

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for March 2018

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – No news from TS or FCBC this month. However Kevin had a query from a resident asking for reassurance that access to the field between the new bridge and Springfield will remain available following planting in the area. QDCC couldn't provide any insight to the situation. We continue to hear observations of non-permitted traffic using the Forth Road Bridge and other slip roads.
- 2. Forth Bridges Forum** – See Keith's separate report for coverage of unveiling the UNESCO commemorative plaque at the Boathouse steps.
- 3. Pedestrian Crossings** – As a survey at Ferry Muir Road has shown traffic, pedestrian and environmental counts meet CEC's threshold for a pedestrian crossing aid, this joins The Loan as areas where investment can be expected, or pressed for, over the next few years. A similar count on Bo'ness Road around Echline Primary School gave results that fell below CEC's threshold for providing a permanent crossing aid.
- 4. High Street Resurfacing** – A group of interested parties (CEC officials, High Street representatives and QDCC) met on 7th March to discuss the proposals for resurfacing the High Street. See Keith's separate report for details. The draft timeline suggests an initial design will be formed and costed during Summer 2018, with procurement negotiations being complete by the end of 2018. Resurfacing activity would take place over a 36 week period during 2019.
- 5. Public Transport** – Norman received a response from CEC officials regarding making the new bus stops in Ferrymuir near the offices and new houses at Lochinvar Gardens more formal, and indicating the parking restriction. The pole has now been replaced by JC Decaux, and they expect Lothian Buses to attend to the flag shortly. Parking restrictions will be included in the next phase of marking proposals, which is due for contract issue soon. Note flag numbers along the X43 route have not yet been updated following the service change last month. No-one from CEC has been back in touch regarding re-tendering the 63 route. Once the contract expires later in 2018 it is assumed this will continue to be funded on a monthly basis with the incumbent operator, but greater commitment would be useful. On trains, the windscreen visibility issue on new class 385 (EGIP) stock hasn't yet been resolved, which has potential for leading to carriage shortfalls on the Fife Circle, because cascades from EGIP were expected to be brought into service here during 2018.
- 6. Burnshot Bridge** – No news this month, although it isn't clear yet exactly how much of an effect the minor redesign for cyclists will have on the overall programme timescales.

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