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Queensferry & District Community Council

Councillors Report — June 2018

Full Council

The Full Council last met on Thursday 31st May. There was an extensive discussion on a report on a Transient Visitor Levy, despite the fact that the introduction of such a levy is out with the competence of the Council. The paper also offered no assurances that any revenue raised in Edinburgh would be retained in Edinburgh nor that the revenue raised would not be offset against the Council's Scottish Government Settlement. Despite these flaws the paper and its recommendations were approved. A motion brought forward by Portobello/Craigmillar Councillor Mary Campbell, acknowledging the importance of Edinburgh's 'Blue Belt' from Portobello to Queensferry and sought a report to the Transport and Environment Committee on all work being undertaken to preserve and enhance our coastline. This motion was approved unanimously. Full Council will meet again on Thursday 28th June before taking a month off for summer recess.

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

There was a public meeting of the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership on Thursday 7th June in Echline Primary School. A number of projects in Queensferry were recommended for funding from the Community Grants Fund and NEPs, there was an agreement to recommend funding of £20,000 towards a crossing on Bo'ness Road and to explore possibilities for securing the remainder of the funding. A decision was also taken to allocate £5,000 to participatory budgeting for Youth Decides events on the proviso that these were organised and run by community groups. All funding recommendations were approved by the North West Locality Committee. The date, time and venue of the next meeting are to be confirmed, however this will likely take place in September.

North West Locality

The North West Locality Committee met in the City Chambers on Tuesday 19th June. The next meeting will take place in the City Chambers at 6.30pm on Tuesday 11th September. This meeting will be open to the public and will also be webcast live online through the Council website.

Finance & Resources Committee

The Finance & Resources Committee decided at its meeting on Tuesday 12th June that the temporary reprovisioning of Registrar Services from the Kirkliston Office to the Queensferry Office would be made permanent. I made a request for a report on a city wide review of registrar services at the meeting but wrote to the Convenor to withdraw this request the following day.

Local Issues

Anti-Social Behaviour — I have received further reports of anti-social behaviour on Morison Gardens and new reports with regard to Walker Drive, both have been passed on to the Housing Team and the Police.

Binks Car Park — I have received complaints from residents in Rose Lane about public urination in the foliage between their homes and the car park. I have raised this with the Police and also asked the local team to trim back the foliage so the location appears less discreet/attractive to offenders.

Events

Bo'ness Road Public Meeting — I attended the Public Meeting organised by Councillor Young at Echline Primary School on Thursday 7th June to discuss the need for a crossing on Bo'ness Road.

Surgeries

I will be holding no scheduled surgeries during July and will confirm details of my schedule for the next Council year in August.