

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for November 2018

- 1. Traffic Survey** – Arup requested a bit more time to organise their data for traffic flow across Queensferry and Kirkliston, tracking movements of vehicles for a period in June 2018. They are now due to present more findings at a meeting on Tuesday/Wednesday 27/28 November. There was some interest in the project expressed from Dalmeny Station Residents Association, but this was mainly with regard to specific data from the traffic counter near their own street rather than overall patterns affecting the larger area. It appears CEC are separately progressing a speed table project for Rosshill Terrace and have engaged directly with DSRA for siting advice.
- 2. High Street Resurfacing** – Ironside Farrer distributed a report on the outcomes from their public engagement session held in September at Orocco Pier. There was some support from the public for allowing traffic flow in one way only, which might also offer the possibility of traffic lights at the bottom of The Loan. This could be attractive if a pedestrian phase was included. The findings have now been submitted to CEC for review amongst a number of stakeholding departments (such as waste collection, parking and active travel). The final design proposal is expected to be available early in 2019 and the intention is to hold another public engagement session to present the review outcomes.
- 3. Parking at Burdock Road** – CEC have drafted a proposal for parking restrictions on Burdock Road and introduction of a one way arrangement within the car park at Dalmeny Station. This proposal goes further than the initial plan put forward when build-outs were introduced a few years ago. Restrictions would extend into Ashburnham Loan and perhaps Station Road if a risk of displacement exists here too. There is no intention to introduce further restrictions on Rosshill Terrace beyond the existing plan to extend yellow lines around the junction with Forth Place by a few metres. Areas intended as station parking facilities which are being routinely occupied by residents will be denoted by new signs (but these probably won't be enforceable). Meanwhile although there is little evidence of the disabled bays being abused, an enforcement order to restrict these to blue badge holders only may be promoted at the same time.
- 4. Public Transport** – Along with Keith, Diane and reps from KCC and C&BCC I attended a joint meeting with CEC regarding some of the challenges faced by bus and train users across the Almond and Pentland wards. A few ideas will be investigated by CEC such as extending the 63 bus route to Balerno. While the dialogue can help understanding, some of the issues may turn out to be quite difficult to resolve. There could be a danger of compromising existing services to operate some which are less justifiable on the grounds of social need. Lothian Buses have released their Christmas and New Year timetables. CEC's financial support for services at this time of year (allocated to Kirkliston and Queensferry only) was withdrawn in 2015 and Diageo no longer sponsor Lothian's Hogmanay routes. There will be no Christmas Day buses in Queensferry, however the 43 bus will operate on a commercial basis hourly on Boxing Day and every 15 minutes during the morning and early afternoon of 1 January to accommodate Loony Dook spectators. The overnight Hogmanay service H43 will run this year but subject to a £5 fare rather than being free.

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