springfield development plan is estimated for 150 homes; The proposal is in pre-application consultation stage and should include playfields, changing facilities and amenity open space; The actual development area is smaller than the land allocation; 180 properties are planned for with 25% affordable homes; CALA are looking to have a consultation period with South Queensferry community and QDCC to discuss the planning. The submitted presentation will be emailed to the Chair so they can be published



	<p>online.</p> <p>Q&A:</p> <p>Consultation period plans - by Christmas with events in January 2020. Both developments will be covered in one consultation event. The Chair pointed out that more extensive consultation is required for Builyeon Road with quality time and due diligence;</p> <p>Playing pitches and changing facilities were deemed as not required- disappointing as QDCC have been campaigning for more facilities;</p> <p>The requirements for 180 properties, this is something that has been proposed to maximise the site, however this will be looked at as part of the planning assessment;</p> <p>Developer contribution list for Springfiled - CALA expect the same items raised as for Builyeon Rd site. Springfield is a step behind on planning therefore official list is not yet agreed.</p> <p>The flats at Springfield will be 3 stories high;</p> <p>Start of the development Springfield will be in 2021, should take about 4 years to finish in potentially 2 phases.</p> <p>The Chair suggested the planning subcommittee meets before Christmas to further discuss those developments.</p> <p>Two representatives of Manor Estates (social housing) were present at the QDCC meeting due to interested in the Springfield development. They're involvement depends on the development terms, so they'll be looking at the plans.</p>
<p>5. Minutes from Last Meeting</p>	<p>Two sets of minutes were approved:</p> <p>23 September Business meeting minutes – Diane proposed, David L seconded.</p> <p>AGM November minutes – Andy M proposed, Anne seconded.</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>The work on the harbour is progressing and starts tomorrow. A report will be provided.</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</p> <p>This will be discussed at the first planning sub-committee meetings after the recent QDCC elections.</p> <p>June</p> <p>3 Keith and Graeme to establish dialogue with the Facilities. Action CONTINUES</p> <p>Meeting with Frank Little about the museums was arranged for 4 December.</p> <p>4 Management team at CEC with a view to maintaining the Burgh Chambers area. Action CLOSED</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. CLOSED</p> <p>Jenny Smith provided an updated in her report to QDCC.</p> <p>Sept</p> <p>New actions</p> <p>1 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. CLOSED</p> <p>2 QDCC to arrange a meeting between Network Rail and Queensferry residents regarding application for the Forth Bridge Experience. Update provided in the planning report. CLOSED</p> <p>November</p> <p>1 Terry to set up a meeting with Edinburgh Leisure to understand the plans for community use</p> <p>2 Diane took an action to request extension for comments on Ferrymuir Gate development plans till January 2020, Cllr Hutchison asked to be copied in.</p> <p>3 Cllr Lang to find out about Dundas Park progress to date and update the Committee.</p>
<p>7. Chair's Report</p>	<p>The report was circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged the help of the Sea cadettes provided following the Armistice Sunday. There were not enough hooks at the war memorial which meant a few wreaths were put on the stairs. There's no process for re-laying of wreaths which was required and the sea cadettes with Colin Butcher were of great help in this situation. QDCC are grateful to them.</p>
<p>8. Councillors' Report</p>	<p>Cllr Graham Hutchison – report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>The Committee briefly discussed Lovers Lane complaints about potholes and the state of the road.</p>
<p>9. Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting.</p>
<p>10. Secretary's Report</p>	<p>Report circulated before the meeting</p> <p>Terry added that following QDCC elections there were complaints about nomination forms not being received on a few occasions.</p>
<p>11. QDCC Subcommittees</p>	<p>Transport & Environment</p> <p>Transport – Grant circulated report before the meeting</p> <p>SGN works and Burnshot bridge – in both situations communication about diversions weren't always good from the service providers.</p> <p>Andy Stuart suggested there should be a minimum standard document provided to service providers in these types of situations. The Chair observed that feedback should be provided back to SGN that better communication on progress of works is required in</p>



the future.

David L commented that he has had good engagement with the SGN workers.

Environment – Neil circulated report before the meeting.

The main issue is Tesco recycling – Neil is in a process of arranging a meeting with Tesco manager about the problem.

Health & Wellbeing

Anne circulated the report before the meeting.

Squids – members happy to send a letter of support on behalf of QDCC

Pharmacy – the application was rejected again. QDCC fully supports this project and several arguments were presented. Mr Samson will be appealing the decision.

Churches care

With the support of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry there is no full funding for a tri-shaw in South Queensferry. The tri-shaw is part of the Cycling Without Age franchise. They will provide all training, and PVG all volunteers. Queensferry Care will start recruiting for volunteer pilots, ready to take delivery of the tri-shaw in Spring.

Education & Recreation

Report was circulated before the meeting.

Roseberry hall meeting was earlier today. A senior manager of the committee is coming to inspect the place on 16 December.

Laura asked about Edinburgh Leisure and when the new school will start to operate as a leisure centre.

This should be after Easter holidays. The Leisure facilities will not be available to the public during the school hours.

Laura and Neil made a point that it would be advantageous to QDCC to have a meeting with Edinburgh Leisure to understand the plans for community use. Terry to write out.

Communication

Report was circulated before the meeting

A question was asked with regards to adverts in the Spotlight magazine from community groups. Graeme commented that as far as he's aware there is no charge for the adverts however will double check.

Planning & Housing

Main issues discussed:

- i. Ferrymuir gate and how it progresses.

Public comments ended on 25 November, QDCC has time to comment by 4 December however due to QDCC elections this is not enough time to submit comments. Terry pointed out that there was a material change to the proposal and it should go back to consultation however this has been rejected. Diane took an action to request extension to January 2020, Cllr Hutchison asked to be copied in.

- ii. The telecoms pole has been approved to be sited on the Lawn. It could impact on future changes on the Lawn.

- iii. Forth Bridge experience. Muir Kay shared the Network rail "dear neighbour" letter answering questions raised by residents.

Laura commented that QDCC's consultee comments submitted to planning on the Forth Bridge Experience application were well balanced with positive and negative opinions expressed on the planning.

Heritage Trust



	<p>Continuing with the programme and the next meeting will discuss what activities to take in the upcoming year.</p> <p>Boat club</p> <p>There is a provisional cruise ship list from the pier user group. 21 cruise ships are planned for 2020. First one coming on 1 July.</p>
12. AOB	<p>Laura raised an issue of three unoccupied properties on high street and asked if anyone knew what's happening with them.</p> <p>Kirsten Heggie is a QBA is representative to QDCC however the group is very small and not many businesses want to form an association therefore there does not appear to be any information on those commercial properties.</p> <p>What can QDCC do about it, is this a remit of the council to cover business issues?</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there is a genuine concern from the community? QDCC could discuss what can be done about it if concerns are brought to the Committee's attention • QDCC could contact landlords of those vacant properties and ask about their status and if they want to engage with QDCC about support. Business issues are however not QDCC priority as there are more pressing issues the members have to focus on.
13. Questions from the floor	There were no questions from the floor.
14. Date and time of next meeting	27 January 2020