

Queensferry & District Community Council

Chairs report for March 2020

Corona Virus

These are unprecedented times that we are living in and I would like to assure you that with your support and best endeavours then QDCC will develop new ways of working that will allow us to represent our community. With the skills and knowledge that you all have then I'm confident that we are well placed to continue to function. Look after yourself, family and friends and stay safe.

Meeting with Edinburgh Leisure to discuss plans for Community Use of new High School

A meeting was called and held with Edinburgh Leisure to discuss the intended plans going forward for community use for the new High School. We learnt that the intention was to continue and migrate the present programme of activities from the QHS to the new build. QDCC were extremely disappointed to learn that there were no plans in place to publicise a new programme of activities and that access will be restricted during school hours through to 18.30 hours as adults will not be allowed in the school during school operational hours as determined by the education authority. Following the discussion, EL and CEC officials are investigating expansion of access times beyond the initial working proposal and we look forward to a positive outcome as the discussion was very constructive. We have also requested our ward councillors investigate the general policy within CEC of shared access hours.

High Street Refurbishment

A meeting was called by Dave Sinclair to review the tender bids. Present were CEC Procurement and Ironside Farrer. I was invited to participate in reviewing the "Community Engagement" element of the tender. Regrettably only one contractor from five presented a completed tender by the due date. CEC are now considering their options and are presently discussing and reviewing the work with the contractor that bid for the tender.

Meeting with Cala Homes - Builyeon Rd

I met with Mr Craig Lynes Land Director Cala to discuss the Builyeon Rd development. Cala presently are carrying out an archaeological survey involving excavations across the site. They are working on plans and trying to engage with Transport Scotland to understand their liabilities on the boundaries for the site. Cala are working to bring forward a plan sometime in April for discussion and consideration. A public consultation will be held not dissimilar to the one held for the Springfield site.

CEC Development Management Sub Committee Meeting

I attended the Sub Development Management Sub-committee meeting held on 4th March '20 and represented QDCC. The outcomes are well documented and the committee meeting can be viewed through the Web site link and is reported in the Planning Convenors report.

Forth Bridge 130yr Anniversary 4th March '20

I assisted and supported the anniversary events which were very successful.

Re-cycling Issues

I have been supporting and assisting the Environmental Convenor by contacting CEC Waste Officers about ongoing recycling issues around the town. A meeting was held at Tesco with the store managers to discuss same.

Corus Site new developer appointed - Ambassador Homes

I attended the recent meeting called by Robert Evans of Rydens to enlighten QDCC about another revised proposal by Ambassador homes for the Corus site. All as reported.

Cala Springfield Development

I participated in the conference call to discuss the traffic impact assessment for the the Springfield site.

Ferry Glen Land Slippage

There is evidence of further land slippage which could result in the pathway behind the Bowling Club being closed. Further that the metal bridge structure located on the eastern footpath through the glen is in poor condition and requires repair or replacement. CEC Officers are considering limited options due to budget constraints and will keep QDCC informed. An on-site meeting was cancelled due to the Corona Virus.

Approving the draft minutes

In my capacity as chair I ask; the draft minutes have been circulated and if there are no further changes to the minutes can I please have a proposer & seconder please by replying to Terry in his capacity as QDCC Secretary.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC
23rd March 2020