

QDCC Chairs report for 23rd January 2017 QDCC businesses meeting

QDCC Chairman's report for the Business meeting being held on 23rd January 2017 in the QDCC meeting room at 7.30pm for the period from 28th November 2016 to 21st January 2107.

I attended the following meetings and carried out the following business representing QDCC:

- As reported by Grant on 30th November I attended the FRC Forum meeting. I circulated the email from Ewen McDonnell FCBC Community Liaison Officer with a explanation about the over-run with the Ferrymuir roundabout works as explained in the TSC Convenors report.
- On the morning of 1st December I met with Jonathon Clarkson who had been contracted by QA to carry out a consultation "Understanding & Promoting Active Travel" during European Mobility week to learn about the project outcomes. QA were successful in receiving EU funding to carry out the work. Copy report attached.
- In the afternoon of the 5th Dec I hosted a visit to Queensferry for Ken Tippen Planning Officer. Ken is representing CEC on the World Heritage Management Committee (FBWHMC) following the changes brought about by the "Transformation Programme for Change". We visited the LDP2 sites, Port Edgar, High Street, Hawes Promenade and discussed the work of the FBWHM Committee.
- On 8th December I attended a meeting facilitated by Councillor Shields with David McAdam and Craig Lamont (CEC Officers responsible for liner visits) to discuss events taking place at the Hawes Promenade. It transpires that CEC claims they have little control over events such as the abseils other than ensuring they are safe. QDCC was enquiring about having a years calendar of events.
- On 15th Dec along with Mike McDowall representing the Heritage Trust I met with Dave Sinclair to discuss the High Street improvement works. See report attached. Last week I emailed Dave looking for an update.
- On the 10th January I met up with Tania Pramschufer Hands up Events to revisit the question of holding markets from the FRB Viewing Platform Location. The issue with holding a market in this

location is "foot fall" of customers and is dependant upon how the FRB events if any are developed sometime in the future. I requested that an agenda item be put on the FBWH Tourism Committee that the topic be discussed and any actions agreed.

- On the 11th January I met up with the new QA Bids Manger Sunil Varu and learnt that QA would be holding their agm on the 31st January, are in the process of launching a new business plan and that Sunil had been active meeting with QA members.
- On 19th January I attended the FBWH Tourism committee meeting. Several presentations were given; TS about the new Queensferry Crossing Road signs, Network Rail about the FB Visitors centre, they will not be going ahead with the North Side Visitors centre and are looking at the funding options but are still seriously considering the South side visitors centre. Craig Bowman will give a presentation at our March '17 meeting about the latest proposals which are being worked up.
- On 16th January I facilitated a meeting of local FBWHMC members, Ken Tippen CEC and Mark Watson of HES to discuss and agree the locations for two Forth Bridge UNESCO Inscription Plaques. The likely locations are the Boathouse steps and the Hawes Promenade.
- In the evening I chaired a meeting of the QDCC Exec and Convenors to discuss likely business for the first quarter of 2017. (See notes attached)

Correspondence

- I had been asked my members of the community about a rumour circulation that CEC had placed the Rosebery Hall and Council Offices on the market for sale. I'm pleased to report that this is not the case and just one of the many rumours that circulate Queensferry. See Email from Lindsay Glasgowcv Head of Asset Management CEC.

Keith Giblett QDCC Chair 22nd Jan '17