

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for September 2014

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

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – A change in arrangements for the Echline Corner junction on 17 September created a flurry of observations from concerned motorists because they found the signage confusing. Along with Keith, I passed these on through the normal enquiry process and corrective action was taken within a few hours.
- 2. Forth Road Bridge 50th Anniversary Events** – A few observations relating to parking and traffic difficulties during the festival have been received. Most of these were quite predictable. Hopefully lessons have been learned for similar events in future.
- 3. Support to Planning Sub-Committee** – Considerable time has been spent analysing documents relating to CEC's LDP2 and preparing draft representations which reflect the views of the community on relevant transport matters. We have arranged for a local volunteer to provide summaries and statistical breakdown of comments received from the public at a number of public events which QDCC has attended in the recent past.
- 4. High Street Road Surface Rebuild** – On Thursday 4 September, along with Keith and Diane, I attended a meeting with the West Roads Manager and Environment Manager to discuss design ideas for rebuilding the High Street road surface within the next 24 to 36 months. Depending on cost and budget, it may also be possible to extend improvements to include sections at each end of the street. A closure of several weeks can be expected.
- 5. Almond Neighbourhood Partnership Transport Forum** – On Wednesday 3 September I chaired the latest quarterly ANP Transport Forum. Items affecting Queensferry were: Christmas and New Year bus services; Bustracker display implementation; Edinburgh Tram problems with SEStran tickets; New cycle parking at Dalmeny Station.
- 6. CEC's 20mph Speed Limit Consultation** – CEC are seeking views on their proposals to implement a 20mph speed limit in nearly all built-up areas. Traffic calming measures would be minimal, with enforcement and reminders mostly done through signage. Consultation runs until 17 October. Public support for the proposals seems very high so far. On Wednesday 24 September I met with the lollipop lady on Bo'ness Road to discuss a number of issues relating to road safety around Echline Primary School and ideas for improvement.
- 7. Network Rail Forth Bridge Experience** – On Wednesday 10 September I attended a presentation to the North Queensferry community given by Historic Scotland, Transport Scotland and Network Rail regarding Forth Bridge World Heritage status and potential for a visitor centre. Although not always a faithful guide to public opinion, the audience mood seemed to indicate reluctant acceptance of World Heritage submissions but very strong resistance to the visitor centre concept. A similar presentation is scheduled for Thursday 9 October in South Queensferry.

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