

Chairs report for QDCC January Business meeting to be held 26th
January 2015 at 7.30pm in the QDCC meeting room

- On 25th November I hosted a Character Appraisal consultation meeting in the QDCC Offices attended by Rachel Howarth CEC Planning to discuss the new character appraisal document. Matters raised by members of the public were the extension proposed to the former boundary at Dalmeny Station and the inclusion of Port Edgar. Both of these concerns were noted.
- On 26th November a meeting was hosted by James Pitt, Evans Property Director in the afternoon to discuss and finalise the Care Home enquiry document. This document will be issued to prospective developers of care homes and care provision.
- In the evening a meeting was held to discuss the outline plan for the Ferrymuir site being promoted by the Evans business which was well attended by councillors. At this meeting Mr Ed Kelly advised that he had been approached by Diane Brown QA who raised concerns with him that QDCC were not seen to be supporting QA. The recent ongoing dialogue about the market licensing application was sighted as an example. A frank and open discussion about the QA/QDCC relationship followed concluding that there will times when QDCC and QA need to agree to disagree and that our views will differ on how matters affecting or impacting upon the town should be handled.
- On the evening of 27th November the Christmas Lights switch-on took place. We estimate more than a 1000 people attended.
- On the morning of the 4th Dec I attended a FB World Heritage Steering Group meeting. I learnt that the funds are in place for QA to progress the signage survey. Should the nomination be successful then an event might be considered sometime in September this year to launch World Heritage Status.
- In the evening I hosted a meeting with the Exec members QDCC and the new South Scotstoun Residents Association and discussed the role and work of community councils.
- I am grateful to Anne for her support on the 8th Dec in helping with the clearing out of the back office. I am grateful to the Task Force team for taking away the rubbish.
- Following on the new Greeferry group held an inaugural meeting to discuss how they might progress plans to revamp the former Hawthorn Bank play park area.
- On the morning of the 10th December along with Diane I attended an EPOG's meeting in the QA office called by QA and council officers to discuss the actions from the recent Licensing

Committee meeting. Clarification was being sought by committee about: the number of markets to be held, and the number of stalls that would form the market. QA sought to locate 24 stalls within the present car park footprint. Council officers raised safety as a matter of concern and advised that they could not support this proposal therefore a full High St. closure was necessary. QDCC reps gave of their time, offered their advice, experience, views and knowledge and by doing so gave support.

- On the 11th December I attended a very enjoyable evening at the QHS Christmas Concert.
- On the 16th December along with David Buchanan KCC Chair I was invited by Henry Coyle West team to attend a forum to learn about a CEC initiative (budget cuts and savings) BOLD - Better Outcomes Leaner Delivery. I have circulated the presentation and Henry will attend our February business meeting to talk more about the outcomes from BOLD.
- On the 14th Jan I hosted the second meeting of New GreenFerry. They intend to hold a public consultation on Saturday 21st Feb 11am - 2pm in the Vennel Hall about their proposals for the Hawthorn Bank location.
- I have met twice with the QDCC Exec to discuss plans for the first quarter of this year which has been emailed out to you.
- QA are seeking to meet with QDCC Exec to discuss matters of mutual interest that affect our town. A date of the 11th Feb has been proposed.
- I would like to form a small working group of no more than four community councillors who would be interested in investigating the setting up of a trust. Anyone who might be interested or would like to discuss this then please speak with me.
- It is with some regret that I must advise you that Nik Bobb has decided not to take up on the offer of getting involved with QDCC due to family pressures. I have thanked him for his contribution in producing the LDP2 QDCC consultation outcomes document. I am keen to produce a QDCC newsletter focusing on LDP2 outlining our concerns that can be circulated to councillors, MSP's and the decision makers. Again I am looking for two or three councillors to assist me.
- A flavour of the people I have been corresponding with;
 - Westteam about many matters, most have been included on the spreadsheet list and the recent road closure by BT to install a fibre optic cable at the Priory Church.
 - Mr Alan Farningham, David Leslie Acting Head of Planning, Councillors, MSP Colin Kier about the Builyeon Rd application.

- BRIGS seeking information about planning applications and the FRC claims procedures.
- The Corus site application, Varney residents and FETA Management.
- Police Scotland introduction to Sgt Willie Rennie
- TS - World Heritage business

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 22nd January 2015