

Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairman's report for March 2016 Business Meeting

- On the 24th February along with Grant I attended the South Forth Replacement Crossing Forum held in the Contact & Education Centre (CEC). An update on progress of the Queensferry Crossing was given by FCBC confirming the press reports that subject to weather the bridge will be completed this year.
- On the 29th February I met with Colin Butcher Sea Cadets to discuss Sea Cadet business and their vision for a new build premises.
- On the 7th March I attended St Margaret's Primary School with David and Councillor Work to discuss concerns raised by a parent about children's safety. Councillor Work is raising the complaint with council officers. Councillor Paterson had been approached at her surgery about the inability to use a new access/egress gate that had recently been installed.
- On the 8th March I attended the Civic Forum meeting facilitated by the Cockburn Association. Four topics were covered by David Leslie; An update on LDP2 with an expectation that the reports findings should be published later this month, A draft Planning Housing Delivery note is out for consultation, Student Housing Guidance note has been issued as it was approved by committee in Aug 15 and an update on the Transformation programme. The planning team structure will be maintained. Other business discussed was an opportunity to ask questions about planning matters and the future format of the Forum. Community Councils need to re-register with the Cockburn Association. The report for this meeting can be found on their website. The link is <http://www.cockburnassociation.org.uk/about-us/edinburgh-civic-forum/> The next meeting is to be held on 7th June at 6pm in the City Chambers,
- On 9th March I attended a Almond Partnership business meeting. The agenda is attached for information. A presentation was given about a consultation stage 2 that is being rolled out on Open Space. The Locality Leadership Teams were briefed and Mr Peter Strong is the Locality Manager.
- On the 10th March I was invited to attend a meeting of the Battle of Jutland local commemorative activity planning group.
- On the evening of the 10th March along with Grant and Diane I attended the Forth Bridges World Heritage forum meeting held in the

CEC. An update was given by Dr Miles Ogelethorpe on the work of the WH Management Group and Mr Craig Bowman gave an update on Network Rails plans for the Forth Bridge Experience. Some new slides were presented indicative of the plans but the plans need to be worked up, secure Network Rail board approval and planning consent which could take up to two years.

Correspondence

- Correspondence generally has been with council officers about day to day matters that impact on Queensferry
- I am pleased to report that the drain causing flooding at Ferrymuir has been re-worked and understand that the pipework had to be replaced.

Keith Giblett Chair 17th March 2016