

Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairman's report for monthly business meeting being held on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm in the QDCC meeting room.

In my capacity as Chair I have attended the following meetings and events representing QDCC;

- On Sunday 4th March I worked with Historic Environmental Scotland Officers, QHT, QHG and the Briggers to have a UNESCO World Heritage Plaque placed at the Boathouse Steps. Mr Ian Heigh Network Rail Senior Project Manager and Ferry Fair Queen Niamh unveiled the plaque. Whilst the weather wasn't ideal the cold and wet conditions didn't prevent the unveiling from going ahead. QDCC, Local interest groups, Ward Councillors, local schools and North Queensferry representatives were all invited and attended.
- On the evening of 7th March the first meeting was held to discuss the High Street improvement works. A topographical study is presently being undertaken and the next meeting will be held when the topographical report is available. Communications was one of the topics discussed and the PM Gillian Smith of Ironside Farrer will provide regular updates about progress.
- I facilitated a QDCC meeting on 13th March to discuss painting and decorating of the QDCC offices following the minor flooding and damage to the ceilings in February. An insurance claim for the repairs has been raised.
- On Saturday 17th March along with Graeme and David we held the first public consolation event from 10 – 12.30pm for the Ferrymuir Community Facility. I'm pleased to report that representatives from three groups attended and a Scottish Water manager who was seeking clarification about water and sewer capacities usage for the proposed facility. The official was looking for information about the likely facility and there are no issues pending.
- On the evening of 19th March along with other QDCC councillors I attended a presentation being given by the Head Teacher Mr John Wood about the new QHS. I found it a very interesting presentation and the information provided was invaluable about the challenges in delivering education in the 21st century.
- On the morning of the 22nd March along with Graeme I attended a Forth Cruise Forum, Mr Peter Wilson, held in the Rosebery Hall about 2018 Cruise Liner visits. Twenty five liners, three overnight with 71,000 visitors arriving in Queensferry. Eight local business, a leisure facility provider, the local Registrar and North Queensferry Heritage Trust and Queensferry History Group representatives attended. There is outstanding business that should be perused with CEC being; to develop a Cruise Liner business plan, funding opportunities, the museum being open on liner visit days, the use of the Council offices vacated by QA.

On behalf of QDCC this month I have written and responded to CEC officials, CEC Councillors, Transport Scotland, Historic Environmental Scotland and a number of local residents on various community related matters.

Keith Giblett 25th March 2018