

# GRAHAM HUTCHISON

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## Queensferry and District Community Council

### Councillors Report — October 2018

#### Full Council

Full Council has not met since the last meeting of QDCC.

The Full Council will meet again on Thursday 25th October at 10am in the City Chambers where I will be raising a question on dredging at Hawes Pier.

#### Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

The Almond Neighbourhood Partnership has not met since the last meeting of QDCC.

The next meeting of the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership will take place in the Rosebery Hall at 7pm on Monday 3rd December.

#### North West Locality

The North West Locality Committee has not met since the last meeting of QDCC.

The next meeting of the North West Locality Committee will take place in the City Chambers at 6.30pm on Wednesday 14th November. This meeting will be open to the public and will also be webcast live online through the Council website.

#### Hawes and Longcraig Pier Users Committee

The Hawes and Longcraig Pier Users Committee met in the Coastguard Station on Wednesday 10th October to discuss matters relating to pier operations, cruise liner visits, health & safety and pier maintenance.

#### Local Issues

**Waste Collection** — There has been numerous issues in recent weeks with regard to the transition to the waste collection schedule and the roll out of the new garden waste collection following the introduction of the garden tax. There has been a high volume of residents complaints and the response from waste services has been most unsatisfactory. A large number of residents received incorrect collection schedules which then had to be amended and 'catch up' collections which residents were notified of separately did not take place when they were supposed to, adding to the confusion. We have been given assurances that these were merely 'teething problems' and that we should see improvements this week and going forward, time will tell.

**Fallen Trees** - Following the recent severe winds, a number of trees fell or were damaged. Residents have been diligent in reporting trees which pose a potential danger. Forestry Services are tending to trees across the city on a priority basis.

**Christmas Tree** - Councillors have received confirmation that Queensferry will have its usual cut tree this year but we have also been told that the Council will explore the possibility of planting a tree at this location for future use. I have enquired as the position with the trees at the Council offices and the Rosebery Hall.

**Dalmeny Main Street** - Following discussions with June Jansen over several weeks, a new black bollard has now been installed on Dalmeny Main Street.

#### Surgeries

A reminder that I hold monthly surgeries at Queensferry Library—6pm and Kirkliston Library—7pm on the second Monday of every month, with the exception of December, April and July.

#### Holidays

I will be on holiday from Wednesday 31st October until Monday 12th November, for urgent matters in my absence please contact my Councillors Assistant Irene Aitchison, irene.aitchison@edinburgh.gov.uk