

Queensferry & District Community Council

Cllr Norman Work's Report for January 2015 meeting

Happy New Year.

For the first time in 7 years I never took part in the Loony Dook but went down to watch all the fun.

Took part in the Christmas in Queensferry light switch on event which was another well attended, well organised event that all involved in should be very proud of.

I attended the Ferry Fair AGM on Thursday 15th January. I was encouraged by a very good turnout

20mph roll out; The TIE Committee approved the roll out of 20MPH zones in the city. I received a few emails from residents against the proposals but I don't think the Edinburgh Evening News headline article helped as the article appeared to indicate that all roads would be reduced to 20MPH when very few main roads are to change. These proposals are welcomed by School Parent Councils in Queensferry. I have attached the council's press release addressing the myths surrounding the proposals.

Withdrawal of the 651 bus service; there was a lot of talk on social media about the withdrawal of the 651 service operated by First Bus. I contacted First to ask them to reconsider the withdrawal or to consider operating from Queensferry to Livingston but they said passenger numbers did not justify this. I was in constant touch with CEC officials who recognised the importance of the link to Livingston. As you will be aware the contracts are procured by West Lothian Council so CEC officials were in dialogue with WLC officials to make sure bus services still ran and I corresponded with Grant Sangster on many of these changes. I have included some info on an appendix.

Changes to 63 timetable; This will be registered on 30th January for 29th March start. Lothian Buses are to improve reliability and are going to increase running times at peak periods which will necessitate the use of an additional bus increasing frequency to every 40 minutes and a later evening journey will be provided in response to passenger requests. New timetable attached on appendix.

Proposed toilet closures; as has been reported there are proposals to close the toilets in the Hawes Pier area, I have emphasised the importance of having toilets due to the visitor numbers and the cruise liner visits. I am exploring the possibility of finding funding from other sources to upgrade or build new toilet provision.

Proposed Mixed Use Development - Builyeon Road; Thanks to Keith for passing on the information as so far I have not been contacted by the developers or their agents which I find very disappointing.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work