

Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairs report for the April '18 Business meeting being held on Monday 23rd April in the QDCC Meeting Room at 7.30pm

Local Development Plans 27th March

Along with Grant and Graeme I attended a meeting in Blackhall Library for Ward Councillors and Community Councillors about the next phase of the Development plans (LDP3). The purpose of the meeting was exchange ideas about how to formulate a plan prior to rolling out the consultation and align expectations.

Unveiling of Forth Bridge UNESCO Plaque in North Queensferry 18th April

QDCC were invited to the Unveiling of a second FB UNESCO Inscription Plaque in North Queensferry. Along with David and Diane I attended on the morning of the 18th April to witness the plaque being unveiled by Ian Mitchell Chair of NQCC and a young person from North Queensferry who is working with Fife Council under the modern apprentice scheme.

High Street Improvements Consultation 18th April 3 – 8pm Registrar Office

I attended the High Street Improvements consultation meeting and viewed the display boards. During my time there approximately 2 hours I spoke with a number of residents and answered questions about the proposal. There was good attendance during my presence.

I note that the High Street Improvements got front page coverage in last week's Journal & Gazette and Councillor Lang is quoted as saying "that a commitment to making progress was given after Councillor Lang complained about delays at a full council Meeting in October" For the record there was never any doubt about this aspect as QDCC had made numerous representations to CEC. The hold-up was appointing a Project Manager and was as much about the procurement of services. The commitment had been given by Councillor Lesley Hinds Transport convenor of the previous administration prior to the local government elections in May 2017. Aside from the politicking QDCC was the instigator of this work in 2008 and has worked hard to ensure the work has been retained in the CEC budget. I think it would have been reasonable to expect Councillor Lang to have acknowledged this.

Correspondence

I have been correspondence about the High St Improvements with the PM Ironside Farrer and Dave Sinclair, Morrison's Construction seeking a meeting with QDCC representatives about the new QHS build which commences on 30th April '18 and repairs to the QDCCC and QHG offices. Graeme and I continue to lobby and encourage the local business about forming a representative business body.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 21st April 18.