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Queensferry and District Community Council

Councillors Report – July 2019

Full Council

Full Council last met on Thursday 27th June.

The SNP/Labour administration suffered an unprecedented 5 defeats in the course of the meeting, perhaps most tellingly on the Coalition Commitments Progress Update and the Annual Performance Report 2018/19, where the collective opinion of opposition Councillors was that these reports did not accurately reflect the performance of the Council or the coalition and paid little regard to the challenges the city is facing or the evident failures in service delivery.

The Full Council will next meet on Thursday 22nd August at 10am in the City Chambers .

Almond Neighbourhood Network

Three nominations have been received from people seeking to represent the Almond Neighbourhood Network of the North West Locality Community Planning Partnership. Only community groups are eligible to vote and the closing date for votes is 1st September 2019.

Local Issues

As tends to be the case, July has been fairly quiet in terms of new local issues which have been raised to me.

Council Office Property Maintenance - Following an email from QDCC Chair Keith Giblett I have raised the matter of maintenance issues with Senior Manager in Facilities Management. I am still awaiting a response although I have been assured that this is being looked at. When a response is received, I will, at Keith's request be arranging a meeting with all relevant stakeholders to discuss the matter further.

Planning Application 19/02418/FUL - I met with the applicant for the conversion of the farm steading building at Milton Farm and I have commented on the planning portal in support of their plans. In my opinion the current building and unpermitted uses on the site create an undesirable eyesore and this proposal which is considerate of the historic nature of the existing buildings, would greatly improve the visual amenity of the site and have a negligible impact on exiting infrastructure.

Dalmeny 20mph Sign – I have yet to receive positive confirmation that this repair has been carried out.

In addition to the above I have also been working on street lighting, homelessness cases, missed bin complaints and council housing repair issues.

Events

I was privileged to represent the Almond Ward and the City of Edinburgh at The royal Ceremony of the Keys and Her Majesty's Garden Party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse on Friday 28th June and Wednesday 3rd July respectively.

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 April, July and December.

Holidays

I will be on holiday from Thursday 18th July until Monday 29th July. For urgent issues in my absence please contact my assistant Irene Aitchison, irene.aitchison@edinburgh.gov.uk