

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for May 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** – The next South Community Forum will be held on Wednesday 25 May. We've asked for a couple of items to be added to the agenda – namely clarification on arrangements for traffic following opening of the bridge and a summary of work on the B800 around Tesco's service entrance. We've received some correspondence about difficulties faced by pedestrians crossing from the Shell area. Consultation on new traffic restrictions runs until 23 June 2016 and can be viewed [here](#).
- 2. Forth Road Bridge** – On Wednesday 4 May, along with Keith and Diane, we met Amey's Communication Manager and their Representative. Last December's closure, truss end link replacement, and associated mitigations last December were discussed, along with future proposals for repairs. Amey have indicated a desire to become involved in supporting community related activities and their employees are actively encouraged to spend one fully-paid day per year in this field.
- 3. Liner Visits** – The liner season has now started, with various parking restrictions coming into force around the Hawes area on certain days to support coach and taxi pickups. One of the liner visits coincides with Ferry Fair week in August when the funfair will be in place on the Hawes Esplanade. CEC are considering operating a one-way arrangement along the High Street on this day only. At present there is no suggestion that such a scheme is likely to be a longer term prospect.
- 4. Builyeon Road Development** – Quite a lot of time has been spent this month looking through and commenting on the site's Transport Assessment in support of the meeting Diane arranged with Farningham Planning and PPCA. A major obstacle to site connectivity with the rest of Queensferry was identified as Builyeon Road traffic. We felt that insufficient effort had been made to propose meaningful ways of dealing with the problem. In general the application was rather disappointing and we felt some rather obvious issues had to be spelled out to the applicant. As a group we should try to understand some of the transport challenges that this site presents prior to revised solutions being brought back by Farningham and PPCA.
- 5. Public Transport** – Significant progress can be reported this month with wayside bus publicity. Flag numbers have now been updated to reflect April service changes and panels changed. Nearly all Bustracker displays now show live times for Stagecoach buses. However some residual problems remain with inaccurate or out-of-date publicity and the Bustracker display in Station Road is still inactive. A progress meeting with Stagecoach is overdue and will be pursued.

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