

Chairs report for the May 2014 QDCC Business Meeting 26th May 2014

I attended the following meetings representing QDCC;

- On 13th May along with David Flint I attended QHS Parent Council meeting attended by Gillian Tee Director of Children's and Families. QDCC's supported the Parent Council and asked questions about development gain from planning applications. We also raised our concerns about all of the school catchment areas in relationship to new developments. QDCC had raised these concerns in the past with Children's and Families and felt that officials did not engage with QDCC nor answer the questions. QDCC will be contacting Mr Crawford McGee Projections and Planning in an attempt to reengage with Ms Tee's department. WE were further advised that development gain is discussed with our Ward Councillors prior to sign-off. David has circulated a summary report.
- On 14th May along with Diane brown QA I attended a FB World Heritage Meeting in the City Chambers. I have attached the previous minutes. Significant time was spent discussing funding of the management plan.
- On 23rd May along with Grant and Diane Brown I attended the second Queensferry Infrastructure Group meeting. Again significant time was spent discussing how infrastructure projects will be funded and that government and council agencies are working in silos.

Other Matters;

- Kirkliston CC raised concerns about 2 planning applications that have been lodged with CEC by the North Kirkliston developers. These applications are firstly to increase the overall numbers of new houses from 680 to 720 and secondly a proposal for 40 new homes on the piece of land immediately opposite from the David Wilson development. Our understanding is that the David Wilson homes (which are Barratt Homes' premium brand) are not selling terribly well and so the developers wish to replace their plans for 40 David Wilson homes with 80 Barratt homes. This was discussed at last night's KCC meeting where it was unanimously agreed to object to both applications.
- I have been working with QHG by encouraging them to compile a list of street names for South Queensferry new developments. I am pleased to report that s list was lodged today and thank QHG for the work they have done.
- You should have seen the correspondence about the Echline footpaths and that they are not adopted therefore CEC are not responsible for maintaining them.
- You should have received an email advising you of the Queens Baton Relay planned for Sunday 15th June commencing at 08.00 hrs from the Hawes Pier.