

## QDCC Communications Report – Feb 2020

The [QDCC Facebook page](#) remains the most popular public interaction media with over 3,220 followers. Reach for the last 28 days is 11,498 people and 9,267 post engagements, an uplift on last month. The [Visit Queensferry Facebook page](#) is quiet at the moment but has 880+ followers.

Our [website planning page](#) has been updated and now gives comprehensive information about the planning process, addresses some public misconceptions on housing developments, explains how to comment on planning applications and shows the status of current local developments.

We have revived our [Twitter account](#) to provide another channel, particularly aimed at the younger community members and non-Facebook social media users. Currently 451 followers.

Since the January meeting, sub-committee convenors, councillors and Chair attended a number of meetings with authorities, local interest groups and other relevant parties/individuals, some of which are outlined in their respective reports.

### Local Social media

Obviously the **closure of the Queensferry Crossing** due to ice falling from the cables prompted discussion and further calls for the FRB to be utilised better.

Much support but also some concerns expressed over the **Forest Kindergarten** proposal. Particularly, the exposure in bad weather and the apparent proposed use of this to accommodate the additional hours in lieu of absence of the Echline build which was pulled.

The **Hopetoun Rd works** diversion issues appear to have quietened down since the monitoring process was employed.

### Youth Engagement



The **Youth clubs** continue on Monday & Wednesday evenings. Martin Bell has been appointed for 8 months to cover Isla's maternity leave. The YE Group are yet to meet with Martin to discuss summer events and the youth clubs.

The local **CAP team** (Community Alcohol Partnership) received a national award for their successful work here and throughout NW Edinburgh. Martin Crow, Gill Young & Karen McKenzie, collected the award in the House of Lords on behalf of the team.

Report of cars being vandalised in Tesco car park on Friday evening 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, by youths, also being abusive. Unclear as to whether reported to police.

### Cruise Liners Update

Following a QDCC meeting with Paul Lawrence, Gareth Barwell and Dave Sinclair, a proposal for an off-site coach stacking model has been put forward. This concept adoption is looking more hopeful now but time will tell. Keith has expanded on this in his Feb report.

Some internal focus will now be required on the tourism offer from Queensferry.

## Other business

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FORTH BRIDGE**

1890 ♦ 2020

**130**  
YEARS

**The Forth Bridge**

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF CELEBRATION**

Wednesday 4th March 2020, Contact & Education Centre, South Queensferry, EH30 9SF

**12:30 – 17:00**

FREE EXHIBITION  
open to the public

**18:00 – 20:00**

ANNIVERSARY TALKS The Story of the Construction, Restoration and the International Connection

THE FORTH BRIDGES

THE FORTH BRIDGES TRUST

**The Forth Bridge** celebrates a 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on 4<sup>th</sup> March, events at the Contact & Education Centre have been scheduled.

**Edinburgh Leisure** are holding a recruitment evening 27/02 to staff the new QHS facilities. Yet to hear the community access times confirmed.

A number of local businesses are competing for the **Edinburgh Business Awards** again this year.

**Spotlight Magazine** are looking for community content & local feedback. Bi-monthly publication, any suggested community content can be emailed to [hello@spotlight-mag.co.uk](mailto:hello@spotlight-mag.co.uk).

Finally, I would like to express a personal tribute (as I know many others will) to David Hutcheson who sadly passed away on Wednesday morning. David's passing is not only deeply saddening but also a huge loss to Queensferry. His ethos of just going out there and sort it himself rather than complain or blame, his passion for all he did within CleanFerry, Christmas in Queensferry, GreenFerry and Friends of Ferry Glen, his engagement and influence with the local primary schools along with David McGuinness and Neil McKinlay, all without seeking acknowledgement or praise, latterly whilst fighting serious illness, was a true example of a local hero. He will be sorely missed by many. Hopefully we will come up with something suitable and permanent, perhaps in the Hawthorn Bank Walled Garden, to mark David's significant contribution to Queensferry.

G.McKinley, 23rd Feb 2020