

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for January 2015

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

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – The temporary traffic arrangements at Echline Corner have been in place longer than previously advised. The old junction is currently due to reopen on 24 January
- 2. Meetings with CEC** – Unfortunately the Queensferry Infrastructure Improvement Group meeting scheduled for January was postponed until February. On 4 December, together with Keith, Terry and CEC Tenant Participation, I met representatives from South Scotstoun who are setting up a residents group. While their interests are primarily related to garden upkeep, they expressed concerns regarding blocked gullies and unclear road signs in Scotstoun Avenue
- 3. Public Transport** – CEC's Christmas and New Year bus services to Queensferry were provided by Stagecoach this year. Various difficulties with resourcing and punctuality were experienced. From 2 February, Stagecoach will introduce some changes. These include withdrawing the 50 bus, curtailing the 747 route and changing express route stops so they will no longer call at the bridge tolls. The timetable for service 40/A will be revised and in particular buses will call at Ferrymuir on Sundays. First withdrew their Dunfermline to Livingston 651 service from 12 January. This was partly replaced with an extension of service 22A (Kirkliston to Harthill) to Ferrymuir under contract to West Lothian Council and subsidised by CEC. As the 22A only serves Ferrymuir in Queensferry and only for part of the day there is scope for improvement in coverage. An opportunity to provide this may arise if and when the contract for route 7 is re-tendered. Despite significant changes in CEC's bus shelter procurement process, a shelter has been installed at Hopetoun Crossroads. Rail engineering work at Winchburgh associated with EGIP later in 2015 has potential to affect the Fife Circle train timetable but we are seeking further details on the plans
- 4. Hopetoun Road Closure** – Following an unauthorised and aborted road closure for utility work in November, another attempt was made on 15 January. The correct procedures appear to have been followed this time, although some difficulties were experienced after signs were blown over during strong winds
- 5. Cycle Path Closure** – The next phase of upgrade to NCN Route 1 next to the A90 (Barnbogle to Burnshot Wood) commences on 2 February and is expected to last for 10 weeks. All pedestrian and cycle traffic will be diverted through Dalmeny Estate

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