

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Transport Report
for Council Meeting on Monday 24 September 2012

1. **Queensferry Development** – On Tuesday 18 September, a QDCC Exec meeting with Keith, Terry and Diane was supplemented with discussions on a response from the West Neighbourhood Manager regarding ongoing matters relating to land development and traffic in Queensferry. As regards off-street parking, it was decided to focus attention on the Binks, Hawthornbank and Gallondean (east of Hawes Pier) areas.
2. **BIDS** – On Friday 21 September, together with Keith, I attended a meeting with a representative from the BIDS Accessible and Attractive Sub-Group. Their main priorities had been identified as: parking; pedestrian movement; signage; traffic management. In terms of parking, their aims are broadly in line with those from QDCC highlighted above. As car parks define primary arrival points, the other objectives should take shape around them. However this risks pinning useful short-term gains to long-term aspirations. Some interesting comments from Gehl Architects on Queensferry's urban design priorities were relayed
3. **QHS Representatives** – On Thursday 13 September, together with Keith, Laura, Diane and Terry, I attended an induction session for Mark, Eilidh and Kirsty.
4. **Road Closures, Events and Repairs** – As with last month, a number of road works have been carried out in the Queensferry area for surface repairs, utility access, furniture replacement (bollards, railings etc) grass cutting and litter picking. Some events have taken place too, such as liner visits and barbecues at the Hawes Pier and Pedal for Scotland. There are too many locations to list here but they sometimes appear on QDCC's Facebook page together with those further afield which might affect Queensferry commuters. As with the recent High Street restrictions, only minor disruption has been reported from a small number of people. Comments are always gratefully received to facilitate improved planning in future. I have started trying to find out about plans for the 2013 Loony Dook.
5. **Public Transport** – Some Fife Circle train times were revised on 9 September. While there is no change to the number of trains through Dalmeny, the 8-9 am service towards Edinburgh is less regular. Davidson are withdrawing their 474 bus service from 30 September but it will be replaced by a 23 operated by Horsburgh as part of West Lothian Council's contract review. There is no clear information on how Horsburgh's service 7 is affected, as the Queensferry to Winchburgh section is funded by CEC but I will continue to seek responses from both WLC and CEC. First announced the withdrawal of services 631 and N43 from 28 October. Stagecoach intend re-routing the 747 back to the M9 spur in November
6. **Agilent Development** – On Thursday 6 September together with Keith, Terry and Diane, I met with the new team responsible for developing the Agilent land, where the intention remains to make comparatively rapid progress. There are few changes since the last meeting but one transport-related development to note is their reluctance to provide a bus standing area within the scheme.

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