

Queensferry & District Community Council

October Business Meeting Chairman's report

I have in the last month carried out the following business on behalf of QDCC

I have attended the meetings noted below;

- On the morning of 27th September along with Graeme McKinley I met with Daniele Ward Housing Officer North West to discuss matters pertaining to the CEC Housing stock in Queensferry but in particular Walker Drive locality. We discussed the improvements identified in the North West Locality Improvement plan for Walker Drive, the setting up of Tennent's associations, the condition of Hillwood Court Flats, fly tipping and waste collection. We offered to publicise housing bulletins and information on our media sites.
- On 5th October I attended a Forth Bridges Tourism Committee (FBTC) meeting. Attached are the draft minutes. I also met with Jim Galloway CEC Head of Enterprise and Innovation who attended the meeting and we arranged to meet on 25th Oct to discuss "Queensferry matters"; QA business plan and the long awaited tourism study commissioned by the FBTC.
- On the evening of 11th October I chaired the first meeting about the proposed community facility. David Flint has circulated notes taken at the meeting.
- The Rosebery Hall Management Committee requested that I attend a meeting held in the Rosebery Hall with the Management Committee and CEC Facilitates management who are implementing significant changes in how janitorial services are provided. As reported by David we learnt the Rosebery Hall will be allocated 36hrs (full time post) only. Janitorial cover over above these hours will be provided by "mobile cover" at a cost to be determined or by appointed volunteers. The Management committee have been asked to provide a response about their preferred modus operandi in the next two weeks.

I have been in correspondence with;

- Dave Sinclair about the High Street maintenance, weed kill etc, ground maintenance of the McIvers Brae and laying of bark around the Guardian of the Bridges.
- Street lighting repairs. Also on behalf of Christmas in Queensferry I contacted Street Lighting about progress with repairs to the electrical bayonet connectors for the Christmas Lighting to be advised that Street Lighting were overwhelmed with emergency repairs and didn't have the resources to carry out repairs. Ch I Q has had the repairs for the Christmas Lighting completed by a contractor at a cost of £490. Further we were advised that the High Street lighting would be upgraded 2018/19 to the new energy efficient fittings and that power for the Christmas Decorations will not be fitted.
- Following on from the September business meeting when representation was made by local residents about increased traffic on Bo'ness and Builyeon Road and reference to LDP 2 outstanding planning applications I was tasked with writing to CEC Planning Officers to yet again express on behalf of QDCC our concerns. I received the following reply

"In response to your recent request for a further update with regard to the Builyeon Road applications 16/01797/PPP and 16/01798/PPP, I can advise that we are currently targeting a November 22nd Committee date for these applications to go to the Development Management Sub-committee for consideration.

Please note that this date is subject to colleagues in CEC Transport making sufficient progress in assessing the requirements for the site within this timeframe.

With regard to the queries you raise about the impact of the Queensferry Crossing on Builyeon Road – the new A90/A904 Builyeon Road junction was identified by the Council as an item to be looked at by the applicant's Transport Assessment which is available on the planning portal. Their assessment also considered the changes in the traffic patterns on the surrounding network. This was assessed using the Forth Replacement Crossing Microsimulation model provided by consultants (JMP) on behalf of Transport Scotland and the results will inform the Council Transport Officer's assessment of both applications. CEC Transport is also aware that the current road layout on the new bridge and the approaches is subject to restrictions at the moment.

The Council's Transport Officer is still considering both applications and associated impacts and requirements. The comments that Planning receives from CEC Transport to inform the planning report will be publicly available on the planning portal when we receive them.

As Kenny has mentioned, the comments and position of QDCC will be included in the planning report for both applications and the committee will be aware of them.

I hope the above update is of assistance and if you have any further queries please let me know."

Keith Giblett

Chair QDCC