



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP IN FEBRUARY 2025. **Here's why you should be involved...** The Scottish Government gives your neighbourhood the opportunity to be heard on all local and city issues, by way of your Community Council. QDCC is your calling card to City Chambers and your 'right of way' to the City Council.

QDCC believes it has never been as critical as it is now for Queensferry to have strong representation in the form of a community council. Elected members of the Community Council will increase at this election from the current 9 to 12 members along with 6 nominated members from local interest groups.

## What's the role and purpose of a Community Council?

They are local, voluntary organisations made up of members of the community who act on behalf of people in the local area.

Community councils are the most local tier of the statutory representation structure in Scotland and act as an important bridge between communities and local government. They contribute views and opinions and help to express the needs and challenges of the local area, playing a valuable role in local democracy and positive engagement with communities.

As well as representing the community to the local authority, community councils facilitate a wide range of activities which promote the well-being of their communities. They bring local people together to help make things happen, and many community councils protect and promote the identity of their community. They advise, petition, influence and advocate numerous causes and cases of concern on behalf of local communities. Here are some examples of their work from across the country:

- carry out projects to enhance their community
- Help facilitate support for all types of residents such as families, young people, ASN, minority groups, elderly, etc.
- conduct local surveys
- campaign on local issues

**For more information see:**

<https://www.communitycouncils.scot/what-is-a-community-council>

## The Role of a Community Councillor

Being a community councillor means you have shared responsibility for the success of the Community Council, even if you are not an office bearer. You must commit to the role and uphold the standards and values of the Community Council. All members should contribute to discussions and decisions concerning the work of the Community Council.

Every four or five years (dependent on local elections) people who are interested in improving their communities are elected as Community Councillors to represent that community's views and work with others to improve their area. To be a Community Councillor you must be **over 16 years of age, live in and be registered on the Electoral Register for the community council's boundary.**

**On behalf of our community, QDCC is currently involved in the projects and activities noted:**

- High Street improvements
- Liner visits – a yearly commitment
- Education Asset review
- Producing a Place Plan
- Cala Community Chest
- Keeping the Museum Open
- Hawes Toilet Improvements
- Communications

...and the day-to-day work...

- Engaging with City OF Edinburgh Council on Planning, Transport, Education, Policing, Environment, Health and Wellbeing, Active Travel, Tourism, local economy.
- Supporting the community e.g. Ferry Elves, Christmas in Queensferry, schools, youth work.
- Liaising with CruiseForth, Forth Bridges World Heritage Management Group, the housing developers, local police on issues such as anti-social driving behaviours.

.....are a few examples of the regular work of QDCC.

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<https://www.facebook.com/queensferry>

