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Queensferry & District Community Council - August 2017 Report

Queensferry High School

Following Kevin's question at the June meeting of Council, we were pleased to organise the meeting with the convener and vice-convener of education along with members of QDCC and the Queensferry High Parent Council. This took place on 16 August. The head teacher and deputy head were also present.

This meeting was an important opportunity to collectively argue once more for a six-lane swimming pool at the new school rather than a current four lane plan. Cllr Perry agreed to look in detail at the option of extending the number of lanes. One promise he did make was that, whatever happens, the new pool would be available during school holidays. There are obviously no guarantees as what will be brought forward next month. However, we feel we all made the arguments as best we could. Kevin followed this up with a specific question at the full meeting of Council last week.

Cruise Liner visits

We have both received considerable correspondence from residents about the transport arrangements for cruise liner visits. In response to the experience of this year, we have received assurances from officials that steps will be taken to avoid clashes with the Ferry Fair weekend in future (although bookings are often made two years in advance). We will look to get this formalised in Council policy.

Jubilee Clock

We were delighted to see that, after much perseverance (including some joint comms with Keith), the Jubilee Clock was repaired earlier this month. It is good to see it operational once more, especially in its 130th anniversary year.

Edinburgh Airport

We are due to meet with Edinburgh Airport on Tuesday. The amended flight paths have now been submitted to the CAA for approval. Whilst the D0 route over Queensferry has been retained, the airport now says it would only be used for a few hours in the morning when aircraft are departing to the west (approx. two thirds of the time).

Clufflat path

We received a lot of correspondence from residents following the QDCC bulletin on the Clufflat path. We liaised with Transport Scotland officials who were clear that, in the absence of a clear consensus amongst affected residents, they are not going to proceed with completing the path under their delegated powers. Whilst we have received some correspondence in favour of the completion, the clear majority appear opposed to the plan.

Local issues raised in August

Other Queensferry and Dalmeny issues which we have worked on in the last month include;

- Recycling facilities in Rose Lane.
- Parking issues and traffic flow in Inchgarvie Park/Farquhar Terrace.
- Further issues with the quality of grass cutting in communal areas.
- AirBnB lets in Queensferry.
- Standard of pavement/path resurfacing in Sommerville Gardens and Provost Milne Grove.
- Flooding issues in Dalmeny.