## QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Transport Report for Council Meeting on Monday 22 July 2013

- 1. QA Meetings On Friday 21 June I attended QA's PLACE sub-group meeting. Discussions focussed on banners for The Loan and Hopetoun Road, progressing a signage strategy perhaps with involvement from the Forth Bridges Forum and ideas for business boards (or maybe QR codes on orientation boards) at various locations around Queensferry. On Monday 8 July along with Keith, Laura, Terry, Diane, Fiona, Ross, Alastair, Norman and Lindasay I attended a meeting with QA which had also been opened up to High Street residents. This was to discuss plans for a market in the High Street and two alternative events to replace the Forth Road Bridge 50th anniversary parade, which is expected to be scrapped
- 2. Parking at Dalmeny Station Following a huge amount of preparation, negotiation and several last-minute edits, surveys were launched for both passengers and residents on Friday 21 June. So far, 122 passengers and 97 residents have responded. The surveys remain open and details of are on QDCC's website. During the meeting with CEC (point 3 below) I indicated we would try to summarise the results around the end of July, so it would be useful if everyone made their comments within the next few days. Thanks are due to QA for use of their SurveyMonkey account, CEC for allowing access to their car park and office to distribute/collect forms and to ScotRail for their valuable advice
- 3. Meeting with CEC On Monday 8 July, along with Keith, Doug and Diane I attended a meeting with CEC Roads and Parking specialists, together with the West Team Environment Manager to discuss ongoing adoption, on- and off-street parking and FRC-related issues. Highlights are: Halcrow report nearing completion and expect to be made public by end of August; Scotstoun ownership dispute with Brodies Solicitors; Echline Primary and Springfield private paths to be inspected for safety (with view to closure rather than immediate repair); Kirkliston Rd parking restrictions dispute may be presented to TIE committee end of October 2013 if not resolved before then; Builyeon Rd resurfacing scheduled in Q1 2014 (relates to new roundabout); Society Rd pavement under discussion with Transport Scotland in July; A90 Dalmeny Access bus stops now Transport Scotland responsibility, shelters and paths to be confirmed; Hopetoun Crossroads bus stops to be considered for parking restrictions along with others in near future
- 4. Buses Despite reporting last month that First were unlikely to change the 651 to operate via St John's Hospital, this diversion was made from 16 July. The reason is unknown but bus companies are normally very reluctant to run commercial routes via hospitals or supermarkets. Horsburgh have withdrawn their evening 7 services from Queensferry towards Livingston, probably because they were council-subsidised and largely duplicated the commercial 43. I also made a list of inaccurate bus stop timetable sheets along the 43 route between Cramond Brig and St Andrew Sq which has been sent to First for their consideration

Grant Sangster Transport Sub-Committee Convenor 21 July 2013