QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Transport Report for Council Meeting on Monday 27 May 2013

- 1. QA Meeting On Tuesday 7 May I attended Queensferry Ambition's Place Sub-Group meeting, along with other guests from CEC (their Parking Manager, West Area Environment Manager and a Senior Professional Officer). The discussions focused on parking opportunities, Binks area regeneration, banners and signage strategy. The CEC representatives pointed out that the new bridge will not have the status of a primary destination, unlike the present Forth Road Bridge. Therefore most motorway road signs will simply show 'Perth' or 'Edinburgh'
- 2. Proposed Development at Rosshill On Monday 6 May, together with Diane and Keith I attended a meeting with the owners of Rosshill House who have applied for permission to build a new house within their grounds. Road access to the new house would be shared with the existing property's private driveway
- 3. Parking at Dalmeny Station Difficulties continue with overflow parking from Dalmeny Station and the nearby offices. Survey questions which we intend to use for collecting opinions have been finalised and entered onto a free Survey Monkey account. However this only supports up to 100 responses and does not allow paper copies to be easily printed off. We'd like to take up QA's offer of using their account which provides these facilities but this still needs to be agreed. Subsequently we can arrange dates to conduct the survey and obtain approval from ScotRail. Official station usage data for Dalmeny was released in April and suggests passenger numbers have remained steady for the past few years
- **4.** Forth Road Bridge 50th Anniversary On Wednesday 8 May, along with Juliette, David, Norman and Diane I attended a meeting regarding the 50th anniversary celebrations at the Forth Road Bridge Admin Building. This involved community council representatives from Edinburgh, West Lothian and Fife. The plans are beginning to take shape and a rough timetable for the 10-day set of events has been proposed
- 5. Buses (Council Services) On Wednesday 22 May, Diane and I met Professional Officers from CEC to hear about plans for council-supported routes from 2013 onwards and the Bustracker display screens. A quality baseline agreement for new contracts should be agreed in August and quotes for the new routes received shortly afterwards. West Edinburgh routes are likely to radiate from the tram line but detailed proposals are still being formulated. Community councils are permitted close involvement in the process. 17 Bustracker displays are available for key stops in West Edinburgh, compatible with equipment being fitted to First, Lothian and Stagecoach vehicles. Parking restrictions at bus stops throughout Queensferry are planned for later this year
- **6. Buses (Commercial Services) –** We have arranged a meeting with First on 12 June to discuss a number of issues surrounding the 43/X43/X4 and 651 bus services

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