

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for June 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** – Along with Keith I attended the South Community Forum on Wednesday 25 May. In response to community concerns we asked for a couple of items to be added to the agenda. We heard that a booklet was in the late stages of preparation which would illustrate the permitted traffic movements on the new road arrangement. The booklet should be available for review over the summer months. We also received a summary of work on the B800 around Tesco's service entrance, and heard that the central reservation will not be removed nor will a pavement be provided on the Tesco side of the rebuilt road. While an assurance was given at the meeting that the new bridge was on track for completion by the end of 2016, a subsequent announcement postponed the target date to mid-2017.
2. **Forth Bridges Forum** – Along with Diane, I attended a public meeting for the Forth Bridges Forum on Thursday 9 June. Presentations were given by Amey for repairs to the Forth Road Bridge truss end links and by Historic Environment Scotland for UK-wide publicity for the Forth Bridge since becoming a UNESCO World Heritage Site. HES also mentioned delays pertaining to establishment of the visitor centres and that improvements to the Jacob's Ladder area would now be pursued independently.
3. **Parking** – A few items of correspondence have been received regarding double yellow lines in the Hawes area. Some people feel existing restrictions are insufficient and not adequately enforced, adversely affecting safety and quality of life. Others feel existing restrictions are excessive and enforced in an over-zealous manner, penalising motorists who bring trade to businesses or raise money for charity. In the past, QDCC has requested additional patrols should be made by parking attendants at weekends and evenings. Diane has picked up an enquiry on recreational vehicles gaining access to the Binks area, flouting a height restriction where the barrier is presently dislodged.
4. **Builyeon Road Development** – A local urban design consultant has been in touch regarding proposals for Builyeon Road and the related road/path network. The lack of sustainable connectivity between the site and the rest of the town is a significant concern. He'd like to sit in on QDCC's Planning sub-committee meetings with the developer.
5. **Public Transport – Buses.** As part of a wider review of Fife operations, Stagecoach are proposing to change their 40/A service, introducing a 40B route from around 4pm on weekdays which would replace the 40 to avoid queues from the Forth Road Bridge. The 40B would operate the 40A route to Scotstoun then travel by Ferry Muir Rd, Builyeon Rd, Bo'ness Rd, Hopetoun Rd, The Loan, Burgess Rd, Station Rd back to Edinburgh. From around 7pm the 40A would also be withdrawn and all journeys would follow the 40B route. Frequency departing from the bus station would drop from twice to once per hour. The changes would be effective from 15 August. Other Queensferry routes are also affected, full details of changes [here](#). **Trains.** On strike days, reduced services run from Dalmeny roughly hourly between about 8.30am and 6pm. Overtime reluctance has affected Sunday services for a while, with some journeys cancelled due to crew shortages.

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