

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for June 2015

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

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – Traffic lights at junctions for the A904 on either side of the new roundabout are due to become active from next Monday, rather than as planned in 2016.
- 2. 20mph Rollout** – Traffic orders have been issued for imposing 20mph speed limits on most residential roads across Edinburgh which currently have 30mph limits. The period for objections runs until 26 June. If approved, Queensferry will be one of the first areas where the new limits will be applied, probably from around May 2016. CEC held a session on the proposals on Monday 15 June and referenced the 20's Plenty for Us campaign which operates across the UK. Material relating to the campaign can be found [here](#)
- 3. Public Transport** – Edinburgh Airport plan to introduce a new departure flightpath from Thursday 25 June. This trial route sees planes fly eastwards down the Forth estuary from Hopetoun House (at height around 4500 ft) to Hound Point (at around 6000 ft). The noise has been estimated at a maximum of 76 dBA, which might be noticeable. About 40-60 aircraft per day (and a range of types) are expected to use the new flightpath but none during the night. Following recent press reports, concerns have been expressed by the public that Stagecoach will withdraw their Queensferry bus service on closure of the Cowdenbeath depot. A meeting has been requested with Stagecoach but no reply received. There has been further progress on Bustracker poles in Queensferry but the display units are not yet installed, mainly because CEC Public Transport staff have been deployed to the City Centre to work on late-running bus shelter and traffic light issues prior to the Festival moratorium. Once the displays have been installed, they can be relocated to suit changed bus routes but they will not be replaced. Live bus stop data for First, Lothian and Stagecoach services across South East Scotland is available online [here](#). A temporary train timetable presently operates on the Fife line due to closure of the Winchburgh Tunnel. There is no change to the service level but some trains run slightly earlier or later than normal and journey times might be a few minutes shorter or longer. The temporary timetable can be downloaded [here](#)
- 4. Correspondence** – Various communications from the public around Queensferry have been received, either through email or Facebook posts. These follow the familiar pattern of white lining, insufficient parking in the Hawes area during liner visits, tyre damage following collisions with kerbs, speeding traffic and the condition of the High Street surface

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