

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Transport Report
for Council Meeting on Monday 28 October 2013

1. **Forth Replacement Crossing** – Over the next few months the A904 at Echline Corner will begin to change into a roundabout and lanes will be narrowed as work progresses. This should have the effect of slowing down traffic. As people often ask about it, I have posted some A904 traffic data on the QDCC website to illustrate the effect of opening the slip roads for J1a of the M9 and also showing the results of speed monitoring carried out in 2012 by CEC
2. **Cycle Path Upgrade** – CEC informed us of their consultation on plans to upgrade NCN route 1 in early 2014 which took place during October. This stretch in question is called Section 5. It runs next to the A90 and around the Burnshot slip road
3. **Parking Restrictions** – In the interests of safety and social inclusion for people with mobility difficulties, CEC recently introduced measures to discourage parking at bus stops across most of Queensferry. Owing to local resistance they have decided not to extend this scheme to the Dalmeny area. On a similar subject, Police Scotland are consulting on a proposal to withdraw conventional traffic warden cover, with these duties being transferred to council parking attendants who already administer routine civil parking enforcement. Police could still issue fixed penalty fines for criminal parking offences
4. **Parking at Dalmeny Station** – The report summarising the results of QDCC's survey which ran throughout July 2013 has been distributed to Almond councillors and Lothians MSPs. We are looking for an assurance that travel to the station has been considered and will be effectively managed in the future. Through their efforts, two replies from CEC have been received but unfortunately do not provide this assurance and are very defensive in tone. One entirely relies on data from the SIAS report which QDCC clearly disputed, stating that once a path from Scotstoun Avenue through the new housing estate is built, there will only be 11 cars unable to fit into the existing car park. These 11 cars will be accommodated within an "additional" 72 spaces provided by the developer. The other reply also refers to 72 parking spaces for the station and states there is no opportunity to revisit station parking levels in the current planning application. Nothing has been received from the Scottish Government regarding policy or guidance on access to Scotland's train service
5. **Christmas and New Year Buses** – CEC intend to subsidise the 43 bus service on 25-26 December and 1-2 January again this year. We have had some dialogue with CEC and First on timetables and owing to previous difficulties with running time on 26 Dec and 1 Jan, some revisions may be necessary. The Loony Dook has been responsible for extensive disruption on 1 Jan in the past and the service can't be planned until a decision on holding the event is made and details released. After an mix-up regarding passenger numbers was identified, CEC propose to fund the free N43 Hogmanay Street Party service again this year and carefully monitor its usage level in future
6. **Traffic Management and Parking Study** – Following receipt of a draft copy of the report from Halcrow last month, various comments have been fed back to CEC. It is not known if these will influence the version which becomes available to the public, as the draft was at a very advanced stage

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