

## Queensferry & District Community Council

### Cllr Norman Works report for October 2018 meeting

Dalmeny War Memorial Plaque; I was informed that the 1939-45 bronze plaque had fallen off the Dalmeny War Memorial and that the Lord Provost had been written to requesting the plaque is installed before Armistice Sunday. I made sure this was followed up and arrangements have been made to reinstate the plaque.

Queensferry Cemetery: I contacted Gareth Edwards, Cemeteries Team Leader to ask about how many lairs are left in the cemetery and what are the plans for cemetery provision in Queensferry. There are currently 7 new lairs remaining in the cemetery which at current burial figures should last for the next 2 years. I arranged to meet Gareth Edwards on site as he explained in email exchanges that they were planning to create more space by taking away one of the roads. I felt it would be good to see exactly which area was going to be used so I arranged to meet Gareth at the cemetery to see for myself. Gareth reckons that they can create another 70- 80 new graves and work is to start around March next year. They plan to this in stages and predictions are that once fully developed this new section could last around 15 years. Looking ahead, I also raised the question to the Head of Planning about cemetery provision in future LDP's as there should be plans in place for future cemetery provision not just in Queensferry but throughout the city.

Link HA Supported accommodation, I contacted Michael Thain, Head of Housing to ask if could arrange a meeting with Link Housing Association to request that special provision be given to Queensferry residents who apply for the supported accommodation due to be built at Ferrymuir.

I briefly attended the meeting of the Varney estate residents arranged to discuss the planning application submitted for the Ferrymuir Gait site and my interpretation of section 42 & condition 2 of the planning application. According to the Varney Residents Association access through the east boundary of the site is not possible as the residents own the strip of land which they maintain and is marked by white posts and is clearly shown on their title deeds. The developers challenged this and found that the home owners certainly did legally own this strip of land and were offered considerable sums of money to purchase it. This was unanimously refused and as far as I am aware the residents involved will never agree to selling this land. Although the residents are asking for our support they tend to have a tight case. I reckon that is what section 2 is about as this clears the way for the applicants to not be tied to layout agreements when the application was approved in 2015.

Lighting issues, several of the outstanding lighting defects have been due to cable faults or lantern heads needing renewed rather than elements needing changed. Several of the more recent ongoing examples have been due to these problems including the row of lights on a path in Echline which needed an overhead cable attached to adjoining lampposts to make sure the lights are working properly. There are still timing issues with lights in Sommerville Gardens which I am dealing with.

Bins, A lot of confusion and Queensferry seemed to be adversely affected by the changes to shift patterns and confusion created by letters being sent out giving dates then more letters being sent out giving new dates. I dealt with a lot of contacts via email & social media dealing with missed up lifts and I was in regular contact with Gareth Barwell who is one of the senior managers to explain the problems Queensferry residents were having.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting at Waverley Court on actions on Queensferry/Dalmeny traffic Issues in relation to plans for parking restrictions around Dalmeny Station and to have improved signage to highlight the extra parking which was made available in the new development at Dalmeny Park and parking restrictions on Ashburnham Loan were a discussed.

I attended a Christmas in Queensferry meeting in the Rosebery Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October where arrangements for the light switch on event are progressing well.

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October I chaired the Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee which the Coastguard kindly offered to accommodate the meeting. Cllr Hutchison also attended and items under discussion included dredging next to Hawes Pier, next year's cruise liner visits and how these visits affects the users of the pier. A representative from the Honey Pot Creative Café also attended due to parking issues affecting her business during cruise liner days.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work