

## QUEENSFERRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

26 NOVEMBER 2018

### CEC UPDATE

#### Meeting with Transport Scotland

I've contacted Scott Lees at Transport Scotland, and have been given the following times they'd be available to meet

- Monday 10 December between 10-1pm
- Thursday 13 December between 10-4pm.

I'd anticipate a 2 hour meeting, so when within these times would suit QDCC?

#### Planning/Placemaking

At our meeting in September we agreed that I would take forward discussion with Planning colleagues to consider how best to involve QDCC (and other community councils) in discussions around major developments and the LDP Action Programme.

In terms of individual planning applications for new developments, Planning's preferred approach is that community councils should have informal discussions with the relevant Planning case officer in advance of any reports going to Planning Committee – as I understand it, this is the approach that QDCC have adopted to date, but if you have any particular issues you want to raise then David Leslie would be happy to discuss these with you.

In respect of the LDP, QDCC and other community councils have been represented at a series of briefings organised by Ben Wilson and other colleagues on Planning legislation, the LDP and other associated Council strategies over the past 18 months, most recently in September on the City Plan 2013. Feedback on the briefings has been positive with community councillors welcoming the clarity provided and opportunity to engage directly with Planning staff. I appreciate QDCC's desire for specific local briefings, but unfortunately it is not possible to offer this level of commitment given the staff resource available and other pressures on officers' time. A report on the LDP Action Programme will be going to committee in January, following which another briefing for North West community councils will be organised. Should QDCC wish to present your specific local perspective then it would of course be open to you to request a deputation to committee, as I'm aware you have done in the past.

You'll also be aware that an internal Council officers' LDP Action Programme Delivery Board has been set up to ensure, amongst other actions, that there is a robust process to monitor and deliver developers' contributions within the Action Programme. I understand that at your recent meeting with Stuart Lowrie he agreed to take away an action for discussion at a future board QDCC's request that community councils be formally involved in this process.

Finally, and more specific to South Queensferry, you'll be aware that reviewing and progressing the actions from the Queensferry Placemaking exercise is an action within the North West Locality Improvement Plan, and I hope to take this forward early in the new year.

### Queensferry High Street

The third consultation event held in September has confirmed support for traffic control, consideration for event space and a shared surface on the High Street. The September event was very well attended and despite a mix of viewpoints and some heated moments general support was received for the One Way solution and for the proposal for a shared surface.

The project designer has attended a recent meeting with internal CEC departments including Parking/ Traffic signals/ Active Travel/ Road Safety/ Traffic Orders and the Hawes Pier Liner Security team. This will inform the technical elements of the project leading in to the final design phase.

The next Steering Group meeting will be arranged soon to discuss the final design options and key milestone dates for next year:

- End of January 2019      Final Consultation Event
- May 2019                      Tender phase
- August 2019                  Suggested project start

### Hawes Pier/Liner Visits

As part of the High Street project our Designer has proposed a few options for the East exit of the Town Centre and the Hawes Pier car park area. The options are designed to increase parking provision for residents / visitors to the area, provide a safe turning facility for all traffic and create an improved layout for Liner coach collection and drop-off, as requested by QDCC at the liner visit meeting in June.

Given timescales for High Street development, Dave Sinclair will arrange a meeting with relevant Council departments and QDCC to discuss and consider interim arrangements for the 2019 liner season pending the permanent improvements.

Following a motion to September's North West Locality Committee by Councillor Lang, options for toilet provision at Hawes Pier and use of income generated from liner visits is due to be reported back to Committee in due course.

### Dalmeny Station Parking

I understand that you and adjacent community councils have had recent meetings with Stuart Lowrie to discuss a possible regional study into public transport issues, into which the issues you have raised around Dalmeny Station would feed.

In terms of local Transport team actions to improve traffic management around Dalmeny Station, the following update was given to 14 November North West Locality Committee:-

### **Traffic Calming in Rosshill Terrace, South Queensferry**

## **Completed Actions:**

Monitoring vehicle speed/driver behaviour - Speed/traffic survey completed - Analysis of the available data generally suggests that vehicle speeds are, on average, close to the 20mph speed limit near the residential properties.

Remove foliage obstructing speed limit traffic signs

Arrange Police speed checks

Additional road markings (20 mph roundels and SLOW markings) were laid at various locations in October 2017.

The Road Safety team have retrieved up to date collision data for Rosshill Terrace and found no personal injury collisions noted in the standard three year search period.

## **Outstanding actions:**

Relating to the initial enquiry and the Dalmeny Station Residents' Association Meeting of 28 June 2018

1. To improve visibility a Traffic Regulation Order will be promoted to extend the double yellow lines on both sides at the junction Forth Terrace. The Council will endeavour to promote the order in the next 3 to 6 months, due to the formal consultation and approvals process it is likely to take 12 to 18 months for the lines to be laid.
2. Monitor success of the 20mph speed limit – a city wide review is ongoing and a report will be offered to the Transport and Environment Committee in early 2019. Rosshill Terrace has been noted as an area of interest.

Note from the 20MPH Team:

The final phase of implementation concluded in March 2018 and the results of the monitoring programme will be reported to the Committee one year after this. It is possible that the Council may then decide to prioritise the introduction of additional measures where need and justification is evident. I will ensure that your comments are held on record as part of the monitoring process.

3. Considering the immediate impact of through traffic on Rosshill Terrace the NW Locality team will consider the installation of a full width speeding table at an appropriate location to manage driver behaviour. Our Area Engineer – will liaise with Lothian buses, Emergency Services and Fran Kirkwood to agree the most appropriate location.
4. The Residents Association asked if our Road Safety Manager would reconsider the installation of a Vehicle Actuated Sign (VAS) on Rosshill Terrace. Currently, the traffic volume does not meet our City Wide Council approved criteria.

5. Kirkliston and Queensferry Traffic Study – An element of the traffic study is to consider the impact of intrusive traffic in the Queensferry area including Station Road and Rosshill Terrace. The Ward Councillors and local Community Councils will be invited to discuss and consider the initial findings with the Consultant the week following the November Locality Committee.