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## Queensferry & District Community Council – June 2018 Report

### George Grubb

Like many people, we were extremely sad to learn of the death of former Lib Dem councillor and Lord Provost, George Grubb. George was a good family friend, who oversaw the funeral of our grandmother and married Kevin and his wife Jennifer. George was also somebody who was respected and admired from across the party-political divide in the Council. We will miss him a great deal.

### Garden tax registration

We have continued to receive a substantial number of complaints about the new garden tax. Registration to pay the new charge has now opened with residents able to do so online or at Queensferry Library. Any person who wants to continue to receive a collection for their brown bin garden waste recycling must register by 22 July. However, the introduction of the new charge has been delayed until October.

### Bo'ness Road public meeting

Our public meeting with the Transport & Environment Convener, Cllr Lesley Macinnes took place at Echline Primary on Thursday 7 June. Whilst the Convener was not able to offer any substantive improvements during the meeting, progress was seen immediately after at the local Neighbourhood Partnership. During that meeting, partnership members reviewed the next round of community funding which is available from the Council for us to prioritise small local projects. This included that 'local roads fund'.

The local transport manager, who sat through the public meeting and heard the views of local people, recommended that money be allocated to fund 50% of the expected cost to install a full pedestrian crossing on Bo'ness Road. This sets aside £20,000 and paves the way to have discussions with other organisations like Transport Scotland about match funding. We can also use this money to make attempts to negotiate a contribution from the Council's road safety team.

### High Street Project

The next consultation for the £1 million project to improve the Queensferry High Street will take place on Monday 25 June. The project team have been using all the feedback from the last event in April to develop more specific proposals. These will be available to view and comment on at the 'drop in' event which will run 3-8pm at the Registrar's Office on the High Street.

### Echline primary nursery

We recently met with Council Officers to discuss the proposals for a new larger nursery based at Echline Primary School, just to the south west of the current school building.

Letters have already been issued to parents of children at the school. Letters are also going out to those living near the school, to explain the timeline and the unavoidable disruption.

This nursery is expected to be ready from late next year and will see the current children move over before additional spaces are made available to other families in the community. The capacity will increase from 30 spaces to around 60 spaces and instead of being limited to term time only, parents will have a choice as to whether they want a term time space, or year round support.

### **Street lighting**

Works to significantly upgrade street lighting in the eastern part of Queensferry have been given the green light to proceed. The lighting columns and lanterns will be fully replaced on Lawson Crescent, Queen Margaret Drive, Burgess Road and Bankhead Grove.

Underground cabling works will also be programmed to allow for new street lights on William Black Place, Dundas Avenue and Arrol Place.

### **Dundas Park**

Council officials from the parks and greenspaces team are consulting on plans to improve Dundas Park in Queensferry. This comes after significant funding was secured and which can be used to leverage in grants from other sources so that significant improvements can be made. Officials are very keen to hear what local people think on three different options.

### **Dalmeny Station Residents' Association**

Kevin is due to join the DSRA for a meeting with Dave Sinclair on Thursday 28 June. This is to discuss the outstanding improvements which were promised last year to try and address vehicle speeds on Rosshill Terrace.

### **Dalmeny Park traffic**

We have continued to work with Cala Homes to try and get some additional traffic calming in the Dalmeny Park development. Cala had been liaising with Barratt homes and we understand a specific set of changes are close to being agreed and presented to Council officials.