

QDCC Report: February 2015

I was delighted to attend the first annual Queensferry Business Awards ceremony at the Orocco Pier on Thursday 29th January. Well done to all participants involved and for those winning awards and those that were runners-up it was agreed a special evening was shared by all in attendance.

I held my monthly advice surgery at SQ Library on Wednesday 4th February.

I met with QDCC members on Monday 16th February to discuss the future of our schools in South Queensferry - both the secondary and the primaries - amidst concerns over local development (that has been passed/up for consideration), population growth, school capacity (classroom space) and the rising school roll in the years ahead. This was a constructive and entirely worthwhile discussion ahead of next month's meeting with Gillian Tee, head of ECF at Edinburgh Council. Some relevant, necessary questions have been drawn up and we look forward to building a strong relationship with her going forward. Thanks must be given to George Moore of the QCHS parent council who acted as a representative for the evening.

Last week I was asked to provide a comment (Evening News) on David Climie's apparent call for a reduction of the speed limit over the road bridge from 50mph to 40mph/installation of speed cameras due to the claim that some motorists passing over are distracted by the Queensferry Crossing building works. I have not received any local correspondence or opinion about this and would be intrigued to find out more from Transport Scotland regarding these assertions.

As made clear by Lindsay, I am also disappointed that the decision over LDP2 will not be made as scheduled for this coming Thursday. This call has come incredibly late and comes as yet another alteration to the process following on from the agreement made by the planning committee in June last year. Likewise, you have my full support and will work with you in any capacity as the indecision among the powers that be continues.

Casework and local correspondence this past month has been mostly to do with LDP2 and the budget, one failed bin collection complaint (Society Road) was sent to John Porterfield.

Please try and come along if you can to the Dementia Friendly event at the Haven on Sat 11th March.

Other events attended (aforementioned in previous circulated reports):

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership 28/1
Edinburgh Council Budget Meeting 12/2