

I attended the meetings and conducted the business noted below on behalf of QDCC.

Meetings Attended

- On the 23rd June I attended QHS Senior Show. As I have stated before I am always amazed at the talent of the students and the quality of the performances. The staff and students are to be complemented for their commitment in delivering a very successful show.
- On 24th June along with David and Laura I attended a meeting with the Deputy Head Teacher Jenny Smith to discuss QHS student representation on QDCC. Our preferred proposal was to form a junior QDCC.
- In the evening I attended a ANP Business meeting held in the Rosebery Hall where I raised concerns about timely repairs to the Rosebery Hall and the extended installation time for the Bus Tracker system. I am pleased to report that the Tracker system is working for Lothian Busses only and that we have been given assurances that the Rosebery Hall repairs will be completed in time for Ferry Fair.
- On 29th June along with Diane I met with John Murphy and Mike McDowall of Queensferry Trust to discuss mutual points of interest for both parties.
- In the evening I attended a PSC meeting attended by Taylor Wimpey representatives who have an interest in the LDP2 South Scotstoun site.
- On 30th June I met with Colin Butcher Sea Cadets to learn about their need to have an extended lease for the CEC Property they tenant at Port Edgar from CEC. They cannot secure funding to invest in the building as potential investors seek a minimum lease of 30years. Councillor Work has been in discussion with the Sea Cadets for some time and has tried to have the lease extended and sought my input. I propose that we explore using "Empowerment Bill" as the tool to secure the property such that the Sea Cadets can secure funding to repair and redevelop the property in line with their needs. I am organising a meeting with Sea Cadets Representatives, Councillor Work and Henry Coyle once we are clear of holidays.
- On 1st July along with Diane I walked the High Street and the surrounding area with CEC Highways Engineer Darren Wraight. Some patching of the High Street surface and weed killing/removal and general tidy up is planned prior to Ferry Fair. I had invited David Steel Chair Ferry Fair to attend but he declined.
- In the afternoon I was invited by council officials to attend an Events Planning Meeting for the FB 125yr Celebrations. I asked that access to Gote Lane and the Harbour Head be made available in line with previous markets. I brought to the attention of QA and Council Officers that the signage posted previously was incorrect and of poor quality.

- The meeting planned with QA in the evening was cancelled. No alternative date has been offered or presently is being planned to meet.

Correspondence

- **Ferrymuir Site Planning Application:**

I have been corresponding with James Pitt Evans about the Bellway housing planning application for the Ferrymuir Site. The Position is as follows: In essence it would appear that the Planning Officers are bound to put forward the contribution request from Children & Families and that is for a figure of £775,000. In addition they are prepared to also put an alternate proposition taking in to account our "case" regarding the extant permission for 130 units and detail the other material considerations as set out in Paul Macari's email from a couple of weeks ago. That alternate position makes an offer based on a pro-rata contribution for the additional 13 dwelling being sought by the new application.

It will then be up to the Members of the planning committee to consider the two proposals and the potential outcomes resulting from each. Councillors should be under no illusion that the development and the Community Facility is at risk.

- **Queensferry Placemaking Exercise:**

I have been in contact and corresponding with Will Garret Built Environment Placemaking Planning Manager CEC and along with Diane attended two meetings to discuss the event. You will have seen the publicity material.

- **Liner visits:**

I sought clarification through Councillor Paterson about the Liner visits and the reasons behind re-scheduled to berth at Newhaven;

The City of Edinburgh Council have no direct influence on where any cruise liners are berthed within the Forth. Forth Ports manage all berthing/movement of vessels on the Forth Estuary and may be able to exert some influence on that basis.

The reduction of the number of cruise liners visiting Hawes Pier has resulted in a loss of CEC income. In these circumstances the Council will re-profile spend to accommodate the budget pressures.

My understanding is that Newhaven is being developed not to become an alternative to Hawes Pier, but the ultimate goal is to encourage more cruise liners to visit the Forth, so both Hawes and Newhaven are busy all year round, but only time will tell if this will be the case.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 27th July 2015