

QDCC

Chair & Planning Convenors report for the May 2013 Business Meeting

In my capacity as Chairman I attended to the following business:

- On the morning of the 29th April I attended the announcement of the five selected names for the FRC by the Transport Minister Keith Brown.
- On the 30th April along with the Secretary I attending a meeting called by Councillor Childs to learn about how QDCC might better "influencing The City of Edinburgh Council". The headline for this meeting is that our first point of contact should always be our ward councillors who are elected to represent our points of view and take forward matters of interest and concern!
- On 1st May I attended a Partnership meeting and made members aware that Edinburgh Leisure intend to withdraw from managing the Port Edgar Sailing School despite previous assurances to the contrary. As they are a strategic partner I asked specifically if the Partnership had been privy to any discussions about this. The Convenor Councillor Work was tasked with writing to Edinburgh Leisure.
- On the afternoon of the 27th May I am attending a meeting with planning and property services officials to discuss the Hawthorn Bank former children's play area in relation to using this land for private car parking. I will report back to council accordingly.

Correspondence;

- I have been in correspondence with Council Official's about repairs to the High St.
- I have been in correspondence with Council Official's about essential repairs to the road outside 70 Somerville Gardens.
- I have been in correspondence with Mr Paul Gourlay Agilent Technologies organising our next review meeting which will be held on Tues 28th May 13.
- I was made aware of a planned emergency alarm test on the 21st May 13 from 11.30 - 13.30 by BP Oil Storage Facility Dalmeny by Inspector Cooper which was passed onto June Jansen for information.

- I have been in communication with Terry Kirchen PEYC Commodore and Colin Kier MSP regarding the pending withdrawal of services by Edinburgh Leisure running the Sailing School.
- I wish to bring to your attention the report issued following the consultation on strengthening Neighbourhood Partnerships. Copy attached.
- I wish to make you aware of the present consultation about World Heritage status for the Forth Bridge.
- I have been in correspondence with Council Officials about the planned Triathlon event which clashes with a liner visit. QDCC has been given assurances that CEC have a robust plan and that our concerns about parking of vehicles at the Hawes Promenade overnight have been resolved by bringing this to the attention of the organisers. On the subject of events planning and QDCC's longer term concerns then Councillor Paterson is raising our concerns at the next meeting of the Culture and Sport Committee being held on the 28th May 13. I have also raised this business with Natalie Hoy Neighbourhood Manager looking for solutions.
- I initiated a response to QBC's request for advice about parking at the Harbour head from Council Highways Officials as requested.

Planning Matters

Applications

Over the period there have been three applications submitted to the CEC Planning authority for: two home extensions and for building an outhouse at Dundas Farm.

Decision List

The authority granted three applications; One home extension, another for forming a driveway and the third for land use for Paintball games at Milton Farm.

Rosshill House: Planning refusal for New House 12/04489/FUL

The PSC members met with Mr & Mrs Paul Murray Smith the applicants and essentially went through the QDCC objection. The discussions centred on the representations that had been made to QDCC. QDCC pointed out that we felt the key issues that were of concern were potential flooding risk, that the development was contrary to the local plan and that a number of objections had been lodged by owner neighbours, In regards

to this QDCC stated the applicant would need to convince the planning officials that the development they propose isn't contrary to the local plan and that they should meet with those who have objected to discuss their concerns in the hope that they can be resolved.

The applicants have recently appealed the decision and QDCC has been invited to comment. I am collating information from the neighbours who advise me that their objections remain. I have been in discussions with Councillor Work about this application.

Keith Giblett

Chair Planning Convenor 26th May 2013