

QDCC Business meeting 25th August 2014
Chairmans Report

I attended the meetings noted below representing QDCC

- On 29th July I facilitated a meeting for QDCC and QA with Evans, Mr James Pitt and their agents to discuss the housing plans coming forward for the Ferrymuir Site. I think it was a positive meeting with a commitment given by Evans to QDCC to reconsider the Care Home by engaging Rydens to market and engage with potential providers, CEC and stakeholders.
- On the 5th Aug I was invited too and attended a consultation meeting about developing land around the Priory Church for a community facility.
- I was invited to and attended the Zero to Fifty Forth Road Bridge art exhibition by Kate Downie RSA which is very interesting. I would encourage you to visit as I think you will enjoy the exhibition and find it interesting.
- On 13th Aug I attended a Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group meeting. There is little progress to report.
- On the 15th Aug I attended the third meeting of the Queensferry Infrastructure meeting along with Councillor Work and Diane Brown QA. I am pleased to report that the meeting was productive in two areas by discussing plans for the High Street refurbishment which is budget for in the 2915/16 council budget and investigating how a town charrette could be funded to prepare a strategic development plan for South Queensferry.

Correspondence and other business:

- I have written to both Scottish Government Ministers for planning and transport about the potential impacts on South Queensferry from the revised LDP and World Heritage nomination for the Forth Bridge and circulated a copy of my letter. I have had my letter acknowledged but as yet do not have a reply.
- I received a letter from the Chair of Enable Mr Iain Mclean asking that QDCC support “Assisted Living” type accommodation be built on the Agilent site. I have met with Mr Mclean and explained that QDCC is the leader group and that we not only support this but are the promoters for such developments.
- I have applied for a small grant from CEC Planning of £150 towards our costs for carrying out the local consultation about the Ferrymuir development, which has been approved. I am seeking support and clerical assistance to compile a report from the comments received.
- I have been working on a QDCC diary to the year end in line with your expectations around the discussions held at our agm. I will circulate my thought tonight. I have agreed a date of the 15th Sept at 7.30pm to learn about setting up trusts.
- I have been in correspondence and discussions seeking remedial works to the Registrar and Council Office building which is looking sad and in need of some TLC. It transpires that there isn't a budget and Council Officers have been asked to carry out a survey of the building and prepare a budget.

Keith Giblett 25th Aug 2014

