

Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairman's report for 22nd February Business Meeting

- On the morning of the 26th January I attended the Councils "Transformation Programme Meeting" outlining the Localities Plan which is four localities. Queensferry will be in North West. I have circulated to you the slides used and the feedback. This meeting was designed to brief Council Employees and keep the voluntary sector informed.
- On the evening of 27th January I facilitated a forum with Council Officers to allow the Sea Cadets to launch their vision for a new build at Port Edgar. Councillor Work attended as the Sea Cadets had approached him looking for their lease to be extended. I was asked for advice and support and have put a structure and process in place which allows the Sea Cadets to present their vision to the Council departments being Property Services, Planning and the Westeam to secure buy-in.
- I facilitated a meeting on the morning of the 28th January with TS for Bellway and Evans Property Group to discuss when the land presently occupied by FCBC for the FRC would be released.
- I attended the second World Heritage Management Committee meeting held at 2pm in the CEC on 9th February. I have little to report back from this meeting as essentially it went over the remit of the group and the management plan. On behalf of QDCC I lodged the Scheme for Community Councils as our remit.
- On the evening of the 11th February I attended an EACC meeting held in the European Room. A presentation was being given by Paul Lawrence Place Director CEC who is now responsible for Planning Transport, Roads, and Services for Communities and in the interim Economic Development. He spoke about the Council changes, see the Transition plans for detail and the changes in Scotland in the Planning process. Paul also spoke about the work carried out in Queensferry by holding the Placemaking Consultations and I was invited to say a few words about the process and QDCC's thoughts.
- On the morning of Friday 12th February along with Cruise Forth, QA and CEC David McAdam I was invited to attend a meeting about this years cruise liners visits. The discussions hinged around the closure of the Hawes Toilets facilities, how we might secure investment for the area and holding a future public meeting, as has been held in previous years. I can confirm subsequently in the

interim that the toilets will remain open, that a public meeting is being planned for April and investment opportunities are being investigated.

- On the afternoon of the 18th February I facilitated the first meeting for Walker Drive residents with council officers. The main topic was to re-establish the former Residents Group and they, with officers and my help will shortly be pulling together plans to hold a meeting and reform.

Other business

- I have been advised that three Council Officers will be leaving CEC in the near future; Mr Andrew Sykes West Team Leader Planning, MR Derry Morrice Events Planning Officer, and MR Henry Coyle ANP West Team Manger.
- Along with the Secretary I have been corresponding with Council Officers and Ward Councillors about flooding at pelican crossing at Ferrymuir seeking an urgent repair.



Sat 20th Feb at 2pm

- I have lodged a request to have numerous signs left around the Town from various works to be collected in.
- Refurbishment works will be carried out at the head of the Hawes Pier, primarily to make it more secure during Liner visits and when the Emergency Service are dealing serious incidents.

- Dealing with correspondence about Craigiehall Proposed development.
- In correspondence with Colin Butcher Sea Cadets Commander.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC