

## QDCC November Business Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013

### Chairman's Report

- On 29<sup>th</sup> October I facilitated a meeting with Council Officials, QA, and members of QDCC to discuss the Halcrow Study, The key outcome from the meeting is to form a short term working party to agree a strategy which was suggested by Councillor Hinds.
- On 30<sup>th</sup> October I attended a Business Partnership meeting in the Rosebery Hall. Councillor Paterson was formally elected as Convenor of the ANP Partnership.
- On 6<sup>th</sup> November I attended the monthly World Heritage Steering group meeting. The business discussed was: Writing competition for Inverkeithing and Queensferry High School, Photo Competition and the draft submission that is now with UNESCO.
- I attended both consultation events held to present the plans for the Corus Motel site.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> November we meet with Cala Homes Mr Gavin Pope to discuss matters that had arisen from our letter lodged with planning in response to the planning application.
- On the 11<sup>th</sup> November I attended a users stakeholders meeting for the Council Building called by Econ Dev to discuss the interests of all users. Prior to this I facilitated a meeting with QHG and museums officials about the Provosts Room. I am pleased to report that the Provosts Room is to be reopened sometime in early December 13,
- In the evening I attended with Grant and Councillors a Partnership meeting requested by QDCC to discuss **Transport for Edinburgh** after the announcement by City of Edinburgh Council to form a single integrated transport company and strategy. The outcome is to set up a Partnership committee with Transport officials to specifically look at transport matters for West Edinburgh.
- On the 12<sup>th</sup> November along with Councillor Shields I was invited by QHS to judge the Speaking competition. I would like to compliment the QHS for the quality of the speakers as it made the judges job very difficult.
- On the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> Novembers along with Terry I attended North Queensferry Community Councils business meeting. We shared our experiences in dealing with many common matters of

business but more importantly our common concerns from the impact of the FB World Heritage Status.

- On 15<sup>th</sup> November I was invited by the Scottish Universities Insight Institute and attended an event "Strengthening Democracy" to learn about the Employee ownership and right to buy. Those attending were a diverse group representing many organisations. The Scottish Universities are looking to influence a change to the parliamentary bill going through the Scottish Parliament that employees have the right to buy the business they work in.
- On the evening of the 18<sup>th</sup> November I was invited to attend a meeting in the Rosebery Hall called by John Murphy to form "Queensferry Trust" which is residents and business who are interested in matters affecting the High St. I spoke about the work of QDCC and some of the towns wider such as roads network and infrastructures and the present planning applications for the Agilent and Corus site. I asked those present to lodge their views with QDCC through our website,

#### Correspondence;

I have been in correspondence with Police Scotland and West Team about the recent public consultation held in the library.

I have replied to Fire Rescue Services Scotland in response to their letter seeking QDCC's views.

I am in contact with the West Team about many outstanding highways matters and a meeting is to be held in early December.

I am in contact with Econ Dev Officials seeking a meeting to discuss an economic strategy for South Queensferry.

I have been in correspondence with a Mr David Scott who has had access to the QDCC Facebook account blocked due to his disparaging remarks about QDCC and making untrue statements.