

Queensferry & District Community Council

CLlr Norman Work's report for March 2016 meeting

I attended a coffee morning in support of Queensferry Guiding on Saturday 27th Feb in Queensferry Parish Church

I chaired the Joint Almond & Western Edinburgh Health & Community Care Sub Group Meeting in the Drumbrae Hub on 23rd February. Presentations about Ageing Well and Care & Repair were agenda items. Minutes have been distributed.

I held my Councillor's Advice Surgery at Echline Primary School on Monday 3rd March

I chaired the ANP Business meeting at Rosebery Hall on Wednesday 9th March.

Transport Committee, various reports went to the committee including an update on supported buses which approved the renewal or continuation of contracts for the 63 service. A report on festive bus services recommended to stop funding the festive season buses as noted below;

Approves that festive bus services will no longer be supported, except where there is direct sponsorship by third parties; As in previous years, a supported bus service to Queensferry and Dalmeny was provided recently on 25, 26 December and 1, 2 January, carrying 3,803 passengers at a cost to the Council of £8,753.50. The majority of these passengers were carried on the 1 January, many travelling to and from the Loony Dook. There may be an opportunity for the organiser of this event to gain sponsorship for this travel in future. A 'free' night bus was also provided on Hogmanay, linking the city centre to Queensferry and Ratho. This carried 535 passengers and cost the Council £4,380. These passenger numbers are slightly up on previous years.

However, I managed to secure a delay in the decision till June as an amendment was passed which agrees that every effort be made to secure direct sponsorship by third parties of Festive bus services as referred to and that the outcome of this exercise be reported back to the August meeting of the Committee for further consideration.

Queensferry High Street, I have asked Cllr Adam McVey, Vice Convenor of Transport to intervene to see if he can get some resources in place to get the contract procured for the High Street to be resurfaced.

A public exhibition relating to this proposal has been provisionally booked at Craigies Farm for 12th April in relation to the proposed application at Cragiehall. The agents have said they will contact all concerned to verify. Cramond & Barnton Community Council have also been involved due to the impact any development at Cragiehall would have on the area they represent whilst still recognising that the site is in QDCC's area they are keen to stay involved and are trying to secure a second consultation in their area.

As reported elsewhere, I met with Keith Giblett & David Flint after they were contacted by St. Margaret's RCPS Parent Council concerned about parking issues and lack of space for the bus to drop off pupils. The School have asked for railings in front of a new pedestrian gate along with some road markings and a bus box for the School bus. Safer Routes to School have been asked to help with road markings and a space allocated for the bus. Cllr Paterson was also contacted and has taken up these issues and we will both report back.

Regards,

CLlr Norman Work

