

Queensferry & District Community Council

Annual Report 2015

A review of the year by QDCC Chairman Keith Giblett

The past 12 months have been the busiest experienced by QDCC. The slow recovery of the economy has now seen Cala and David Wilson commence building of homes on the former Agilent site and two outline applications lodged with The City of Edinburgh Council for homes on the vacant Corus and Ferrymuir sites pending.

The recent approval by CEC Planning of LDP2 to go forward to be presented to the reporter is of concern to QDCC. QDCC is seeking improvements to the infrastructures of the town and to have a strategic town plan going forward.

The single biggest project ever continues with the building of the Forth Replacement Crossing (FRC), now with its formal name of Queensferry Crossing. QDCC representatives regularly attend the South FRC Forums and it fair to say being on of the biggest projects ever undertaken then the consortium have worked hard to ensure that the inconvenience to the surrounding communities is minimal.

FETA with support from stakeholders also delivered a very successful 50 years anniversary of the building and opening of Forth Road Bridge with the highlight being the fireworks finale. However QDCC has concerns about FETA being disbanded and the management of the Forth Road Bridge defaulting to Transport Scotland with a contacted provider of services AMEY.

QDCC has also worked with the World Heritage Steering Group seeking nomination of the Forth Bridge for World Heritage Status. We have just been advised that ICOMOS are recommending World Heritage Status be approved.

QDCC continues to work as a partner in the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership which has produced tangible benefits for Queensferry and Dalmeny such as plans for improving the High Street and the present upgrade works at the Hawes Promenade to note a couple of examples.

I would like to thank all members of QDCC for their hard work and support in the past year and also the three ward councillors for their support and regular attendance at meetings.

Keith Giblett
Chairman
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