

QDCC Chairmans Report

Meeting Date; 22nd October 2012

October has been another interesting month attending meetings and keeping up to date with correspondence. There seems to be an ever ending Email chain with consultation requests such that I often think we are in overload status and wonder if our views are taken into consideration.

Chairmans diary

- On the 26th Sept I represented QDCC along with several other QDC Councillors at the ANP public meeting held in the Rosebery Hall and chaired by Councillor Work. This was a themed evening on progress with Environmental projects progressed in the Almond Ward in the last 12 months.
- On the 28th September I met informally with Councillor Hinds in her capacity as Transport Convenor along with the Executive members to discuss transport and highways business affecting South Queensferry. The poor condition of the High Street was discussed.
- On 1st October along with community councillors and our ward councillors I met the new Managing Director, Evans Property Group Ian Marcus. It was refreshing to learn of Ian's views and reassuring to know that Evans are totally committed to complete the Ferrymuir site despite the challenges in front of them.
- On Tuesday 2nd October I chaired the planned monthly business meeting of Christmas in Queensferry
- On 3rd October along with Grant I attended a TS meeting to learn more about their future plans for disbanding FETA and placing the work a contractor.
- On the 8th of October along with Terry I attended a CC forum on Licensing. The forum was very interesting but did raise a number of interesting questions about how future new applications could be managed.
- I have written to Natalie Hoy about the condition of the High Street road surface after the recent temporary patching seeking assurances about repairs, copied to our three ward councillors, MSP and MP's and await replies.

- I was also asked to help a resident who hadn't had their medical waste picked up for four weeks despite calls to the department and being given re-assurances.

Planning

This has been the quietest month on record that I can remember.

One interesting application is for Scotts Ice Cream Parlour (formerly Niche Gallery) for erecting the canopies and advertising on the Windows. I did query this application with the Planning Officer asking if it was a retrospective application and after an exchange of emails she agreed that it was. However what surprised me was that the Team Leader got involved in the e-mail chain to clarify that QDCC doesn't have any rights whatsoever, effectively the applicant can do as they like! See email content below:-

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING SCOTLAND ACT 1997
WINDOW SIGNAGE AND THREE CANOPIES (IN RETROSPECT) AT 6 - 7
HIGH STREET, SOUTH QUEENSFERRY, EH30 9PP
REFERENCE NUMBER: 12/03373/ADV
WARD NO: A01**

Mr Giblett, under S184 of the 1997 Planning Act, planning permission is not required as the canopy is part of the advert device and is covered purely by the advert regulations.

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From: Keith Giblett [mailto:Giblett@btinternet.com]
Sent: 10 October 2012 14:57
To: Nancy Jamieson
Cc: Rachel Wong; TERENCE AIRLIE; Diane Job
Subject: Re: Application No 12/03373/ADV 6-7 High St South Queensferry

Dear Ms Jamieson, but would the installation of new canopies in the conservation area not be a matter of planning consent so QDCC would be a statutory consultee.

Can you clarify please as this is specifically what was taking our interest. Are you saying that the application doesn't include the new canopies.Regards, Keith Giblett

Sent from my iPad

On 10 Oct 2012, at 14:44, "Nancy Jamieson" <Nancy.Jamieson@edinburgh.gov.uk> wrote:

Mr Giblett, Rachel is going to consult you on this application but I would remind you that you can only ask to be a statutory consultee on applications for planning permission. This application is for advertisement consent. There is no provision under the advert regulations for the community council to be a statutory consultee. This also applies to listed building consent. This does not affect your right to make representations.
Hope this helps for future requests

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 21st October 2012