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Queensferry & District Community Council

Councillors Report – November 2018

Full Council

Full Council met on Thursday 25th October.

A motion I put forward to develop a new town development approach to better inform future development in the West of Edinburgh was unfortunately rejected. Although a reasonably constructive amendment from the administration was approved.

Full Council met again on Thursday 22nd November where there was extensive discussion on the recent waste collection issues.

The Full Council will meet again on Thursday 13th December at 10am in the City Chambers .

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

The Almond Neighbourhood Partnership has not met since the last meeting of Queensferry & District Community Council.

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 met on Wednesday 14th November where there was a presentation on the changes in the waste collection schedules and the problems this has brought. The Waste Manager gave a time horizon of 2 weeks for the issues being fully resolved.

The next meeting of the North West Locality Committee will take place in the City Chambers at 6.30pm on Wednesday 30th January. This meeting will be open to the public and will also be webcast live online through the Council website.

Local Issues

Waste Collection – Despite assurances given by senior officers within the Council and by the Transport and Environment Convenor that the collection issues were being brought under control towards the end of October these have continued and in many cases worsened during November. There have been a wide range of issues experienced across Queensferry affecting the full range of waste collections and in some cases these have been attributed to whole streets being excluded entirely from the new collection routes. The Almond ward as a whole has been disproportionately affected as measured by the number of complaints, and further to the North West Locality meeting the two week timeframe given for a return to normal service has been recognised as being wildly optimistic.

Dalmeny Park Planning Application - I have been contacted by residents in Dalmeny Park raising concerns about the scale of the proposed commercial building (18/08606/FUL) on the site designated for this purpose within the development.

Queensferry High School Construction - There have been further complaints about early morning noise from the High School construction site. Having spoken to Morrison Construction it appears there was an issue with instructions regarding appropriate start times being passed to the sub contractor.

Events

Having been absent from the Remembrance Day commemoration due to my holiday, Councillor Work very kindly laid a wreath on our behalf.

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.