

Chairs Annual Report QDCC May 16 - April 17Apr

April - May '16

- I met with Alex Cole Hamilton MSP (newly elected) discuss Queensferry Issues.
- Dvaíd Flint and I met with QHS students to discuss how they might engage and participative on QDCC
- I met up with the chairman for Cramond and Kirkliston Community Councils to discuss matters of mutual interest but in particular CraigieHall development proposal and the likely impacts from a development of 1200 homes to the infrastructure of West Edinburgh.
- I attended a second EPOGs meeting for the Jutland 100yrs commemorative event. A third meeting was scheduled for Thursday 18th May 2016 that I couldn't attend due to other commitments.

May - June

- QDCC Continue to be represented at FRC Forums by Vice Chair, TSC Convenor and Chair.
- On the 31st May p.m. I attended the inaugural meeting of the Queensferry Crossing Opening Events committee. The focus for the meeting was the roles and responsibilities of the stakeholders attending the meeting and TS describing the likely challenges of organising the event/s.
- In the evening of the 6th June along with the CC's Exec members I met with Jennifer Garner our new to be appointed Minute Secretary. Followed by a meeting with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and his agent and prospective Council Lib-Dem candidate Kevin Lang. Again our discussions focused on the LDP2 and infrastructure needs and wants. This meeting was a follow up from our meeting with all the prospective MSP candidates prior to the Scottish Government elections and is about raising the profile for Queensferry on the many issues and challenges we face as a community.
- CEC Transformation programme kicked up a gear!
- On Thursday 23rd June I chaired a second meeting with Finc Associates at their request to learn more about their intentions. Present were Ward Councillors Paterson and Shields and representatives for QDCC, Barnton and Cramond Community Council, Kevin Lang representing Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and Rick Finc Finc Associates, Gary Smith for Harlam Land Management along with their Communications Manager.

June - July

- Along with the Executive members of QDCC I met with Tania Pramschuer HandsupEvents on the 29th June 16 to discuss holding framers markets in South Queensferry.

- I met informally with Graham Clarkson and Stuart Ridge Charity Trustees to learn about how they set of a trust for the Craigie Farm Education and Environmental project SCIO.
- On 19th July 16 along with Councillor Paterson, David Buchanan KCC and Peter Scott BCCC we met with Rick Finc of Rick Finc Associates at his request to discuss how and what shape the consultation workshops would take.

July - August

- An Autumn newsletter was produced in time for meeting the Ferry Fair deadline
- The Hawes Promenade as an events arena is becoming controversial and I think QDCC should be looking to CEC to review the number of events planned for 2017.
- A new timetable and route change to the No40 Stagecoach bus service has been poorly handled and I don't think anybody comes out of it well, least of all the customers

August - September

- Along with QDCC councillors I attended and facilitated a meeting with the Hawes Bridge House residents to discuss their concerns about the over use of the Hawes Promenade.
- meeting with Alan Farningham Planning to learn about the revised plans being proposed for the Builyeon Road development.
- I met with AMEY representatives supported by Neil to finalise the plans for the Jacobs Ladder project.

September - October

- Supported by Neil I facilitated the voluntary work undertaken by AMEY and Network Rail at the Jacobs Ladder location cutting back overgrown vegetation and tidying up the footpath and compound on 28th Sept, 4th & 5th October.
- I met with Colin Butcher Sea Cadets Commander to discuss the plans for a new build facility.
- I met with the Chairman of Cramond & Barnton CC and Kirkliston CC to discuss The City of Edinburgh Councils Transformation Programme and how the changes are impacting upon the voluntary work of the community councils.
- I have contacted Dave Sinclair Environmental & Highways Officer North West CEC and Convenor of the Queensferry Infrastructure Group (QIG) seeking to hold a meeting specifically to progress the High St improvements.
- I have written to Peter Strong Localities Manager North West to pick up on the work that Henry Coyle was progressing on our behalf looking to secure a long term lease for the Sea Cadets property which would give them tenure for a new build? Following a request from PEYC of a similar vain I have asked the question of Mr Strong.

October - November

- 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.
- 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 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.
- I attended the Taylor Wimpey consultation. For what its worth I think the information made available could have been better presented.

December '16 - January '17

- 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.
- 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.
- On the 11th January I met up with the new QA Bids Manger Sunil Varu.

January - February

- On the 24th January I met with Sunil Varu the QA Manger to learn about QA Business plan 2017-2022 for the pending ballot.
- In the evening along with other members I attended the FRC update. It was confirmed that subject to weather that the plan is to open the Queensferry Crossing in late May 2017.

February - March

- On the evening of Tuesday 28th March along with Laura and Eleanor I attended the public meeting held in Echline Primary School called by Mr Bruce Whitehead and Airport Watch.

- On the morning of 13th April I met with Sgt Homewood to discuss Policing matters in Queensferry and the points raised in my letter and Chief Inspector Jones reply.
- As reported by the TSC Convenor I organised and attended a meeting with the Transport Convenor Councillor Hinds to discuss and learn of progress with a replacement for the no 40 bus service to and from Edinburgh.

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Keith Giblett Chair 18 May '17