

QDCC

Chair & Planning Convenors report for the July 2013 Business Meeting

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

- On the evening of the 24th June I attended the QHS Senior Show where the students excelled themselves by providing an excellent evenings entertainment. I would like to take this opportunity to compliment the Staff and Students on their hard work not just in putting on this event but for their many achievements over the year in maintaining very high standards and excellent results.
- On the morning of the 28th June I attended the FRC Bridge Naming Ceremony for the unveiling of the name, Queensferry Crossing by the First Minister for the Cable Stay Bridge. I was interviewed by the media in my QDCC capacity. If you viewed or listened to any of the reports I hope you felt that I came over representing the Community Councils view.
- I was unable to attend the ANP Business meeting on the evening of 28th June due to other commitments. Edinburgh Leisure was present to give a justification to committee on the closure of PEYC Sailing School. The minutes are vague and give little detail. I have asked if additional information can be provided to me however my email request has not been acknowledged. Maybe our Ward Councillors can feedback to QDCC at our business meeting.
- On the 27th June along with Willie Hardie I attended the Housing Environmental Programme "Drop-in-event" and discussed potential projects within the criteria that Queensferry & Dalmeny could benefit from being;- a) Create disabled access from the Main Rd to the Glebe Dalmeny by improving/altering the pavement. 2) Include the land to the front of Echline Primary in an improvement scheme and grounds maintenance programme. 3) Upgrade the gardens on the corner of the Loan and High St.
- On Tues 2nd July I attended the monthly Forth Bridge World Heritage meeting. The main subject discussed was the recent consultation

meetings and the points made by the public. I am pleased to report that the Queensferry consultations raised matters that QDCC have been discussing with council officials for many years; signage, lack of car parking, challenges from the liner visits, Visitors Centre, High St congestion etc.

- On the evening of 8th July I chaired the extra-ordinary meeting held by QDCC to learn about the 1 yr licensing application by QA for holding markets. Whilst QDCC supports this initiative our concerns remain about safety, parking and that the licence doesn't constrain voluntary and charity groups from holding the annual events that they presently hold.
- On the late afternoon of the 9th July a meeting was held with CEC Transport officials, our Transport Convenor will likely report back on this meeting
- Agilent, Mr Paul Gourlay Facilities Director has contacted me and organised a meeting to discuss the pending detailed application for the Agilent site planned for 7.30pm on 31st July in the QDCC offices where the outcomes from the recent consultation events will be presented.
- I supported the TSC in the recent work of carrying out the car parking survey. As always it is interesting in interacting with the public and learning of their views.

Correspondence;

- I have been in email correspondence with Mr Greg Norman Economic Development about the loss of museum space in the Council Offices. His reply of the 4th July advises me that he cannot relocate the artefacts. He does remain willing to meet with me!!
- Following correspondence about the condition of the High St and the work of "freshening up" the double yellow lines has been completed.
- 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. CEC have

reviewed their position and agreed with QDCC that they would inspect and assess the condition of the footpath.

- I have been in correspondence with the West Team about grounds maintenance issues around the town.
- The Market Licence application has caused numerous email exchanges seeking information and asking what QDCC's position is, as well as Press interest.
- I have been in contact with Corus Hotels, Mr Andrew Clayton to get a commitment from Corus to carry out the annual grounds maintenance around the site.

Planning Matters

Applications

Over the period there has been five applications submitted to the CEC Planning authority for:

- Window replacement on a property at Hopetoun Rd
- Home extension
- Alteration to a building on Rosebery Estate
- Alterations at Cramond Brig Hotel
- Clydesdale Bank - relocate entrance and ATM machine

Decision List

The authority granted one applications; To remove a Holly Tree from a property at East Terrace.

Licensing regulations

The licensing regulations are under review. The Secretary will be organising a separate meeting for QDCC Councillors to discuss the regulations and get a better understanding of the changes. Councillor Work site on the licensing committee and has agreed to give a talk to QDCC.

Keith Giblett

Chair Planning Convenor 21st July 2013