

Queensferry & District Community Council February Business Meeting being held on 24th February '20 in the QDCC Meeting Room.

Chairmans Report

Liner Meeting 26th January '20

Following a letter to Paul Lawrence Executive Director of Place complaining about the lack of progress with improvements to the management of Liner Visits, he facilitated and chaired a meeting with Council Officers Gareth Barwell and Dave Sinclair. It was agreed that the TRO management plan layout in light of the High Street Improvements would be reviewed. The Hawes Toilets had been painted but as they were inadequate that Mr Barwell was asked to look at alternative solutions. A follow up meeting is planned for the end of March when feedback will be provided on progress.

PE Water Sports Meeting

I attended a meeting arranged by Community Policing, Martin Crow at PE Water Sports Centre to learn about the modus operandi of the business and the changes that have been implemented in the past years where they have moved to becoming a SCIO. PE Water Sports would like to heighten local awareness about their educational work in supporting young adults with additional needs and how they can provide work experience opportunities. Presently they are upgrading the facility modernising the stores and locker storage area of building as well as creating a new reception and office area.

Museums Forum

A forum meeting was held with Frank Little and Museum's Curators on Wednesday of last week which was primarily about bringing museums staff up to speed with all that is going on in Queensferry with historical developments and matters. In attendance at the meeting was HES who spoke about the World Heritage site and UNESCO inscription, Paul Hogarth of Paul Hogarth Co who represented Network Rail and gave an overview of the Forth Bridge Walking Experience, as well as the Signage Project for North & South Queensferry and John Andrews of TS and ICE (Institute of Civil Engineers) who spoke about the work of ICE and the work of The Forth Bridge World Heritage Forum and Management Committee and Heriot Watt University.

Prior to holding the meeting QDCC had arranged a tour of the town visiting; the site of the FB Walking Experience, new QHS build, QPS new classroom build, visited the Contact & Education Centre for a talk about the educational programme being delivered from the CEC, the housing development sites and then into Port Edgar and discussed all that is taking place in the marina locality.

A lot of information was provided and we touched on a number of museum operational matters such as opening hours, signage, internal decoration, use of the museum building, collections and exhibitions, communication and engaging with the community of Queensferry. The Forum was well received by all who attended.

Following from the meeting Museums staff have agreed to progressing the following actions:

- share our programme for Queensferry Museum for the coming 18 months

- review staffing at the museum to address opening during advertised times
- convene a follow up meeting with Queensferry Heritage and the History Group to explore future opportunities, possibly focusing on the 3 bridges
- follow up with Mark and John on a collections review of items related to the Bridges
- replace signage at the front of the building

FBWHMC Meeting

Along with Graeme I attended the quarterly Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Committee meeting. The Business discussed that will be of interest to QDCC is;

- The 130 yr anniversary of the Forth Bridge event was discussed, see poster
- Just Eat bikes station being located at FRB
- A Forth Bridges forum meeting is being planned to be held in next few weeks
- The question of how TS engage with the local communities was raised again and we secured a commitment that TS Officers have to come back with a proposal
- Location of FBWH UNESCO Plaques.
- The Forth Bridge Walking Experience planning application going forward to planning for consideration on 4th March '20.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC
23 Feb '20