

Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairs Report for January Business Meeting 27th Jan 2014

- I attended the FRC South Forum along with Grant on the 27th Nov 2013. A presentation was given by the Convenor of the Forth Bridges Forum to advise on the work of this committee. We discussed one of the key roles being to engage and inform with the local community!
- In my capacity as Chair and events coordinator of Christmas in Queensferry I attended the switching on of the lights on the 28th Nov 2013. The weather was kind and a good crowd attended and enjoyed the event.
- On the 5th December on behalf of QDCC I facilitated a meeting with Dave Sinclair CEC Environmental Manager, Darren Wraight Roads Engineer, Gavin Pope Land Director Cala to discuss the road layout for the Agilent development whils at the same time reviewing ongoing matters. (See attached spreadsheet update)
- I met with Natalie McKail on the 31st December 2013 to discuss partnership and community council mutual business interests and discussed giving a presentation to QDCC at the February Business Meeting.
- On the 10th January 2014 I attended the monthly business meeting of the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group. The main business discussed was the lodging of the application with UNESCO as announced on Friday.
- Along with David Flint I met with Mr John Wood and Jim Fergusson Head Teachers to discuss in more detail the QHS talk given by Jim at the November meeting on behalf of John Wood. he outcome is that I have been asked to present the work of QDCC to the Pupil Council on Friday 30th January at 10.30am.
- On 20th of January 14 along with other councillors I met with NQCC.
- On 21st January 14 I facilitated a meeting for local interest group with CEC Heritage Planner Rachel Howarth to commence an engagement process to review the Character Appraisal for the South Queensferry Conservation area. A second meeting was held on 23rd January with interested parties to discuss suitable questions for a questionnaire survey. The first outcome is a questionnaire seeking opinions and views from the community.
- On 22nd January 14 along with Diane I met with Andrew Trigger Planning Officer to discuss the pending Corus application.
- A meeting is to be held tomorrow evening with Economic Development officials to establish stronger links and working relationships with QDDCC.
- I have been invited, along with David, to attend the QHS Parent Council meeting on the evening of the 4th February to discuss the Agilent development and in particular development gains whilst developing a stronger working relationship with the council.
- I took an extended telephone call from Mr James Pitt Development Director Evans of Leeds regarding the future development of the Ferrymuir Site. The recent application was approved to effectively extend the development plan for mixed use development for housing, care home, retail/offices. The S75 agreement with QDCC for a community facility remains, however they have to renegotiate a new S75 agreement with CEC for cycleway to the FRB. He advised that potential developers are showing interest in the site. Discussions are at an early stage but he might like to present to QDCC in mid-February!

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Chair QDCC 26th Jan 2014