

Chairman's report for Queensferry & District Community Council's
business meeting being held on 22nd Aug 2016

I have carried out the following business on behalf of QDCC;

- On Thursday 11th Aug I collected the Community Council Election information packs from the Blackhall Library.
- On Monday 15th Aug I facilitated a meeting with Mr James Pitt of Evans Leeds and the PSC to learn about a sheltered housing proposal being brought forward by Link Housing for the remaining plot of land on the Ferymuir Site. This has come about from the work previously carried out by David Fraser of Ryden who was jointly appointed by Evans and the Community Council to market the site and the exercise has resulted in a firm expression of interest from Link Housing Association and their development partner, Edinburgh based J Smart & Co.
- On the afternoon of the 16th Aug I attended a Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Group meeting. Two points were discussed that could be of interest to QDCC. There is an action on the FBWH management plan about improving bus services and I raised the changes to the Stagecoach no40 service and asked for clarity about how the stakeholder members were intending to seek improvement to the services. Transport Scotland representatives were tasked with bringing this to the attention of their TS colleagues who are responsible for bus travel. The second item was seeking an update on the Jacobs Ladder "improvements" project.
- On the 18th Aug I attended a meeting with Council Planning Officers John Inman and Ben Wilson, Peter Strong North West Localities Manager along with David Buchanan KCC and Andrew Mather C&BCC Chairman to discuss the LDP2 reporters findings and raise the profile of the infrastructure improvements that are necessary from the housing developments proposed in LDP 2 in West Edinburgh.

I have been in correspondence about the following matters;

1. With Mr Dave Sinclair actions and comments below:
 - A date in the diary for a QIG meeting to be held in August with two agenda items High Street works and Hawes Toilets - **I haven't set a date for the QIIG meeting yet, however agree that it would be useful to arrange the next meeting in late September.**
 - Deep clean of Bulyeon Road, there are large stones from the dyke lying on the pavement partially blocking the pavement - **As**

you know we don't manage the Task Force service any more. I will ask the new service manager if he could plan a deep clean in the area, especially considering the obstruction issue.

- A90 (including the slip roads to and from) from its point at the Dalmeny Storage Tanks east to the Cramond Brig, overgrown vegetation, choked drains, litter, damaged barriers, old signage in place etc! Our next planned verge maintenance on the A90 verges are due 26/27/28 September 16. I have a tender return for barrier repairs and intend to let the works on my return.
 - I note CEC can find the funds to employ 60 additional operatives to keep the city clean during the festival - it's a pity we cant keep the north west gateway to Edinburgh in good condition - it's a shocking welcome to Edinburgh
 - Hoptetoun X roads open space which was replanted as a NEPS project - again it's shocking the weeds are 1mtr high. I was advised at the spring ANP business meeting that the area was to be replanted, nothing has happened! It should be landscaped low maintenance should it not. - My colleagues in the Housing team are taking this project forward, and I understand that the area will be subject to another revival. I will ask the team to keep you updated.
 - Hawes Jutland sign?? - I must admit that I haven't considered this issue further. I will take this up with Will on my return.
2. Prior to our meeting with Scottish Water planned for this business meeting, with Messrs Paul Macari Bellway and Gavin Pope Cala Land Directors regarding improvement works to the towns sewer and water infrastructure that is necessary to accommodate the new homes.

Bellway Homes works;

You will see that we have capacity from Scottish Water for 50 house connections in advance of the works being complete, with as yet no houses occupies so no connections taken. I can also confirm that we are allowed 50 connections prior to the DIA works being completed and we have no habitations as yet.

Location of works and brief description

The Load : Sewer to be reduced in diameter.

Rose Lane: Over flow sewer to be constructed 2m x 3m x 40m.

Plans and permits to be applied for from Edinburgh Council by Akela Construction this month which could take 12weeks so anticipated starting date of December / January.

Cala Homes works:

The works will be carried out by Scottish Water Horizons - an arm of Scottish Water that completes these types of works.

- The works involve improvements / additional attenuation measures at three points in Queensferry noted below.
 1. Land to the edge of the school playing field off Station Road,
 2. Improvements at the existing pump station on Newhalls Road,
 3. Additional attenuation on Farquhar Terrace,
 - Under the Sewers for Scotland Act SW has the necessary powers to complete all works subject to a process.
 - Once the last of these approvals is in place the works can commence and they expect it to take around 12 weeks to complete.
3. Jonathan Clarkson working on behalf of QA has been in contact regarding EU mobility week. QA has been successful with a funding application.
4. Network Rail about the Forth Bridge Lighting email circulated for comment, one comment received so far;

"Network Rail is currently planning to re-time the flood lighting of the Forth Bridge primarily to help reduce our carbon emissions and to save on electricity costs.

Currently the lighting switches on at dusk and runs through to the following morning. We plan to maintain the switch-on at dusk but intend to adjust our timing mechanism to switch off at 2am. The lights would not switch on again until the following evening, meaning that the bridge would be unlit in the morning during the winter months.

We would appreciate your comments if this proposal presents any concerns. I would be grateful if you could send this email on to any of your contacts who may have an interest in this matter."

Keith Giblett Chairman QDCC
21st Aug 2016