

Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairman's report for the QDCC November business meeting being held on 26th November 2018 in the QDCC Basement Office 52a High St Queensferry.

EACC Meeting

As reported by the Secretary I attended the EACC meeting held on 25th October with the Community Council Liaison Officer to learn about the plans for reviewing the CC Scheme and code of conduct.

Localities Network Meeting

Along with David I attended a Locality Network Meeting at the Drumbrae Hub on 31st Oct. the main topic discussed was the pending fireworks events and the prevention planning being put in place by the Police, Fire services and CEC and Wardens. Attendance was poor with only Queensferry and Cramond represented.

Armistice Sunday

I am grateful to Neil for representing QDCC in laying the wreath at the War Memorial on Sunday 11th Nov. I understand that there was a very good turnout on the day and that the community of Queensferry was well represented.

Public Transport Meeting

As reported by Grant I facilitated a meeting at the request of council Transport Officers with QDCC, CBCC and KCC to discuss public transport challenges. This came about following my representations to the Transport & Environment Committee on the Public Transport Priority Plan papers. It's apparent that there is little "joined up thinking" with the transport officers across the authority dealing with LDP2, public transport and the projects outlined in the papers approved by committee. The Chairs of QDCC, CBCC & KCC have asked that West Edinburgh Roads & Transport be an agenda item at the Partnership meeting to be held on 3rd December '18.

Forth Bridges World Heritage Meeting

I attended a quarterly FBWH meeting on the afternoon of the 13th Nov '18 held in the Contact & Education Centre. Attached is the agenda for the meeting and approved minutes from the previous meeting.

QDCC Extra-ordinary meeting

I called and chaired an extra-ordinary meeting of QDCC to discuss the Community Facility Project on Monday 19th Nov '18. I sought approval of the proposals being brought forward by the Community Facility Sub-group. A minute of the meeting will be issued following discussions and conclusions with stakeholders groups.

Joint Meeting with QDCC, TS & CEC

Following on from the Forth Bridges Forum meeting held in July when local representatives raised their concerns about transport problems in Queensferry I responded with an email to Scott Lees TS summarising the concerns raised. My email sought a joint meeting with TS and CEC in the presence of QDCC to discuss these concerns.

The topic was raised and discussed with Paul Lawrence & Peter Strong when we last met to discuss local business. A tacit agreement was given to meet with TS. It has taken the time elapsed to present day to get a meeting organised and several emails to CEC Officers. I believe this lack of commitment to QDCC in organising meetings and giving commitment to deal with our concerns is disingenuous.

My time and focus in the last month has been working on the Community facility business and Christmas in Queensferry plans for the pending switching on of the lights event on Thursday 29th Nov '18 from 5.45 – 7.00pm.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 26th Nov 2018.