

## **QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Transport Report for March 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** – Along with Keith I attended the South Community Forum on Wednesday 24 February. A new topic which might be of interest is that over the next few months Transport Scotland will be looking for celebration ideas to commemorate the bridge opening scheduled towards the end of this year. They are presently considering events involving pedestrians, who would ordinarily be unable to cross the bridge.
- 2. CEC Transport & Environment Committee** – A couple of reports to the committee earlier this month may be relevant to Queensferry. The papers can be downloaded [here](#). Those on street design guidance, setted street maintenance and the supported bus service network are of possible interest here, along with elements of the additional capital investment paper, where setts on a Portobello street are to be replaced with tar. There is also a report on landfill and recycling, showing collection volume and uplift complaint figures across Edinburgh up to the end of 2015.
- 3. Forth Bridges Forum** – Along with Keith and Diane on Thursday 10 March I attended the Forum's public meeting hosted by Amey. As discussed last month, two presentations were given regarding the Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Group and the Forth Bridge visitor centres. Some new artist impressions of the base on the south side for the bridge walk were shown, but Network Rail were reluctant to give projected target dates for this development.
- 4. ANP Transport Forum** – On Tuesday 2 March I attended the ANP Transport Forum meeting where various transport issues around the ward were discussed. Some areas of commonality with Queensferry experience exist: the lack of independent traffic counts and predicted traffic impact resulting from new developments; problems relating to traffic at school bell times (especially around Cramond Primary where the school's street is now closed); effect of construction traffic; staff and skill reductions at CEC, particularly in public transport; lack of wider transport consideration in new developments; and subsidised public transport budgets at CEC and West Lothian Council.

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