

## **QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Transport Report for August 2015**

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

1. **Forth Replacement Crossing** – More visible progress can be seen on the new bridge, with installation of the first cables on the north tower. The next South Community Forum will be held on Wednesday 26 August.
2. **Forth Road Bridge** – Following transfer of responsibility for the Forth Road Bridge and parts of the A90 and M90 to Amey, we asked Transport Scotland if QDCC can meet representatives from Amey to discuss their plans for the bridge and surrounding road network, especially the parts within the QDCC catchment. Transport Scotland agreed but wish to hold meetings during office hours, which is likely to be rather inconvenient for most on QDCC. Some negotiations may be required.
3. **Public Transport** – A few people have commented on aircraft noise since the introduction of a new flightpath for departures from Edinburgh Airport which skirts the west side of Queensferry. Terry has been in touch with Ratho & District Community Council (who have regular dialogue with Edinburgh Airport) and fed back some flight details and contact numbers for concerned residents. More information and how to log complaints are available online [here](#). Some Bustracker display units are now showing times for the 40/A Stagecoach service. An ANP meeting on Bustracker progress has been proposed for Tuesday 1 September at 10.30am in the Drum Brae Hub. Live bus stop data for First, Lothian and Stagecoach services across South East Scotland is available online [here](#).
4. **Signage Strategy** – Along with Keith, I attended a presentation on 20 August from the Paul Hogarth Company regarding collective signage ideas for both North and South Queensferry. This is an extension of interpretation signs installed about 15 years ago, covering a wider area and including the trunk road network. Funding for the study was enabled through Queensferry Ambition and the initiative coincides neatly with the World Heritage award. The next step is to present to the Forth Bridges Forum, then seek support and contributions from a number of different stakeholders. The necessary budget for the South Queensferry work would be about £75k. A comprehensive report can be downloaded [here](#).
5. **Correspondence** – Various communications from the public around Queensferry have been received, either through email or Facebook posts. These follow a familiar pattern although the absence of Forth Bridge lighting has been a little unusual this month. Network Rail have identified a faulty timer which has been temporarily bypassed until a replacement can be sourced.

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