

## **Queensferry & District Community Council**

### **Chairman's report for September '17 Business Meeting**

#### **Queensferry Crossing Experiences**

As all in QDCC are aware and what has been reported so far, the organising of the three Queensferry Crossing events; The Walking Experience, The Opening Celebrations and the Community visits were all organised in a very compact timescale which put QDCC under extreme pressure. As a voluntary group with no paid resources we are not set up to administer such a massive undertaking. At the close of play on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of September QDCC had facilitated a Queensferry Crossing Experience to over a 1000 Queensferry residents. My initial role was in engaging with Transport Scotland about these visits and working with officers to deliver experiences for the community. I would like to thank all who helped to make this happen.

On the late afternoon of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September I was privileged to escort 49 Queensferry residents onto the Queensferry Crossing to enjoy their walking experience. And the following day attend the Opening Ceremony.

#### **Forth Replacement Crossing Forum**

As reported by Grant in the Transport report I attended the forum meeting on evening of Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. I would like to add a couple of points, that QDCC asked for the traffic counter figures to date, from opening to get an understanding of the additional traffic journeys. The day the bridge was opened it was reported that there were 103 thousand crossings against a normal days crossing of 73 thousand.

The other matter that was discussed was connection of the Clufflats pathway. Briggs stated that they were not, nor had been the promoter of the footpath. The written comments provided by the Clufflats residents to QDCC has been forwarded on to CEC North West Locality Roads and Environmental Manager for examination and ruling.

I also took the opportunity to meet with Alex Cole Hamilton MSP in the Scottish Parliament on the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> Sept to discuss the traffic congestion and delays around the Queensferry Crossing as he was raising the community's concerns with the Cabinet Secretary.

#### **New Queensferry High School**

What has been achieved so far is well documented but I think this piece of work confirms that all stakeholders working together can deliver a solution that works for all.

#### **Walker Drive setting up tenants/residents Association**

I have been asked by North West Housing Officer Daniel Ward if QDCC can assist with setting up a residents/tenants association for Walker Drive locality. Primarily they would be engaged in the improvement plan works identified from the survey carried out earlier this year and incorporated into the North West Locality Improvement Plans. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept late morning which I will be attending with Graeme.

#### **Correspondence**

Over the month I have been in correspondence with Council officers about the High St Improvement works, weed kill on the High St, grounds maintenance of the McIvers Brae, street lighting repairs as well as correspondence with residents about new QHS, lack of community facilities etc.....

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 25 Sept '17.

