

## QDCC

### **Chair & Planning Convenors report for the June 2013 Business Meeting**

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

- Along with QDCC Councillors I attended a meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 13 called by Agilent to meet the Agilent Site developers, Cala and Wilson Homes and learn more about their proposals. QDCC brought matters to their attention; Noise, dust and nuisance complaints received from QHS and immediate residents.
- Along with members of QDCC I visited Queensferry Museum at the invitation of the History Group (QHG) to look at the impact of the loss of the Provosts Room due to QA being housed in the Council Offices building ground floor. As artefacts have been relocated into the former Provosts Room it limits the display space such that the room cannot be accessed by the general public. Also QHS can no longer work on the FRB 50 yrs anniversary and World War 1 projects preparing new display material. On behalf of QDCC I have written to Sue Bruce Chief Executive CEC asking for CEC Officials to meet and find a solution.

Correspondence;

- I have been in email correspondence with QHG about the loss of space in the Council Offices.
- I continue to be in correspondence about the condition of the High St and the work of "freshening up" the double yellow lines
- I replied to Mrs Jenni Meldrum seeking an update on the possible future uses for the former Hawthorn Bank play area.
- I have been involved in circulating publicity for the FB World Heritage consultations the first one to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June in the Orocco Pier starting at 18.00.
- I am grateful to Councillor Paterson for raising events planning concerns at the CEC Sports & Culture meeting securing a meeting with EPOGS Officials. Similarly Ms Natalie Hoy Neighbourhood Partnership Manger advises that QDCC will now be advised of events coming forward in the South Queensferry area.

- My enquiry to CEC asking for repairs to the footpath on the South side of Echline Primary School has been acknowledged. CEC advisees that the footpath is not adopted and are now requesting that Bovis Homes the former developer affect repairs. I think this is very unlikely as Bovis Homes Scotland is no longer a registered company!
- Operation West Cipher 2 South Queensferry is an initiative that aims to engage the community in challenging dog fouling. Our Environmental Wardens are receiving increasing numbers of dog fouling complaints from specific areas in South Queensferry and as a result of this we plan on deploying the West Environment Wardens team intensively in the village particularly patrolling the worst identified areas from 0730hrs to 1900hrs to target persistent offenders who are allowing their dogs to foul. Please see below brief details of what is planned for next week - Weather permitting the Environmental Wardens will be out in force; wearing high visibility clothing, patrolling on bikes, cars and on foot from Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th June.  
Signs will be erected advertising the Dish the Dirt dog fouling hotline at hotspots and community centres prior to the operation. A display promoting responsible dog ownership will be set up in South Queensferry Library on Monday 17th June. Primary School pupils will be invited to design an anti dog fouling poster. Winning design will be used in the area. Police Scotland Community Policing Team will also be involved/present. The West Community Safety Team will be offering information about council services and engaging in a walkabout on Wednesday 19th June.

## **Planning Matters**

### **Applications**

Over the period there has been one application submitted to the CEC Planning authority for forming a stone revetment at Bambougle Castle by the Earl of Rosebery.

### **Decision List**

The authority granted four applications; two home extensions, another for forming a driveway and change of use 55 The Loan.

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

QDCC lodged a submission with the Local Review Body. They initially rejected it claiming that we hadn't commented on the original application. After an exchange of emails and getting the Planning Officer involved then our submission was accepted.

I advised Mr & Mrs Paul Murray Smith of our submission by sending them a copy with a covering email.

LDP

I was contacted about a potential development of 150 homes West Springfield. It transpired that this was the LDP advising immediate residents that the site was still active as a potential development site and had advertised this fact and were seeking comments.

Keith Giblett

Chair Planning Convenor 16<sup>th</sup> June 2013