

Queensferry & District Community Council

Cllr Norman Works Report for March 2018

It was good to see the community pulling together during Beast from the East with many volunteers helping clear away snow, offering lifts and making sure elderly residents had food and prescriptions. Many residents were out helping clear their streets and I assisted along with parents at Queensferry Primary School on Sunday 4th March. At the full council meeting on 15th March a composite motion submitted by all the groups in the council congratulated all the residents who contributed and recognised their efforts. There was also recognition that lessons can be learnt on how better the council can coordinate future efforts better.

I attended the Forth Bridge UNESCO World Heritage Plaque Unveiling organised by QDCC and the Forth Bridges Forum on Sunday 4th March at Boathouse Steps.

South Scotsoun Planning Application 16/06280/FUL; This was approved at the Planning committee meeting on 21st March. I made sure QDCC's concerns were aired by emailing the convenor the night before the meeting to make him aware of the omission from the planning gain for Dalmeny Station promised on LDP2. Just before the meeting commenced I spoke to the convenor who allowed me to address planning officials. I also took the opportunity to speak to several councillors on the committee. Despite this only four councillors voted for a hearing and only three voted to reject the application.

Concerns were raised about the breakdown in communication from SGN which resulted in me contacting SGN expressing the community's frustration about lack of information with works not taking place when planned. Communication has improved with promises to keep Community Council, ward Councillors, businesses, and residents better informed.

I have reported another bus stop which needs replaced on Kirkliston Road after being contacted by Grant Sangster via David Flint. This has been passed onto Stuart Lowrie for action.

The ward Councillors have been invited to a site visit at Craigiehall by David Coutts from Coutts Consulting acting on behalf of Hallam Land/Ministry of Defence on Wednesday 28th March. This was arranged with very short notice but I will be able to attend. According to Mr Coutts, "*A planning application will be lodged in the near future and this will have a major bearing on the area*". I am keen to make sure QDCC are informed so will pass on any comments to Mr Coutts when I attend the site visit on Wednesday.

Regards,
Cllr Norman Work