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## Queensferry & District Community Council – July 2018 Report

### Garden tax registration

The registration period for the new garden tax closed at midnight on 22 July. At time of writing this report, it appeared as though the numbers registering was falling well short of the 57,000 target set by the SNP/Labour administration. We expect that numbers have been hit by what has been a complicated and cumbersome process for registering which we know put many people off. It remains unclear as to how much money this new charge will raise and what impact it will have on recycling levels as well as fly-tipping.

### High Street Project

The second stage consultation for the £1 million project to improve the Queensferry High Street took place at the end of June. We have continued to hear from constituents with very strong and differing views across the different options presented.

### Dalmeny Station Residents' Association

Kevin attended the DSRA meeting with Dave Sinclair at the end of June. It was a very well attended meeting with a series of agreed actions. Most positive was an agreement in principle for a raised speed table to try and reduce speeding past the houses 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. We have seen a draft set of plans from Cala designed to try and reduce the levels of corner cutting at speed.

### Queensferry Road roadworks

We know that many commuters in Queensferry (both drivers and users of the 43 bus) have been severely impacted by the two sets of road works on Queensferry Road.

We do not believe Scottish Power has lived up to its promise to work "long shifts, seven days a week." For too much of the day, little or no work is being carried out. We have complained about this to senior managers at the company and will continue to push for this work to be completed as quickly as possible (currently due for completion at the end of the month).

Given the problems with the Scottish Power, it is clear the other works at the care home near Drum Brae should never have been allowed to proceed. People are rightly angry that all these works were permitted to happen at the same time. We intend to raise this at the next Council meeting and ensure those with responsibility for running the Council learn lessons.