

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for February 2015

Highlights from the QDCC Transport Sub-Committee over the past month, and events for the coming month are listed below

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – The next South Community Forum will be held on Wednesday 24 February. Community issues due to be raised are gritting at Echline Corner, the quality of road surfaces in Echline Fields, mud on Builyeon Road and landscaping at Echline Corner. On 27 January, Diane and I attended a presentation from FCBC outlining progress to date with construction of the bridge and approach roads.
- 2. Forth Road Bridge** – Terry recently received an approach from Amey's communication and facilities manager through the QDCC website. This offered to resurrect informal meetings with QDCC which might cover FRB operational matters affecting the community from time to time.
- 3. Forth Bridges Forum** – With the previous quarterly public meeting in December cancelled by Transport Scotland due to Forth Road Bridge closure, another is due to be held on Thursday 10 March from 6.30pm at the Contact & Education Centre. Although Amey have called the meeting we expect the content to be provided by the World Heritage Management Group and Network Rail. As reported in the press, plans for a visitor centre at North Queensferry and a bridge walk from a base near Dalmeny Station have been further delayed. This is mainly due to changes in the status of Network Rail and the business areas where they are permitted to investment.
- 4. National Transport Strategy** – The Scottish Government recently released an update to their original document from 2006, which can be viewed [here](#). Experience in Queensferry seems to broadly follow the national trends for traffic levels, road congestion, freight movement, public transport and cycling over the past 10 years. Much is still to be done if the vision for 2025 is to be achieved. It is a little worrying that Transport Scotland believe improvements to transpire through the hope of 'partnership working'. Queensferry is often neglected in initiatives which have weak business cases or aren't strongly-backed by the Scottish Government, with Bustracker displays or One-Ticket being examples.

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