

QDCC Chairman's report for March 27th 2017 Business meeting

In the last month I have carried out the following business representing Queensferry & District Community Council:

- On the evening of 28th February I attended a forum being held "Peoples Voice on Planning" by Planning Democracy called by Leith Community Council held in the City Chambers. Planning Democracy are campaigning for a fair and inclusive planning system in Scotland. You can find more about this topic at www.planningdemocracy.org.uk.
- On Wed 1st March I attended a meeting of the Queensferry Crossing Opening Celebrations committee. TS advise that the plan is to open the bridge at the end of May '17. The plans remain in the early stages of planning and will take the form of: an opportunity for pedestrians to walk the bridge, an opening ceremony for traffic to cross and an official opening celebration.
- On the evening of the 8th March I attended a Partnership Business meeting held in the Rosebery Hall. Following the discussions about Queensferry policing matters at the QDCC February business meeting and my letter to Chief Inspector Jones Police Scotland, Sgt Homewood gave an overview of Police Scotland's plans to deal with the anti-social behaviors and car crime. Updates on progress have been subsequently report regularly by email.
- On the 9th Mar'17 I met with Dave Sinclair Environment and Highways Officer CEC, to walk the High Street and discuss the upgrade works. Council officers from the west team are scoping the works and along with procurement colleagues will appoint a preferred contractor.
- On the afternoon of 14th March '17 I attended a meeting in Inverkeithing Civic Centre called by QA to participate in discussions about the Heritage Lottery Funding application for funding of the Paul Hogarth Signage proposal project for both North & South Queensferry.

Other business:

As discussed at the February meeting I wrote to Chief Inspector Jones (copy letter attached). I received an acknowledgment of my letter but await a formal reply to the points made.

Keith Giblett 25th Mar 17