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Queensferry & District Community Council

Councillors Report — May 2018

Full Council

The Full Council last met on Thursday 3rd May. Despite a record number of motions the meeting was comparatively brief and there was little of note decided. The administration with the support of the Greens managed to retain 5 places on 9 member committees despite only now having 27 members out of 63 on the Council. Full Council will meet again on Thursday 31st May.

North West Locality

The next meeting of the North West Locality Committee will take place in the City Chambers on Tuesday 19th June at 6.30pm. This meeting is open to the public and will also be webcast live online through the Council website.

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

The Almond Neighbourhood Partnership is due to meet on Thursday 7th June, the time and venue are currently under review. This will be a public meeting.

Local Issues

Echline Primary School Janitorial Review — Following enquiries from Echline Primary Parent Council and from a large number of parents I raised concerns regarding the Council's Janitorial Review with the Council's Head of Property and Facilities Peter Watton. Mr Watton has provided answers to the concerns as well as more detail on how the proposed changes will work on a practical basis, he has also confirmed that there will be a review of the new arrangements after 6 months. I have provided this information to the Parent Council and to the new Headteacher Anne Purcell. I have yet to receive further comment back from either the Parent Council or the school.

Premier Inn Planning Application 18/01704/FUL — I have been contacted by residents in Stoneycroft who are objecting to the planning application for the expansion on the Premier Inn at the Queens Crossing. The residents have hired a planning consultant and believe that the application does not confirm to a number of the planning guidelines.

Ashburnham Loan Planning Application 18/00903/FUL — I was contacted by residents in Ashburnham Loan who were objecting to an application to build a significant extension to a neighbouring residential property, despite the objections the application was approved.

QCCC Road Resurfacing — Following a request from Gillian at QCCC, I have written to Roads Engineer Patrick Coogan to ask if the resurfacing of Rosebery Avenue can be expanded to take in the roadway outside The Haven and to the car park area. At the time of writing I am still awaiting a response.

Scotstoun Pharmacy — I have written a letter for the forthcoming hearing in support of the proposed new pharmacy at Scotstoun.

Hill Court — The Council are working with residents to come up with a plan for repair and refurbishment at Hill Court.

Events

Queensferry Heritage Trust Placemaking Event — Along with Councillor Work and Keith and Graeme from QDCC, I attended the Queensferry Heritage Trust Placemaking Event following their AGM on Thursday 26th April. There were interesting presentations from guest speakers and extensive discussion and debate.

Surgeries

A reminder of my local monthly surgeries, Queensferry Library at 6pm and Kirkliston Library at 7pm on the second Monday of the month. Please spread the word. I will be reviewing my surgery schedule in the summer.