

Chairs Report for the April 2014 QDCC Business Meeting

- On Monday 24th March I met with BRIGs representatives to discuss the Halcrow report and the Forth Bridge World Heritage Listing. BRIGs brought to my attention the matter of core pathways around the FRC that was discussed during the parliamentary bill debate. I have discussed this with Grant in his capacity as TSC Convenor.
- Hawes Toilets On 26th March I facilitated a meeting with Econ Dev officials, QDCC and QA. My email summary is noted below
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 - Was advised that CEC were holding a city wide review on the provision of Public Conveniences.
 - That Queensferry is part of that review but will be given priority.
 - That the review will be completed by the Autumn 14.
 - We discussed various options and funding streams
 - Maybe the way forward is a building that houses toilets and a tourist/visitors building
 - That QDCC and QA would meet to consolidate opinion
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 - That a progress meeting will be held prior to the summer holidays
- On 1st Apr along with Councillor Work I attended the GreenFerry, Vatrun and the Ferry Glen AGM's representing QDCC. I was asked about FBWH Listing and the likely challenges and impacts. Dog fouling was raised as an issue and was discussed at length. Norman and I spoke about this problem across the town.
- On 2nd April I attended the Forth Cruise Liners forum held in the Rosebery Hall. I met Mr Bill McMillan Port Facilities Security Manger CEC. The matter of how the Hawes Promenade is used was raised and discussed and Bill indicated his willingness to review how the car park is utilised. Nineteen liners are planned for 2014.
- On 3rd April I met with Natalie McKail, and Dave Sinclair ANP to discuss outstanding business for South Queensferry in regards to having a robust handover to Henry Coyle the new Partnership Manager.
- On the evening of the 3rd April I was invited to meet with QHG to discuss their ongoing concerns about the Museum and the fabric of the council office building.
- On the 10th April I attended the FBWH Tourist Forum held in the CEC along with Diane Brown. The meeting did not get off to a good start as it became clear that the objectives appear to be the same with the World Heritage Steering Group and could conflict with business that QA and QDCC have been and are pursuing. The lack of funding to do anything is a serious concern.
- On the evening of the 14th April I facilitated a meeting with Barry Colford, Bridgemaster FETA, Graham Porteous TS FB Forum Chair, Councillor Work and QDCC to consolidate opinion about the pending planning application for the Corus Site. Please refer to Diane's PSC report.

- On the afternoon of the 15rd April I met with Darren Wraight Highways Eng to discuss the outstanding matter of yellow lines on, The Loan and Kirkliston Road. If the single objection to the proposal can be resolved then the yellow lines might be “put down” by the end of April 14.
- On the evening of the 15th April I facilitated a meeting with, Agilent Paul Gourley and Jason XX and Cala Mr Gavin Pope Land Director. Work will commence in May on the infrastructure, the bus turning point and site set-up. The new car park for Dalmeny Station is a priority with a likely completion date for the end of the year. A programme of works will be issued.

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16th April 2014