

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Transport Report for February 2018

- 1. Forth Replacement Crossing** – QDCC have had responses from a couple of enquiries raised last year with Transport Scotland. Firstly traffic counter data should be available within the next few months. This should provide quantitative evidence showing the impact of the new road network on the volume of traffic using some alternative routes. Unfortunately some traffic counters are broken and repairs can take a very long time (some data has been missing for several years, casting doubt on the baseline data) therefore there is a risk that measured traffic flow numbers may not be entirely conclusive. Secondly a planting schedule was received for an area around Clufflats. The intention is for these plants to screen properties from the new path that Transport Scotland have already built. Some residents are concerned that this will become a source of nuisance if a link path connects it to another existing route between Clufflat Brae and Springfield Lea.
- 2. Forth Bridges Forum** – Along with Grame and Keith I attended the Forth the Forth Bridges Forum 31 January. The imminent full opening of the Forth Road Bridge and its slip roads to permitted vehicles, and the Queensferry Crossing achieving motorway status were topics of particular interest. Reports of non-compliance with restrictions on the Forth Road Bridge have been quite common over the past month. Enforcement cameras are planned for certain areas to discourage use by vehicles that are not permitted on the A9000. Network Rail hope to provide more detail of their South Queensferry bridge climb plans at the next meeting by which time they expect approval of their business case. Network Rail's budgets for Control Period 6, covering 2019-2024, will shortly be set by the Scottish Government. This would also include projects such as repairs to Forth Bridge floodlighting and construction of the Dalmeny Chord, often subjects of comment on social media.
- 3. Pedestrian Crossings** – As a survey at Ferry Muir Road has shown traffic, pedestrian and environmental counts meet CEC's threshold for a pedestrian crossing aid, this joins The Loan as areas where investment can be expected, or pressed for, over the next few years.
- 4. Scottish Gas Networks** – Despite closure of Burgess Road for a week, QDCC haven't been alerted to any serious traffic issues arising in the surrounding area. The roadworks are likely to continue for a few more weeks.
- 5. Public Transport** – A few minor changes to times, routes and fares on Lothian bus services are effective from 25 February. No-one from CEC has been back in touch regarding re-tendering the 63 route. Once the contract expires later in 2018 it is assumed this will continue to be funded on a monthly basis with the incumbent operator, but greater commitment would be useful. I've asked Norman to look at making the new bus stops in Ferrymuir near the offices and new houses at Lochinvar Gardens more formal. Marking the usual bus stop parking restrictions may be appropriate here, as one of the poles was knocked over shortly after installation.
- 6. Burnshot Bridge** – A proposal was received outlining the plans for a replacement bridge over the A90 at Burnshot. The period for submitting comments has now closed. The intended road layout is expected to follow the previous arrangements, although with the addition of two-way traffic on the single carriageway flyover and a separate cycle/footway on the northbound off-slip. There weren't any particular features that gave cause for concern, but we highlighted the importance of ensuring that buses could use the northbound slip roads so that the existing stop at Lowood could be closed.

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