

MINUTES OF MEETING 22 FEBRUARY 2016

ATTENDEES: Keith Giblett (Chair); Terry Airlie (Depute Chair/Correspondence Secretary); Diane Job (Treasurer/Planning Convenor); Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor); David Flint (Education Convenor and Community Safety); June Jansen (Environment Convenor and Dalmeny Rep); Stuart Ridge (Rotary); Maggie Quayle (Port Edgar Yacht Club); Eileen Case (QCCC and Queensferry Churches); Eleanor Sneddon (QHT); Laura Sexton (Adviser to QDCC); Constable Walter Millar and Constable Ross Brown (Police Scotland); Councillor Norman Work; Councillor Lindsay Paterson; Councillor Alastair Shields

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the second monthly meeting of the year. He said it had been a busy month and highlighted the following key issues:

- **Ferrymuir flooding-** QDCC had had extensive email correspondence with CEC officials about this matter.
- **CEC transformation programme** – recognition that the impact of the changes would be difficult for the general public and for council officials who would be impacted by the changes. It was noted that Peter Strong would be the lead official for the new Locality Area to provide services for communities including Queensferry and District area
- **Forth Road Bridge-** now opened fully to all vehicles including HGVs

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Nicky Service and Fiona Duncan. It was noted that Alison Hobbs had tendered her resignation on behalf of Queensferry High School and QDCC thanked Alison for her valuable contribution.

Action Point: QDCC Secretary to write on behalf of QDCC to Alison Hobbs and Ross Martin to thank both of them for their valuable contribution as Community Councillors.

3. Police Report (for the month of January 2016)

Constable Walter Miller and Constable Ross Brown provided an oral presentation of the monthly Police Report for January 2016. The key points for the QDCC area were:

- 182 calls received
- No housebreakings reported in QDCC area

- 45 crimes within QDCC area and of these 23 have been solved (more than 50% solvency rate)
- 7 assaults – all solved
- No hate crime
- 1 theft which is still being investigated
- Road safety initiatives were launched at the junction of Hawes Brae/Edinburgh Road (adjacent to the RNLI Lifeboat Station) and resulted in the issuing of 5 ASBOS which are valid for a 6 month period.
- Vehicle Accidents- 2/3 (ice related) and 1 case due to drink driving
- Assault- Loan/Rosebery Avenue (non- domestic assault)
- 2 vandalism cases (Walker Drive and Springfield Lea)
- 1 case of Wasting Ambulance time (Norseman House)

The Police also reported that there had been complaints received about a white van from which the occupants had been offering to sell Memory Foam Mattresses. Their advice was that this was a potential scam and advised QDCC to put out information through the networks (Facebook/email contacts/website) warning residents against purchasing Memory Foam Mattresses or TVs through door to door or white van selling tactics.

Action Point: QDCC to issue information on QDCC Facebook and QDCC website and QDCC networks warning residents against buying Memory Foam Mattresses or TVs from a white van or door to door salespersons.

4. Minutes from last meeting (January 2016)

_The Chair sought approval from QDCC for the minutes from last month to be confirmed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposer: Diane Job

Seconded: David Flint

Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting (January 2016)

The Actions arising from the last meeting were:

- **The Chair to confirm percentage allocation of affordable housing within**

the Ferrymuir site- Actioned. There are 3 providers on the site – Bellway, Link Housing and Places for People. The percentage of affordable homes within the site is 25%.

- **Lovers Lane Stopping Up Order- Actioned.** The Secretary has written to Scottish Government Planning Appeals Department and was informed that the waiting time is 20 working days.
- **Councillors reports – Actioned.** The Secretary had written to CEO of City Edinburgh Council raising concerns about **Missing/Late Refuse Collections** and a response had been received asking QDCC to supply detailed case information about the missing/late collection issues. QDCC noted that the Secretary had submitted a follow up response explaining that QDCC were unable to provide this information because we are a voluntary organisation and don't have the capacity to collect and collate that information. seeking detailed information about this matter. QDCC had written.
- **Stopping Up Order- Actioned.** The matter is currently subject to the SG planning appeals process and any enquiries should be addressed to Scottish Government Planning Appeals.

5. Chairs Report

Circulated.

The Chair reported that he had taken the opportunity at the EACC meeting to provide a short overview to Group Members of the **Queensferry Placemaking Exercise** which had been positively received.

The Chair also reported that he had been invited to meet with Peter Wilson of Forth Ports. CEC had confirmed recently that the **Hawes Toilets** would remain open in the short term.

Walker Drive Residents Association – QDCC noted that CEC environmental wardens had arranged for the shipping container to be removed and a resident and the owner of the shipping container had been subsequently fined for not having a permit as a result of the incident. The resident is also likely to be issued with a bill for damage to kerb edging. There had been a risk to public health during the 10 day period of 36 gallons of PVA glue being stored in that container. QDCC wished to convey their thanks to the CEC environmental team for their assistance with this matter. The ongoing situation of abandoned trailers was raised and would require the support and assistance of Police Scotland working in partnership with CEC environment officials.

7. Councillors Reports

Reports circulated

8. Treasurers Report

Report circulated

9. Correspondence Secretary Report

Report circulated.

The Correspondence Secretary reported that QDCC had received a request for a meeting with Chris Waite of AMEY.

Topics for Discussion

10. Waste Collection

QDCC discussed concerns about missing/late waste collections and it was noted that there was a large volume of correspondence between CEC and QDCC in relation to complaints about this matter. The 3 Almond Ward Councillors had also received a large volume of representations from constituents raising concerns and complaints about this matter. The response from CEC has been unsatisfactory and the standard of service has deteriorated further and complaints are continuing to increase.

Action Point: It was agreed that a Joint letter would be sent to CEC Environment Convenor and relevant officials at City of Edinburgh Council to highlight the issues and seek a response that confirms the actions that CEC will take immediately to restore the level of Refuse Collections to the high standards expected by residents and council tax payers.

Ferry Muir Flooding

QDCC noted that the flooding had ferrymuir had been ongoing for more than 4 years and during that time QDCC had been pressing for a resolution with CEC environmental/roads team. The Chair explained that Henry Coyle, Neighbourhood Partnership Manager Almond, CEC had contacted him earlier that day and confirmed that an investigation had revealed that the drain was choked/blocked and work would be done to unblock the drain by the following week. The Chair added that the wider issue that he wanted to raise, however, was about the complaints process and the unreasonable delay in the investigation of a local priority identified by QDCC as an issue that should be investigated promptly. QDCC agreed with the Chair's suggestion that a priority list should be flagged up to, and agreed, with CEC to ensure that issues requiring attention should be investigated quickly as a matter of priority.

Action: QDCC to discuss with CEC (Henry Coyle/Peter Strong) who a priorities

list/timetable for issues requiring investigation and action.

11. Sub Committees

Transport

Report Circulated and proposed actions noted and agreed

Planning

Report circulated and proposed actions noted and agreed.

Queensferry Care in the Community

QDCC members noted that a public meeting was due to be held in Rosebery Hall on Tuesday 23 February 2016 to hear the presentation from Men In Sheds and proposals for setting up a similar facility in Queensferry.

Rotary

QDCC members noted the following:

- Older People's concert to be held at the end of March 2016
- The abseil will be held on 26 June 2016
- Riding for Disabled is looking for volunteers to help with the Abseil.
- Manhole cover at junction of Rosebery Avenue/Kirkliston road was missing.

Action Point: Roads Team to be notified about the problem with the manhole cover at junction of Rosebery Avenue/Kirkliston Road.

Queensferry Heritage Trust

QDCC members noted :

- Open Day: 9 April in Roseberry Hall
- QHT are currently contacting all voluntary organisations in the local area to invite them to participate with the event
- They are hopeful that around 20 voluntary organisations will be present on the day
- Jim Connor (CEC) to be invited to exhibit on behalf of CEC Almond Partnership
- A notice will be placed in Journal and Gazette to publicise the event asking

organisations to notify QHT if they are interested in taking part.

- Poster to be circulated for distribution through QDCC Facebook and Website.

Action: QHT event on 9 April 2016 to be publicised through QDCC Facebook and website

Yacht Club

QDCC members noted:

- Yacht Club intend to seek approval from the membership to move to the new hub in 2017.

Education/Community Safety

QDCC members noted:

- **Rosebery Hall:** Planning Objection expected to be lodged by Community Centre to Camlyn Lamb planning application.

Environment

QDCC members noted there was a problem with water along the cycle path under the Forth Rail Bridge.

AOB

Ferry Glen

QDCC members noted that engineers were due to examine the slippage at Ferry Glen shortly. Council funding would require to be allocated to have the work carried out.

Action Point: QDCC to request an updated report from Neil Finlay, Friends of Ferry Glen on the situation.

Craigie's Environmental Project

QDCC members noted the benefits of Craigie's environmental project. Further information on the project can be accessed at the following link

<http://www.craigiesproject.org.uk/about-us/> HYPERLINK

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Craigie utilise an area of land in West Edinburgh as allotments and a community garden to support and encourage the growing of food locally, to educate primarily young people from all sections of society about food production and the environment, to

conserve local fruit and vegetable production and to have a positive impact on the environment.

It will promote health and well-being and an active lifestyle through gardening and other outdoor pursuits and promote the benefits of growing and eating seasonal, nutritious, affordable food.

Craigie provide and promote volunteering opportunities in the community, encouraging outdoor and healthy activities as well as social interaction, community involvement and cohesion.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 21 MARCH 2016: 7:30PM