

Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairman's report for the June 2016 Business Meeting

I have attended the following meetings representing QDCC:-

- On the 25th May along with Grant I attended the FRC South Forum as reported in the TSC report provided by Grant for this month.
- On the 26th May a.m. I attended the World Heritage Tourism sub- group meeting. A copy of the draft minutes is attached with this electronic report.
- On the 31st May p.m. I attended the inaugural meeting of the Queensferry Crossing Opening Events committee. The focus for the meeting was the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders attending the meeting and TS describing the likely challenges of organising the event/s.
- On the 6th Jun I met with the Chairman of Kirkliston and Cramond & Barnton Community Council's and discussed business items of mutual interest. Our main focus was about the lack of investment in the infrastructures of West Edinburgh. We are at the very early stages of exploring ideas as to how we raise the profile of the communities concerns. These are the potential over development in West Edinburgh and the impacts upon travel, health and education.
- In the evening of the 6th June along with the CC's Exec members I met with Jennifer Garner our new to be appointed Minute Secretary. Followed by a meeting with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and his agent and prospective Council Lib-Dem candidate Kevin Lang. Again our discussions focused on the LDP2 and infrastructure needs and wants. This meeting was a follow up from our meeting with all the prospective MSP candidates prior to the Scottish Government elections and is about raising the profile for Queensferry on the many issues and challenges we face as a community.
- On 22nd June I attended a ANP business meeting held in the Rosebery Hall. Peter Strong gave an update on the Council's change programme. The head line provided in the report is that the departmental reviews are taking longer than planned. I have circulated to you the Fire Brigade consultation and the Health & Social Care consultation which was the other two business items presented to attendees.
- On Thursday 23rd June I chaired a second meeting with Finc Associates at their request to learn more about there intentions. Present were Ward Councillors Paterson and Shields and representatives for QDCC, Barnton and Cramond Community Council, Kevin Lang representing Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and Rick Finc Finc Associates, Gary Smith for Harlam Land Management along with their Communications Manager. Notes will be issued for this meeting and a verbal report will be provided at the meeting.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 26th June 2016