

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for November 2014

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

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – On Wednesday 19 November along with Keith, I attended the South Community Forum to receive an update on the ongoing work. Progress is in line with expectations. Traffic management around the A904/B924 junction will soon be altered again, opening up the full roundabout and the section which has been replaced at Echline Corner. No further full closures of the B800 or A90 are planned. The new bridge over the A90 is in place but will not be open for several months.
- 2. Meetings with CEC** – On Wednesday 12 November along with Keith, I met with the West Neighbourhood Manager and Environment Services Officer regarding environment improvements in Queensferry. This covers a variety of green space, buildings and road/path problems identified in an action plan drawn up last year. A significant project on the horizon is the Builyeon Road rebuild which is currently anticipated early in 2015. On Thursday 13 November, I met with the council officer responsible for 20mph speed limit consultation to discuss responses to the plans for Queensferry. The only likely significant change to the proposals is that Bo'ness Road may remain at 30mph limit, apart from the part-time 20mph limit around Echline Primary School. A report is being prepared for the January Transport Committee.
- 3. Other Meetings** – I supported meetings with the QDCC Planning sub-committee, the QA Place sub-group, the new police inspector and the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership over the past month.
- 4. Public Transport** – Christmas and New Year bus provision has not yet been announced. Stagecoach plan to issue information on arrangements for their 40/A, but we haven't been involved or consulted on any details. No trains will run on 25-26 December or 1 January. On 2 January, trains will start from around noon. A new train timetable takes effect from 14 December. Most Fife Circle journeys are at the same times as before but the Newcraighall service is significantly different. Bus stop timetables have been updated following the 651 timetable change in October. However First have announced withdrawal of the 651 route from 10 January with a partial replacement to serve Kirkliston but not Queensferry. West Lothian Council are currently investigating alternatives to plug the gap in service.
- 5. Agilent Development** – On Thursday 30 October along with Keith, I met with CALA's Land Director to discuss progress of building work on the former Agilent site. Several houses are becoming habitable including a showhouse, and the Scotstoun Avenue entrance should be opened up very soon.
- 6. Waiting Restrictions on Kirkliston Road** – On 18 November, double yellow lines were painted here. CEC will monitor the parking and driving difficulties in the area, particularly with regard to the impact on Burgess Road at school bell times.

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