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## Queensferry & District Community Council - September 2017 Report

### Queensferry High School

We were obviously delighted with the news that the plans for the new high school would be changed to include a six-lane swimming pool as well as a sauna and steam room. At the full meeting of the Council on 21 September, Kevin made a point of congratulating all those local residents, including members of the community council, who worked so hard to achieve this. The research on other areas, showing how feasible it was for school swimming pools to be opened to greater community use, was invaluable. The planning application for the school has now been submitted although (at time of writing this report), it is not yet showing on the planning portal.

### Cruise Liner visits

At the September Council meeting, Louise raised the issue of the impact of cruise liner visits in Queensferry. The Finance Convener admitted the projected income for 2017/18 for visits is a record £268,000 with all money allocated to the central transport services budget. There is an annual £75,000 budget for the pier maintenance. Louise asked for a greater share of the money to be allocated for facility improvements in Queensferry, such as the public toilets. The Finance Convener agreed to consider this which Louise will follow up.

### Edinburgh Airport

Along with Alex Cole-Hamilton MSP and Christine Jardine MP, Kevin met with representatives of the airport to discuss the proposed new flight paths. This was before the most recent news from the CAA that it was ceasing its work on the proposals and sending them back to the airport because of 'technical concerns'. We have yet to receive details of how the airport will respond to what is a significant setback. We need to be careful to avoid presuming the proposed changes to fly planes over Queensferry will not now happen as we understand the issues focus more on Cramond.

### Bo'ness Road

We have been working closely with the local organisers of a major petition to get action on the volume and speed of traffic on Bo'ness Road. It is clear this problem has, as expected, worsened since the opening of the Queensferry Crossing. We have been liaising with both the local police and transport officials and plan further action on this over the coming weeks.

### Rosebery Avenue – school crossing patrol

After receiving correspondence with residents, we approached road safety officers who agreed to conduct a further study on traffic levels at Rosebery. This will be used to consider whether levels are now sufficient to meet the requirements for a new school patrol crossing.

### Binks car park

There have been big issues with flooding in the Binks car park at Rose Lane. After Kevin raised this at the September Council meeting, the Transport & Environment Convener agreed for the gullies in the car park to be jetted and cleaned in the next 2-3 weeks. If this fails to resolve the flooding problem then a more extensive investigation will be carried out to establish if there are any breakages in the pipes.