QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL Transport Report for Council Meeting on Monday 24 March 2014

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

- 1. Road Repairs and Parking As discussed at meetings with CEC over the past year, repairs are now being made to the High Street surface and outlying areas of Queensferry where an adoption dispute with Manor Estates has recently been resolved. The long-running dispute between CEC and frontagers over introduction of DYLs at Kirkliston Road is expected to be presented at the next available Transport & Environment committee. Some correspondence has been received regarding parked cars in Station View causing difficulties with driveway access
- 2. Forth Replacement Crossing Owing to a clash with an Almond Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on Wednesday 26 February and other commitments, nobody from QDCC was able to attend the South Community Forum. However draft minutes are available and pressing issues can be raised directly with Transport Scotland at any time
- 3. Forth Bridges Forum Presentation On Wednesday 19 March, along with Keith and Terry I attended a presentation on the Forum structure and responsibilities at the Contact & Education Centre. Most concerns being voiced by members of the public and other community councils surrounded the impact of visitors on the towns. Worries were raised regarding parking facilities on both sides of the Forth
- 4. Corus Site I have attended two meetings with EMA architects regarding the proposed layout for a development of over 100 houses on the former hotel site. As reported elsewhere, road access is of particular concern to local residents and current plans show this being taken through three points. One is Ferrymuir Gait, a second is Henry Ross Place and a third is High Russell Place. A path would emerge onto Loch Place, linking with the lane down to Loch Road, Morison gardens and Stewart Terrace. The future adoption status of Ferrymuir Gait and present status of verges next to the road on the other streets are contentious issues but Corus appear sufficiently sure of their information to submit an application which may then be challenged if anyone disagrees. CEC's Transport Department are comfortable in principle with road access being via the adopted streets alone and emergency access via Ferrymuir Gait. But it is likely that this emergency access would remain available for general traffic
- 5. **Buses** Re-tender of the 63 service is running a few weeks behind schedule and unfortunately was not available for CEC's Transport and Environment Committee in March as hoped. It is expected to be reported at the next meeting (in June), with the new service starting a few weeks after approval. This is the most likely way that a CEC-led initiative could replace the Sunday 43 service to Ferrymuir and Kirkliston. However we requested that our ward councillors bring up this subject at the March T & E meeting so that an interim solution could be found. Some correspondence has been received regarding a breakdown of a 63 bus and how this was handled by Horsburgh

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