



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS 1986 – 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2017

ATTENDEES: Keith Giblett (Chair), Diane Job (Treasurer/Planning Convenor), Councillor Norman Work, Laura Sexton (Advisor to Community Council), David Flint (Education Convenor and Community Safety), Bruce Whitehead (local resident and CEC election candidate), Jennifer Garner (Minute Secretary), Eleonor Sneddon (Queensferry Heritage Trust) Grant Sangster (Transport Convenor), Graeme McKinley (local resident and Social Media site administrator), June Jansen (Environment Convenor), Anne Mitchell (QHS Parent Council), PC Douds (Community Policing) PC Julian Peukert (Police Scotland) Peter Strong (North West Localities Manager), Sunil Varu (Manager Queensferry Ambition) Councillor Alastair Shields, Neil McKinlay (South Queensferry Rotary Club) (part meeting only) and member of the public

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the guest speakers, Peter Strong CEC West Localities Manager and Sunil Varu QA Project Manager

2. Apologies

Terry Airlie (Vice Chair and Secretary), Maggie Quayle (PEYC) Councillor Lindsay Paterson, Fiona Duncan (QBC), Nicky Service (Scotstoun Residents Association)

3. Police Report for January

There had been some house break-ins, 2 shopliftings reported, lead stolen from Bellway Homes Ferrymuir development, some vandalism and anti-social behavior, 2 cases of dangerous driving – one on the Road Bridge and one other. The police were still actively pursuing drivers who ignored the 20mph speed limit. It was suggested that flashing speed signs might deter speeding drivers and could money for these signs be provided by the developers of all the new housing estates? There was also much discussion on the increased amount of speeding, car thefts and anti-social behaviour in South Queensferry – particularly at the weekends. The Chair wondered if QDCC could help by encouraging people to report vandalism and anti-social behavior. Discussions also covered the responsibility of parents and school in tackling these problems.

A resident attended who resides on the Varney Estate had had her car vandalised asked Police Scotland for reassurance that everything possible was being done to find and arrest those carrying out the crimes.

Previously QDCC and Councilor Work had asked that CCTV be installed at the Hawes Promenade location to assist with fighting the car crime and anti-social behavior issues. Mr Peter Strong advised that CCTV would not be installed due to the garter demands for CCTV in other locations in Edinburgh. The Chair advised that this decision was not acceptable to QDCC and should be reviewed.

The Chair thanked PC Douds and PC Peukert for their report.

The Police Report was discussed again later in the meeting.

Constable Douds was asked about readily available information on how to report crime. He agreed to produce some guidance which could be put on Facebook/Web page.

ACTION: Constable Douds

It was agreed that Neil, David and Anne contact Constable Douds to get more information and that Anne speaks to the Parent Council at the High School about the problems with anti-social behavior.

ACTION: Neil, David and Anne

It was also agreed that QDCC Chairman would write to Chief Inspector Jones to express our concerns and seeking additional police support in an effort to combat the crime and anti social behavior

David Flint Safety Forum representative would raise the problems at the next Safety Forum meeting. **ACTION: David Flint to raise concerns at pending meeting**

Eleonor said that her daughter in Aberdeenshire is involved in a group who go out in Aberdeen to talk to young people – asking where they are going, what they are doing, do their parents know where they are, etc. This has proved very successful in reducing anti-social behavior.

ACTION: Eleanor to obtain more details and report back at next meeting.

4 Update on CEC Transformation – Peter Strong, North West Localities Manager

Queensferry High Street – work on this had been signed off and the procurement procedure started. It was hoped this work would start in the autumn. QDCC felt it was important that local residents, QA and local businesses be allowed an input.

Burnshot Bridge – Awaiting report from consultants. The bridge was not safe for traffic to go over it but it was safe for traffic to go underneath it.

Street lighting – in some areas the work had been completed but was still ongoing in others.

Land slippage in Ferry Glen – Neil McKinley asked about this. Discussion on what to do to repair the damage had been ongoing for about four years. Peter Strong said he would look into this matter and report back to Neil/Chair.

Transformation

There had been consultations with the public to obtain their views on what their priorities were for:-

Health and Social Care; Employment, Training and Further Education; Children, Young People and Families; Community Safety

Team leaders and officials would now sit down and look at the response to the survey and decide on a course of action. This would involve service providers, stakeholders and various agencies. It was hoped that the final Transformation Plan would go before the Scottish Government by October.

Transport – There were no plans to improve the bus service to Queensferry. However, the World Heritage Group were anxious to get a better service once the Heritage Site was up and running.

Burgh Chambers – a question was raised on the staffing levels at the Burgh Chambers. Peter Strong said he would look into this.

QDCC sought assurances that the Development Gain funds as described in LDP2 and the Placemaking outcomes would be sought accordingly from the developers as there appears to be shortfalls in the Action Programme adopted by CEC in December 2016.

Action: Chairman to email Peter Strong copy of the action programme seeking clarification.

The Chair thanked Peter for his update.

5. Queensferry Ambition Mr. Sunil Varu

Mr Varu had taken over from Maggie Mitchell. The five year BID (Business Improvement District) renewal is due to end of July. There are between 160-180 businesses in Queensferry and account would have to be taken of what they were saying.

QA were measuring the footfall between the Hawes Pier and the library.

The Signage project had not progressed

Had had a meeting with Scottish Heritage Fund to put SQ on the map.

QA were in discussions with Neil McKinley and are hoping to enhance floral displays around the town.

It was pointed out that South Queensferry was the first Fair Trade Royal Burgh in Scotland. The Fair Trade Group has been trying to get a sign to this effect for many years without success.

ACTION: Councilor Work and QA to investigate if this can be progressed and report back.

The Chair thanked Sunil for his input.

6. Minutes of last Meeting

Proposed – Eleanor Sneddon. Seconded -David Flint

7, Matters Arising

Actions carried forward from February minutes:

Housing/LDP2 Catchment: Cllr Work referred to CEC Resources Committee paper indicating increase in numbers. Accurate figures to be supplied by Cllr Work. Report to be circulated by Cllr Work – **ACTION ONGOING with Cllr Work**

Street Naming (non-residential tracks): Cllr Work expecting feedback this week - **ACTION ONGOING with Cllr Work**

ACTION: Planning SC to consider inviting Kevin Lang/Alex Cole-Hamilton to QDCC to discuss further. Due to time constraints and the amount of work in responding to the LDP2 planning applications this item hasn't been progressed.

Burnshot Flyover – an email document from Tom Dougall updating members on the plans for repairs had been received by the Chair and circulated to members.

ACTION: The transport Convener will ask for an update from Mr Dougall prior to the monthly meeting.

Litter Bins Stoneyflatts residents: dog waste bins – wider discussion on ownership/maintenance. The Chair had contacted Mr Murray Black CEC Waste Manager who had provided information.

8. Councillors' Reports

Councillor Shields – Circulated: There was an amendment to this report. The remedial work at the High School would not start until 3rd March.

Councillor Paterson – Circulated

Councillor Work – Circulated

10. Chairs Report

The report has been circulated.

11. **Transport Report** – Circulated. Edinburgh Airport is willing to attend a meeting of QDCC to explain the rationale for choosing the preferred route. It was also felt that a drop-in session for the public would be helpful.

12. **Treasurer's Report** – Circulated. CleanFerry are looking for funding to buy goggles, high-viz jackets and gloves. QDCC agreed to make a donation of £100 towards these costs. QDCC had also been asked if they would again provide prize money for the floats for this year's Ferry Fair. It was agreed to give £100.

13. **AOCB**
Clydesdale Bank Closure: Mr. Bruce Whitehead asked if QDCC intended to make representations to the Clydesdale Bank about the pending closure or hold a public meeting to discuss same as there had been no local consultation about the closure. QDCC position is that local banking can be handled at the Post Office where you can still bank with the Clydesdale and that we had no plans to hold a public meeting.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**
Monday, 27th March 2017. Guest Speaker Craig Bowman of Network Rail. The venue will be confirmed.