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Queensferry & District Community Council - October 2017 Report

This month's full Council falls just after the next meeting of QDCC.

Dalmeny Station

One of our key promises at the Council elections was to get action on the problems around Dalmeny Station. The station is a critical part of our local public transport system. Passenger numbers having increased significantly over the last 10 years. However, we know there are many problems being faced by those living close to Dalmeny Station because of the current levels of car parking, with significant commuter parking on nearby roads and in spaces created for residents in new developments.

Worse still, there appears no clear plan from the Council to begin to address these issues. That is why we are tabling a motion at the next full meeting of Council on Thursday 26 October. If approved, it would require Council officials to engage with Scotrail and Transport Scotland and develop an action plan for addressing the issues around the station.

You can see the full motion here. <https://kevinlang.mycouncillor.org.uk/2017/10/17/dalmeny-station/>

Queensferry High Street

In response to concerns over the delay to the High Street project, Kevin has tabled the following questions for answer by the Transport Convener at the 26 October Council;

- (1) When was the £1m funding agreed for the redevelopment of the High Street in Queensferry?
- (2) What progress has been made in the delivery of the project since this date?
- (3) What specific improvements are expected to be delivered through this project?

We will provide an update to QDCC after the 26th.

Bo'ness Road public meeting

As QDCC members will know, we have been working closely with those who have organised the petition calling for action to improve the safety on and around Bo'ness Road. To help move these issues forward, we have now organised a public meeting at 7pm on Wednesday 8th November at Echline Primary.

Representatives of the local police and the Council's road safety team will be in attendance to answer questions and discuss what options exist to try and address the problem. Louise will chair this meeting and we would be delighted to see QDCC members there.

Rosebery Hall

We are deeply concerned about proposals which would substantially reduce the core janitorial hours provided to the Rosebery Hall. This risks a number of important community groups and clubs. The likely requirement for payment for 'mobile' janitors outwith core hours could also impact on the financial sustainability of certain groups and have serious knock on consequences. We are working closely with Mary Giblett of the Rosebery Hall Management Committee and intend to raise this (again) at the 26 October Council.

Binks car park

We are pleased to see that works have commenced on the Binks Car Park following Kevin's question at the September Council. We have asked to be kept updated.

Active Travel Plan

In response to concerns by constituents and QDCC reps, we have tabled questions on the Council's active travel plan and the lack of reference to Queensferry. Again, we will update QDCC on the answers afterwards;

- (1) Why does the Council's Active Travel Plan, as refreshed in 2016, make no mention of Kirkliston or Queensferry, other than a reference to the completed cycle route NCN 1 cycle route?
- (2) Why do the seven maps contained within the Active Travel Plan specifically exclude Kirkliston and Queensferry?
- (3) When will the Active Travel Plan next be refreshed?
- (4) What Active Travel projects are anticipated to be taken forward in Queensferry and Kirkliston, particularly in light of the Local Development Plan?

Queensferry Primary

We both attended the information evening organised by education officials where plans were presented on the proposed extension to the primary school. Generally, people seem very positive and supportive although we have received some correspondence from nearby residents over issues relating to the capacity of the car park.

Shore Road

No sooner did we get the illegal yellow lines removed on Shore Road along from the library and now Council officials have published a traffic regulation order (TRO) to paint them again, this time legally, along the south side of the road along to Port Edgar. Folk have until 10 November to lodge objections. We are in communication with many of the residents on the road and we expect many objections to be made.

Loch Road

Many people have contacted us about the small stretch of Loch Road running between Stewart Terrace and Morison Gardens. It's probably one of the worst kept bits of road anywhere in Edinburgh and is very dangerous.

After pursuing this with the Council roads team, we discovered the land was never adopted by the Council and is still owned by Hopetoun Estates. Kevin contacted them some time ago asking for them to confirm this and agree to carry out repair work. The good news is that I've had that confirmation. All being well, repair work should be undertaken certainly before Christmas and, weather permitting, in the next four weeks. I've asked to be kept updated.

Ferrymuir Gate

We have been in communication with many residents in the Varneys regarding the Ferrymuir Gate site. This was prompted when property company, Rennie's advertised the land as being for sale and available for new housing. There was a lot of concern at the terms of Rennie's advertisement which suggested access to any new houses could be provided through your estate via Viewforth Place.

Housing developments

We had expected both the Builyeon Road and South Scotstoun developments to come before the planning committee in October. The latest suggestion is that the former will come before committee in November and the latter likely to be moved back to after New Year.

Other news and activity

- There is a proposal to introduce a dedicated bay for the school bus on the road outside St Margaret's,
- Following representations from constituents, we have been engaging with the road safety team about the current 60mph limit between Dalmeny (20mph) and the B924 (40mph) and whether this should remain.
- Kevin attended the QDCC sub-group looking at the Ferrymuir community project. He made a point of updating fellow ward councillors afterwards.