

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for April 2016

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

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – Work will shortly commence on the stretch of B800 road between Ferrymuir and Echline Roundabouts. This introduces a bus lane in one direction (towards the Forth Road Bridge) and removes the central reservation
- 2. 20mph Rollout** – Signage for new 20mph speed limits is due to be installed from next month in the City Centre and Rural West Edinburgh, with a view to the limits being introduced in August. A map showing the speed limits can be found [here](#). We were contacted by a local urban planner proposing to conduct a street audit with a view to looking at opportunities for other road improvements which could be made at the same time. This might also include input from Queensferry Primary School. However we felt sufficient material was already available on required improvements through previous studies and the relation to speed limit change alone was tenuous
- 3. Hopetoun House Event** – There will be a televised election debate taking place at Hopetoun House on Sunday 1 May. A significant amount of equipment must be set up inside the house to support this event and I was contacted by the estate manager advising that Farquhar Terrace would need to be used for heavy vehicle access. This is expected to last for around 36 hours on either side of the debate. No TTRO restrictions are expected at the moment. As an aside, he also confirmed that the car park area at Society Point has now been closed due to persistent anti-social behaviour
- 4. Public Transport** – Following removal of subsidy by West Lothian Council, bus service 23 between Queensferry and Bathgate was withdrawn earlier this month. Meanwhile, service 16 has been upgraded from a taxibus to a scheduled bus service, running between Livingston and the Western General Hospital via Builyeon Road with two journeys in each direction every day, intended to fit around visiting times. Unfortunately, bus stop publicity around Queensferry was not revised to reflect these changes and there seem to be errors in the Traveline timetables. This has been raised with both WLC and CEC, and new timetable sheets are now in the cases. Bus fare changes were implemented by both Lothian and Stagecoach this month, making Stagecoach stop publicity even further out of date. Lothian have replaced their panels to show new fares, but have not taken the opportunity to correct some previous minor errors. Following an enquiry from a constituent with special needs, a further appeal was made to CEC for integration of Stagecoach data onto Bustracker displays, which now only show Lothian information.

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