

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for February 2017

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – Along with Keith I attended the FRC Community Forum meeting on 22 February. The project was reported as remaining on schedule for opening to traffic in May 2017. Plans for opening celebrations are likely to be announced before the end of March.
- 2. New Housing Developments** – As referenced in Diane's planning report, applications have come forward for the LDP sites at Dalmeny and South Scotstoun. Much of the response from QDCC relates to concerns on vehicle access and pedestrian movements.
- 3. Burnshot Flyover** – The bridge supporting Burnshot Road over the A90 remains closed to vehicles, with non-HGV Edinburgh-bound traffic being diverted via Dolphington. Keith received an update from CEC stating that consultants are still conducting inspections of both the Burnshot and Dolphington flyovers. While not yet complete, initial suggestions are that the Burnshot bridge is in very poor condition and either extensive half-joint repairs or complete replacement will be necessary. Meanwhile nothing of concern has been identified at Dolphington yet.
- 4. Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change Programme** – Some publicity was launched by Edinburgh Airport towards the end of January, requesting feedback on additional flightpath proposals for aircraft using the main runways. Two of the proposals could affect areas of Queensferry which do not presently experience much passing air traffic (for example around Westmuir or Echline). Over time, the increased frequency of arrivals and departures allowed by these changes may also affect areas which are already overflown (for example near Cramond Brig). We've contacted the airport and they are willing to meet with QDCC to explain the rationale for choosing the preferred routes and the various options available. This meeting will probably be in the middle of March, as the consultation closes at the end of April.
- 5. Public Transport – Buses.** A meeting with Stagecoach has been requested, as they previously suggested that route and timetable changes could be expected across their network to coincide with opening of the new bridge. The meeting will probably take place in the middle of April. **Trains.** Some dialogue continues with members of the public on the reduced service between Dalmeny and South Gyle, which was a consequence of the timetable change arising from opening of Gateway Station. ScotRail regard the present timetable as being temporary, as changes to services passing through Dalmeny will bring further reviews over the next 18 months.
- 6. Gritting Routes** – Following up on a resident's query regarding icy surfaces on Stewart Terrace, clarification on the road's priority status was sought from the North West Office in early December and the request was passed to the Winter Maintenance Team. A reply is still awaited.

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