

QDCC Chairman Report for the 23rd March 15 Business Meeting

- On the 24th February I facilitated a meeting for Mr Paul Macari Bellway Homes to meet with FCBC Staff to determine when the land at Ferymuir presently being used for the FRC works will be made available to Bellway. We were advised that this will not be until the summer of 2017. Bellway will build their plans for building the homes around this timeline.
- Following I was invited to attend a meeting with the CEC Planning Officer Mr Colin Bryans, Mr Paul Macari Bellway and Evans Planning Consultant Alan Farningham to discuss a change in plans to the Ferymuir Development. The Planning Department are seeking alterations to the Ferrymuir housing plan to accommodate a footbridge landing on the site from the Builyeon Rd site and core pathway to any future developments at South Scotstoun. It became evident that CEC Planning are working from the principle of the LDP2 proposal being a realisation. The Community Facility was discussed and Colin Bryans sought additional information around the description of the facility and required a letter from Bellway (being the applicant). With assistance from Alan Farningham a description was agreed and the matter resolved. A copy of the letter is attached.
- On the 25th February I had an informal meeting with Mr Gavin Pope to learn how the Cala business secures land for housing developments and an overview of the Cala business.
- On 27th February I attended a Queensferry Infrastructure Group (QIG) meeting convened by CEC Mr Dave Sinclair WestTeam. Present were officers from the CEC and WestTeam, Councillors Hinds and Work, QA Representatives, Grant and myself. The key business discussed were the refurbishment of the High Street and the bringing forward of the budget and the splitting of the works into two packages over two budget years. The second item is working up a town plan on the back of the West End Charette. Funding is required approximately £25k and the challenge is to secure said funding soonest. The notes from the previous meeting are attached.
- On 2nd March I attended and facilitated a meeting with the Exec and PSC to discuss my learning about LDP2 and other matters and update on the QIG.
- On the 9th March I participated in a telephone conference meeting with the Forth Bridges Tourism Sub Group. The business was to

discuss the draft report from the consultants Dunira Strategy who have been commissioned to produce a tourism strategy. The outcome was that the draft report needed to be reworked as it lacked substantive information in context to the Forth Bridges locus.

- On the 11th March I attended an ANP Business meeting representing QDCC held in the Rosebery Hall. I think there are two items of business that would interest QDCC members: A presentation was given called - Development of Localities and Integration & NP's. The presentation is an initiative being developed by Edinburgh Community Health Partnership about partnership working with CEC and other agencies to improve the service by working within similar boundaries to the partnerships thereby removing some of the overlaps. I have attached a copy of the presentation. I would suggest at some point that we invite the Presenter Angela Lindsay to a QDCC meeting. The second item of business is about indiscriminate land disposal by CEC. This hinged around a recent strip of land on the west of Rosebery Avenue that has been disposed off by CEC officers. No prior discussion had been held with Ward Councillors or QDCC. I was given assurance by Henry Coyle that under the BOLD initiative that in future Community Councils will be consulted.
- On the 12th March along with Grant I attended a meeting with QA, Diane Brown and Reverend David Cameron. The meeting facilitated by Laura was to discuss relationships and communications with QA and develop an agreed way forward. I have called a meeting for the 30th March to take this business forward. A copy of the notes is attached.
- On Friday 13th March I met with Mr Alan Farningham Planning Consultant for the Builyeon Rd development proposal to discuss the Pan Consultation. I got a commitment from Mr Farningham that the two consultations would be worked up with support from QDCC as the developers want to work in partnership with QDCC similar to the Ferrymuir "experience".
- On Monday 16th March along with Terry I met with our three ward councillors to discuss LDP2 seeking their views and parties views about LDP2, what support we might expect, how we can speak with one voice and how the respective parties engage with the Planning Committee members.
- On Wednesday 18th March along with Grant and Diane I attended the Forth Bridges Forum public meeting held in the CEC. A number

of presentations were given: a) The work of the Forum, b) CH2M traffic assessment study c) The work of the FB Steering Group d) Network Rail -The Forth Bridge Experience. The meeting was quite well attended and the potential parking problems on the north side of the river dominated the discussions. TS agreed that the traffic assessment study would be presented by CH2M to QDCC at an agreed mutual date which as yet is to be arranged.

Correspondence:

- Following on from the correspondence to Scottish Government Ministers Brown and Mackay and the Letter to Roy Brannen Convenor Forth Bridges Forum about the impacts on South Queensferry from the developments, FRC, Tourism etc an invitation was received to meet with Mr Alex Neil Cabinet Secretary Scottish Government to discuss QDCC's concerns. The meeting is scheduled for 31st March 15. Terry and I will be attending and are working on a presentation synopsis to ensure we cover all the points that can be made and the gaps in delivering improvements for South Queensferry.

Keith Giblett QDCC Chair 21st March 15