

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for May 2018

1. **Forth Replacement Crossing** – Following the demise of the Community Forum meetings, we've had some communication from Amey indicating their willingness to meet reps from QDCC on an informal basis. This should ensure we maintain awareness of activities on both road bridges and the associated trunk road network. We'll try to set up a meeting sometime in mid to late June.
2. **Comments from Public** – We haven't been back in touch with the Rosshill Terrace Resident Association reps as we're awaiting a summary from Kevin on the activities already carried out. However publication of a wider-ranging report on this area by CEC (originally scheduled for May 2018) was postponed by a couple of months. We've been contacted by a resident seeking to establish an exclusive blue badge parking bay on The Loan for Rosebery Hall users. As with a few other correspondents they previously established a dialogue with ward councillors but had become frustrated that CEC's response wasn't in line with their expectations. In this case they seem unclear on the permissions for blue badge holders, however the situation is not helped by ambiguous road markings and roadside plates indicating loading restrictions on The Loan. Residents from Shore Road have commented that they are being affected by pollution from double deck buses which now use Shore Road to serve Port Edgar.
3. **High Street Resurfacing** – A second consultation session from Ironside Farrer is likely to take place in the afternoon/evening of 25 June. See Keith's report for further detail.
4. **Public Transport** – An update meeting has been arranged with Lothian Buses for Thursday 26 July at 7.30pm. This potentially ties in with local criticism of tour bus routes and the liner issues. Prior to this we should also try to establish the position regarding the 63 bus service, as CEC's contract period will have expired. Although it is one of Edinburgh's most expensive routes, the subsidy per passenger usually works out at less than £1 each, so it is unlikely to be cut altogether.
5. **Liner Visits** – The Tour de Forth cycle event passes through Queensferry for approximately 30 minutes around 9am on Sunday 3 June. Their original plan was to use the Hawes area and High Street, but it would clash with arrival of liner passengers on that morning. The cycle event will be re-routed onto Station Road and Stewart Terrace. We received copies of the proposed one-way system which would operate along the High Street under a TTRO on liner visit days in August when the funfair consumes space on the Hawes esplanade. This coincides with Ferry Fair week, and is required because all liner coaches will need to use the High Street. It's a similar arrangement to previous years, which isn't perfect but seems a reasonable compromise. Diane had some comments on the exact timings as the High Street may be closed altogether for part of the proposed one-way period due to Ferry Fair events. Graeme has been closely monitoring arrangements for welcoming liner passengers ashore – see his separate report for details. A little unusually, we've received some correspondence from a nearby resident who strongly supports the idea of liner visits and holding events in the Hawes area.

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