

## **Queensferry & District Community Council**

### Chairs Report for the 24<sup>th</sup> September Business Meeting

Over the last month I have represented QDCC at the following meetings:

- On the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> August along with the QDCC Transport Convenor I attended the Forth Replacement Forum meeting held in the Contact and Education Centre.
- I attended both Taylor Wimpey (15/03725/PAN scheme) South Scotstoun proposed residential development consultation events held at QHS on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> September. I spoke with their representatives who attempted to give QDCC every reassurance that they were not undermining the Placemaking events and were proud of their “sustainable community focused and responsible approach to development”! Aside from a letter received on the morning of the first consultation concluding that Taylor Wimpey want to work with QDCC. (copy of letter to follow)
- On the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> August I facilitated a meeting of the QDCC Executive where we discussed likely council business going forward to the year end. Notes are available.
- A meeting had been organised for the 8<sup>th</sup> September at 15.15 hrs in the Scottish Parliament by Alex Neil Cabinet Secretary’s Department, CEC Officers, Colin Kier MSP and Councillor Work but nobody had notified QDCC that the meeting was to be held. I was informed by email early afternoon of the 7<sup>th</sup> September about the meeting. I informed Colin Kier MSP Communications & Constituency Officer that QDCC would not be attending as it was to short notice. The QDCC Secretary is endeavouring to find out the date of the re-scheduled meeting to no avail.
- On the 7<sup>th</sup> September I visited the Forth Replacement Crossing works. The first deck section was being lifted into place on the North Tower.
- On 8<sup>th</sup> September I attended a Hawthorn Bank development meeting. The main topic discussed was seeking funding.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> September I attended a Joint Almond & Western Edinburgh Health & Community Care Sub Group Meeting. A presentation was given about the Localities and Health & Social Care Integration. I have subsequently discussed QDCC representation at these sub group meetings with Eileen who is willing to attend as I feel its important that QDCC is represented whilst these significant changes to care provision is being implemented. It is my intention to nominate Eileen as QDCC’s representative with the sub group.
- On the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> September I attended ANP business meeting held in the Rosebery Hall. Three local groups were succesfull with applyiong for grant support; Christmas in Queensferry, GreenFerry Hawthorn Bank and QCCC. Other business discussed was the Bus tracker System, an update of the NEPS funding. I recorded QDCC thanks to Darren Wraight and Dave Sinclair for their support with repairs to the High St prior to Ferry Fair and the Hawes Promenade upgrade works.
- On the 14<sup>th</sup> September I met the newly appointed QA Project Manager Maggie Mitchell. We discussed QA/QDCC mutual business interests such as markets, the Guardian of the Bridges, High Street repairs. A second meeting is arranged for early October.
- On the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup> September along with Grant I attended a Queensferry infrastructure Group Meeting. The main topic of discussion was the High Street improvements. The Place-making consultation was also discussed and CEC are enquiring about funding to hold a Town Charette.

Correspondence

- I have been in regular correspondence with Alan Farningham by email and telephone about the Bulliyeon Road consultations being held next month.

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