

Queensferry & District Community Council
Chairman's Report for the 28th November 2016 business meeting

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

- Along with other community councillors I attended a meeting on the 25th Oct with Link Housing and J Smart management to learn more about the proposal for 44 supported living homes at Ferrymuir.
- On the morning of 26th Oct I met with Alex Cole Hamilton MSP to discuss matters of mutual interest regarding South Queensferry. LDP2 and the councils "transformation programme" were discussed at length.
- In the afternoon I attended a Forth Replacement Crossing Celebration meeting. No date has been set for holding an opening celebration and the plan is in its infancy.
- Along with members of the PSC I attended a meeting on the 27th Oct with Taylor Wimpey representatives to learn about the revised plan for South Scotstoun.
- On 1st Nov I met with Peter Strong Localities Manager North West to re-engage with CEC about the Sea Cadets and PEYC building needs within the Port Edgar Marina locality. Previously I had met earlier in the year with Henry Coyle who had facilitated meetings with CEC Property Services management to progress investigating the potential for a long term lease.
- On 2nd Nov I attended a meeting along with Councillor Work and QHG called by Norma Cuthbertson PA to the Lord Provost to discuss a suitable location for the Jutland Plaque. The Plaque is now located in the museum.
- On 7th Nov I along with Community Councillors and Councillors, KCC and the QHS PTC Chair I attended a meeting with Crawford Magee CEC Childrens and Families to discuss the projected school rolls for all the schools in Queensferry. You should have received a copy of a letter sent to PTC members and the Council report which was circulated.
- On 8th Nov I met with Gavin Pope Cala Land Director. We discussed Cala's projected plans for the future, planning development gain funding and the release of funds to CEC and Christmas in Queensferry.
- On the evening of the 9th Nov I attended the public meeting held in Toppers (Queens Retreat) to discuss the Taylor Wimpey South

Scotstoun proposal. Some 50 to 60 residents attended. Alex Cole Hamilton MSP and Kevin Lang prospective Lib Dem candidate for Council spoke to the assemble advising that they were against the proposal and would assist them in making representations. I was invited to speak but what I had to say wasn't well received as it wasn't what the audience wanted to hear. At times I gave clarification about the planning process and in particular about what formed an objection. I take the view that both our MSP and Prospective Lib Dem candidate are misguided in their belief that they can influence any significant changes to the proposed plan and certainly about outright objection to it. In the main the objections made by the attendees were about the town's infrastructure or lack off as noted in the Placemaking outcomes.

- On the afternoon of the 10th Nov I attended another FB World Heritage Tourism meeting. The business discussed that will interest QDCC is that a second tourism study is proposed with a consultant yet to be appointed. And that QDCC'S paper on holding markets at the FRB Bridgehead by Hands up Events has been approved.
- On the 14th Nov along with Grant and Mike McDowall QHT I attended a Queensferry Infrastructure Group meeting to discuss the High Street improvements. The North West Locality is leading this project and a Highways Engineer has been appointed to lead the project.
- In the late afternoon of the 15th Nov I attended the Taylor Wimpey consultation. For what its worth I think the information made available could have been better presented. Whilst attending I was asked a number of questions by residents. Its apparent to me that these consultations are flawed in that you need a person of neutrality to answer the questions that are raised by residents about the planning process, what forms an objection, and the LDP2 content.
- On the afternoon of the 15th Nov I attended a FB World Heritage Management meeting. The business discussed that will interest QDCC is that I raised the question about bus services to and from Queensferry as improved bus service provision to a FB World Heritage site is noted in the action plan. The matter has been passed up to the Forth Bridges Forum for discussion. And the position of UNESCO Inscription Plaques which is a planning matter.

- On the evening of 16th Nov I attended an extra ordinary ANP business meeting called by CBCC, KCC, and QDCC to discuss and agree the future format and business for partnership meetings.
- On 21st Nov along with Diane I attended a meeting with the CEC Planning Officer responsible for the Builyeon Rd development. The summary provided to Farningham planning previously circulated to you formed the basis of our discussion with the planning officer. The points made were noted for discussion with the Planning Team. The summary will form the basis for our submission.

Keith Giblett
Chair QDCC 28th Nov 2016