

## **QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Transport Report for October 2014**

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

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – Some further observations were received regarding the temporary road layout around Echline Corner. These have been passed on through the normal enquiry process and some improvements can be expected. Within the next fortnight, separate overnight closures on the B800 and A90 are planned to allow installation of a new bridge near Dundas Home Farm. The signed diversion routes may add time to journeys and some bus services will be diverted or cancelled.
- 2. Support to Planning Sub-Committee** – Submissions were made to CEC regarding transport aspects of the Second Proposed Local Development Plan document, which proposes changing land use around Queensferry to allow several new housing schemes. These submissions reflected public opinion that the town is not in a position to support an increased population and planned mitigations against increased travel were insufficient.
- 3. Public Transport** – Christmas and New Year bus provision is being pursued as there is a heightened risk that Queensferry is neglected this year. No trains will run on 25-26 December or 1 January. On 2 January, trains will start from around noon but may be disrupted by engineering work. One 651 bus journey towards Dunfermline was re-timed in October but the timetables on stops have not yet been updated. Dialogue has been started with SEStran with a view to arranging a meeting over the next few weeks. Topics of interest are progress on FRC initiatives identified in 2012, Forth Bridges Forum issues and evolution of One-Ticket towards a format acceptable to all operators (probably a smart card).
- 4. Crossing Bo'ness Road near Echline Primary School** – The flashing amber light units which denote a 20mph speed limit at school bell times have been repaired. Comments regarding traffic management tools following possible implementation of a general 20mph speed limit on Bo'ness Road have been fed back to CEC. Concerns were expressed that pedestrians often cross this road outside the times when the lights flash and that drivers pay little heed to existing signs or road markings.
- 5. Network Rail Forth Bridge Experience** – On Thursday 9 October I attended a presentation given by Transport Scotland and Network Rail regarding Forth Bridge World Heritage status and promotion of the Forth Bridge as a 'hands-on' tourist experience.

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