Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairman's report for business meeting being held on 23rd November 2015

In my capacity as Chair of QDCC I have represented QDCC at the following meetings and conducted the business matters noted below;

- On the 27th October I attended the last Placemaking event being held in QHS. Following the first session held for High School students then final sessions were held for residents of South Queensferry.
- I attended and chaired a meeting held on the evening of 2nd
 November with Alan Farningham the owners agent to receive outcomes from the Builyeon Rd consultations.
- Along with the Vice Chair/Secretary I attended a meeting in the Scottish Parliament on the afternoon of 3rd November to continue the dialogue about "matters impacting on South Queensferry".
 QDCC were asked to give an update on progress with planning i.e. The Placemaking events and the Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group. Present were Councillor Work and Colin Keir MSP along with the acting Head of Planning CEC David Leslie and Planning Team Leader Andrew Sykes.
- I attended a PSC meeting held on the 4th Nov. to learn about the application to redevelop Port Edgar.
- Following on I attended a meeting with Taylor Wimpey to learn about their progress with the development plan for South Scotstoun.
- On Sunday 8th November I attended the Armistice Service held on the High St. Thank you to Diane for laying off the wreath.
- On Mon 9th November a.m. I attended The Forth Bridges Forum Tourism Group meeting. Matters discussed was the signage strategy document produced by Paul Hogarth Associates. We learnt that an application to the Scottish Government by QA was unsuccessful.
- Following on I attended the first FB World Heritage Management Committee meeting. At our last October business meeting I raised my concerns with QDCC about the terms of engagement. I was advised verbally by TS Sharon Jeffery that there is a misunderstanding and that they (FBWHMC) acknowledge that Community Councils are consulted as a statute body. During the meeting other matters were raised about the terms of engagement and the document is to be revised.
- In the afternoon along with Diane I attended a meeting with CEC Planning Officers to be fed back the collective outcomes of the

- Placemaking events. We discussed the scores for each item and the reasons for them being low or high!
- I continue to meet with the Sea Cadets assisting them with their desire to extend the leasehold for the building they rent from CEC in Port Edgar and their vision to improve and extend it. I met with Colin Butcher Commanding Officer on the morning of 10th November.
- On the afternoon of the 11th Nov I met with Ms Cecelia Rose and Gavin Pope Cala, to discuss the stopping up order for Lovers Lane.
- In the evening I attending a public ANP meeting held in QHS. The
 main business was Councillor Shields stepping down as Convenor
 and Councillor Work taking up the position for the next year! The
 Youth Decides report and Awards and Community Policing.
- I have met with the Walker Dr residents representatives who
 made representations to QDCC at the October Business meeting. I
 agreed that they would look at re-establishing their
 tenants/residents group and that they would "map out" the issues
 they perceive are of concern to them. In the meantime I raised
 the representation with Henry Coyle Almond Neighbourhood
 Manager and a CEC officer has been appointed to work with QDCC
 engaging the residents with a view to dealing with some of the
 issues.
- As you would expect I have been working on the plans for the Christmas in Queensferry event. Eighty per cent of the Christmas decorations are in place and our plans are in place for the "switchon" event for Thursday 26th Nov starting at approximately 5.30pm with the "switch-on" planned for 7.00pm.
- Along with Grant I attended a Placemaking event on 19th Nov a.m. called by CEC Planning held in the Waverley Market St offices. The meeting was attended by CEC officers from the different departments that are consulted about planning developments and have influence about what is/can be delivered. The objective was to get buy in from these departments and officers. I was inspired to see so many officers sitting around a table willing to specifically discuss South Queensferry!
- On the afternoon of the 29th Nov I was invited by Mr Henry Coyle West Neighbourhood Manager to join the WestTeam who were meeting the new CEO for CEC Andrew Kerr. I got an opportunity to discuss South Queensferry's "big issues". The meeting was held at the Forth Bridges CEC and following Mr Kerr was given a presentation about the Queensferry Crossing works and was taken out on a viewing of same.

During the month I dealt with the following correspondence;

- I received leaflets about the CEC budget cycle. Some of the leaflets have been circulated.
- Assisting Hawthorn Bank Group (Greenferry) about an enquiry.
- I have been discussing Communty Policing with Sgt Rennie and Constable Douds seeking to meet with Chief Inspector Scobie. The suggestion is a collective meeting with the Almond CC's Representatives sometime in early January 16.
- I have been in correspondence with Scottish Water, Evans and Bellway regarding a complaint about sewage smell from the surface drains in Kirkliston Rd.
- I contacted June by email seeking to discuss the stopping up order for Lovers Lane by meeting on site to discuss the issues she raises. (as reported a positive meeting has been held with Cecelia Rose) So far June has advised she "doesn't wish to comment" and has ignored my second email pointing out the wider responsibilities a Community Councillor has through the code of conduct for Community Councillors.

Keith Giblett 22nd Nov 2015