

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for July 2017

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – Quite a lot of time this month has been taken up with discussions on allocation of tickets for the bridge walk event on 2-3 September prior to the formal opening ceremony on Monday 4 September. Terry and Keith will provide further details in their reports. Also, the proposal to create a short stretch of footpath connecting to an existing path running between Clufflats and Springfield Lea has provoked a few comments. This would link to a path allowing pedestrians to access both the east and west sides of the new bridge where there are service roads to Echline Corner and the A904. Keith circulated a bulletin from QDCC around Clufflat Brae and Clufflat properties to inform residents of the plans.
- 2. Burnshot Bridge** – Further updates were supplied to QDCC by City of Edinburgh Council. These have been shared on our Facebook page. Essentially the demolition work remains on target for October 2017, but exactly how much of the bridge must be demolished is not yet known because it depends on the solution chosen as a replacement.
- 3. Ferry Muir Road** – As highlighted by Graeme two months ago, recent changes to the B800 have made it more difficult for pedestrians to use the service road access to Tesco due to the removal of a central reservation and an island. These features were previously used as refuges by pedestrians. Tesco are willing to allow an easier pedestrian route to the store if an easier crossing can be made on the road and we're attempting to arrange a meeting and site visit with Kevin to find out what CEC or Transport Scotland might be able to offer.
- 4. Station Road** – QDCC received notification of parking restriction on Station Road which were to support excavations by Scottish Water. However the period in the notice was only a few days but the work has now been going on for several weeks. Apparently once Scottish Water are finished, Virgin Media will move in to excavate a similar area on Station Road. There are a few concerns about the way the traffic management was advertised and its implementation. The bus stops did not appear properly closed, pedestrian consideration seemed poor and traffic was rat-running through the building site at Hewlett Way in Dalmeny Park. This was communicated to the West Team and Lothian Country, who said they would inspect the area, and Keith raised the issue of Hewlett Way remaining open with CALA. Recently the 3-way lights were changed to 2-way and the bus stops are no longer within the roadworks area.
- 5. 20mph Rollout** – Some traffic monitoring by CEC took place in Queensferry over the past month, related to checking the effectiveness of 20mph speed limits which were introduced exactly one year ago. The standard practice is to measure traffic speed over a week at three points in time – one month before, one month after and one year after the speed limit change. Following this monitoring period, electronic boards displaying a speed limit were erected in two streets, Scotstoun Avenue and Kirkliston Road. QDCC weren't involved or consulted on their placement, but they may help alleviate difficulties frequently mentioned for pedestrians crossing at the end of Scotstoun Avenue and traffic pulling out from Station Road into The Loan.

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