



Queensferry Business Association

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Members Update

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cordially invites members and guests to our **Networking Meeting**, 7pm to 9pm on **Thursday 25th August** in the prestigious setting of **Hopetoun House**. Most of the evening is given over to mixing and networking, but we have spliced in four, five minute talks from –

- Piers de Salis on the commercial developments and new events at Hopetoun House
- Diane Brown on Queensferry's Business Improvement District status and progress

...and we are delighted to host representatives from the Forth Crossing Consortia –

- Derek Chambers, Director, Morrison Construction
- Ewen Macdonell, Community Liaison Manager, Morrison Construction

There are a few busy years ahead for South Queensferry; work will start shortly at junction 1A of the M9 at Kirkliston, followed by the main works on the new bridge and its associated road connections. This is the biggest infrastructure project in Scotland for many years and with it come threats and opportunities to local business as well as to the general amenity of the town.

The Consortia representatives will be available for some open questions and then for conversations if you wish to ask them for ways to offer your business product or service to the dozens of companies and sub contractors who will be on our doorstep for the next six years.

QBA organised a networking event earlier this year and we heard about the public tendering process for some types of work and service. QBA has information on the Scottish Government contacts for this – so just ask.



High Street Congestion – Traffic & Parking

Committee members Wil Tunnell and Douglas Flett, along with representation from the Community Council, continue to work with the City of Edinburgh Council toward a creative plan to solve the traffic congestion and lack of car parking that our local businesses have consistently told us is the **single biggest constriction on economic development** in South Queensferry.

The six years of Forth Crossing construction that lie ahead of us will add to this already stifling congestion. At the Parliamentary Hearing on the Crossing, its Convener said, "...the Scottish Government and Transport Scotland have recognised the need to maintain continued dialogue with those affected during construction." We need to see this "recognition" become tangible assistance and cooperation from Transport Scotland. We need to ensure that the City of Edinburgh Council designs and funds the parking and traffic management we desperately need.



is a group member of the **West Lothian Chamber of Commerce** and our website regularly has details of its networking and other business events. The next one is a welcome evening on 24 Aug - for details contact aileen.ross@wlchamber.com or 01506 414 808

Chamber Networking Evening

24th August 5.30 – 7.30pm

Alba Centre, Alba Business Park, Livingston EH54 7EG

The WLCC invite members and guests to the Chamber's new offices. Please join us for some informal networking giving opportunity to develop new contacts.

Members: Free Non-Members: £10.00 incl VAT

Aileen Ross West Lothian Chamber of Commerce 01506 414 808 <http://www.wlchamber.com>

Alba Centre - Alba Business Park – Livingston - EH54 7EG

Also, WLCC has a **Business Mentoring** programme and they would like to welcome new recruits – both Mentees and Mentors. Mentoring is a **FREE** service bringing together experience and knowledge beneficial to both the mentor and the mentee. **For the Mentee** the mentor is there to support, stimulate and challenge you, on both a personal and business level. Having a business mentor can improve your knowledge, ability and confidence, and can help you develop a stronger and more sustainable business. **Being a mentor** is a rewarding and satisfying experience. As a mentor you can develop your coaching skills, widen your network of contacts and also gain a new perspective on your own business. ***Does this sound like something you would like to do? Why not come along to the forthcoming event to see how the Chamber of Commerce's mentoring could help benefit your business.***

Chamber Mentoring Evening

18th August 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Venue: West Lothian College, Business Partnership Centre, Almondvale Cres., Livingston, EH54 7EP
To book places or for more information contact brenda.cumming@wlchamber.com or 01506 412 909



- **QBA exists to promote the interests of the business community in Queensferry**
- **Your business can be boosted by keeping QBA members informed of your news**
- **QBA acts as a medium of exchange and conduit of news**
- **Your need of a service or product may be listed the QBA website**

Douglas Flett
Chairman

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