QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Transport Report for Council Meeting on Monday 28 January 2013

1. Correspondence with City of Edinburgh Council

- **a.** Bus stop infrastructure has been discussed, especially relating to plans for the new pedestrian crossing at Hopetoun Crossroads, unsafe poles and timetable accuracy
- **b.** Plans to introduce parking restrictions around junctions on The Loan and Kirkliston Road were publicised in December

2. Road Repairs, Closures and Events

- **a.** Closure of Burnshot Bridge was necessary to allow joint repairs between 7 & 18 January, meaning diversions for some residents. Although initially advertised for 3 week duration, fortunately work finished ahead of schedule
- **b.** The High Street was closed briefly for emergency resurfacing on 18 January following failure of cobbles at its junction with The Loan. Unlike the random patches at the Ferry Tap, the tar repair appears sympathetic to the surroundings. However several sections of the High Street are likely to require attention in the near future, especially if wet and frosty weather continues. Data from Transport Scotland's traffic counters suggests traffic levels have remained steady for several years
- **c.** The Christmas in Queensferry event brought parking difficulties to the west side of Queensferry and Station Road, although space was available on the east side
- **d.** The Loony Dook event brought congestion to many streets for a few hours due to badly parked cars, although space was available in most satellite car parks. An increased number of spectators may have resulted from the relatively late start time. On 1 January 2014, the tide pattern is similar but occurs about 2½ hours earlier
- e. Liner visit dates for 2013 have been announced. There are 22 in total but none between 4-10 August (probably Ferry Fair Week)
- 3. Forth Replacement Crossing On 28 November, along with Terry I attended the Community Forum (South) to hear of FRC developments. Public meetings for work on the Queensferry Gyratory are scheduled for 30 & 31 January in the Contact & Education Centre. There was also some discussion about July's flooding in Springfield, vehicle movements, vibration, pothole patching on Society Rd, ancient settlement and cleaning of Builyeon Rd

4. Public Transport

- a. First are changing their 43 bus timetable from 4 February. Early morning and late evening journeys from/to Linlithgow are replaced with occasional journeys from/to Dechmont via Kirkliston and Winchburgh. From Queensfery towards Edinburgh, the Mon-Fri afternoon frequency drops to every 20 mins from the present 15 mins
- **b.** Horsburgh are changing their 7 bus timetable from 18 February but Queensferry journeys are unaffected
- c. ScotRail's fares from Dalmeny Station were increased from 2 January
- 5. Agilent Development and Parking at Dalmeny Station Difficulties continue to be reported with overflow parking from Dalmeny Station and the nearby offices. As several years of discussions with both CEC and nearby site developers have proved fruitless, QDCC are drafting a petition using CEC's new process to gauge the strength of local feeling surrounding this matter

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