

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for March 2017

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – No further update on the plans for bridge opening celebrations or a ceremony. Advice so far is that it will open to traffic before the end of May. Overnight road closures to install signs and cameras on the A90 & M90 gantries are scheduled for this weekend. Some work was carried out on the B800 last Thursday but it appears the road was closed ahead of the authorised time. This has been raised with CEC
- 2. ANP Transport Forum** – I attended the forum meeting on Wednesday 15 March where there was a presentation by a Sustrans and CEC cycling team member, covering aspects of path assignment, segregation and signs, along with budget constraints. Hopefully we can make progress with issues like Lovers Lane and provision of DDA compliant accesses around new developments. This should prove quite a useful contact going forward, as a number of cycling-related questions are already being asked around Queensferry and these are likely to grow with re-designation of the Forth Road Bridge. A number of very long-standing issues were highlighted with bus stop hardware. Examples in Queensferry are the Agilent turning circle, the Lowood steps, B800 stops and Dakota flags. I don't have much confidence these are being progressed, whether within CEC or anywhere else
- 3. Burnshot Flyover** – As part of an additional investment approved by CEC's Transport & Infrastructure Committee last week, around £1.5m has been allocated to structures and flood prevention. This includes a budget for repair/replacement of the Burnshot flyover in 2017-18
- 4. Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change Programme** – As mentioned last month, a meeting between QDCC and Airport reps was held on Wednesday 15 March, which followed on from an ANP presentation on Wednesday 8 March. In line with QDCC's wishes, Edinburgh Airport will hold a drop-in session for the community at Rosebery Hall on Thursday 6 April between 2pm and 7pm. It is hoped that Edinburgh Airport Watch can also attend the session, but this is not yet confirmed. Other sessions and public meetings with Airport representation are advertised on the Events Calendar at www.letsgetfurther.com/consultation-material. There is also a public meeting at Echline Primary School on Tuesday 28 March at 7pm, but it isn't clear if either Edinburgh Airport or the Watch group will attend
- 5. Public Transport – Buses.** A meeting with Stagecoach had been requested last month, with a possible date of mid-April. However in the interim Stagecoach announced they are 'consulting' on withdrawal of their 40/A/B service from Monday 5 June. While it might still be worth having a 'wash-up' meeting with Stagecoach to see where they think things went wrong, we'll urge CEC to monitor the situation so that financial support can be offered if no operator chooses to run a city centre bus route on a commercial basis. Registrations should be submitted 6 weeks prior to a service starting, although short notice registrations are allowed where no other service would exist. **Trains.** ScotRail have announced details of compensation of one week free travel for season ticket holders (those who have a valid ticket for at least one day in May 2017). Whether One-Ticket holders will qualify isn't yet known but probably not. Nothing back yet from QHS regarding opportunities for artwork at Dalmeny Station – I suggest we wait until the Easter holidays then try elsewhere
- 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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