

**QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Transport Report**  
**for Council Meeting on Monday 25 November 2013**

Highlights from the Transport Sub-Committee over the past month are listed below

1. **Traffic Management and Parking Study** – On Tuesday 29 October, along with Keith, Terry and Almond ward councillors I attended a meeting with CEC, CH2M Hill (Halcrow) and QA to discuss various points arising in the draft report from Halcrow. It is hoped that a working group can be formed to take forward some of the key recommendations identified in the study. Feedback was also given to the report authors but it is not known if edits will be made before the report is made public
2. **Forth Replacement Crossing** – The next South Community Forum takes place on 27 November. QDCC have not raised any specific points for inclusion on the agenda, but there are a couple from BRIGS regarding vehicles making turns and dust levels at Echline Corner
3. **Winter Weather Preparation** – CEC's plans for road gritting were presented at their Transport & Environment Committee in October. However the list of 'snow streets', where parking would not be permitted to enable access for gritters and buses did not include any Queensferry locations. After some correspondence with Alastair, the list will be revised to include both Scotstoun Avenue and Bo'ness Road
4. **Parking at Dalmeny Station** – We received a reply from the Minister for Local Government and Planning, stating that he can't comment on live planning matters. His recommendation is that we liaise with CEC on the parking element of the Agilent proposals, but of course we already know this avenue is closed. He says the Scottish Government has no guidelines on car parking but aims to promote sustainable access to stations and initiatives which encourage modal shift to rail where it reduces emissions and road congestion
5. **Transport for Edinburgh** – On Monday 11 November, along with Keith and Almond ward councillors I attended an ANP session devoted to outlining local implications associated with the new Transport for Edinburgh body. Although announcements at launch stated it would be responsible for delivering integrated travel on Edinburgh's tram and buses, this only applies within the Lothian Buses operating area and not to Edinburgh as a whole. One-Ticket validity on trams is not yet confirmed. There was good news for our concession card holders - along with the rest of Edinburgh their passes will be valid on the tram. We heard that combined tram and Lothian Buses operations are expected to return a profit to CEC over the next 15 years. Queensferry people may derive benefits if TfE's remit is extended to include walking and cycling.
6. **Trains and Buses** – On Wednesday 20 November, along with Kirkliston Community Council, I attended a meeting with CEC to discuss ideas for enhancements to service 63 and/or service X38. As these improvements are mostly enabled through a Section 75 payment to CEC from house developers in Kirkliston, benefits to Queensferry residents are consequential rather than the primary consideration. A parade time for the Loony Dook was announced and Christmas & New Year schedules on bus service 43 have been agreed with CEC. A substantial increase in funding was necessary this year but provision is now comparable with the rest of Edinburgh. ScotRail have advertised their new Fife-Newcraighall timetable effective from 8 December, which includes a significant increase in trains serving Dalmeny on Sundays.

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