

## Queensferry & District Community Council

### Cllr Norman Work's report. August 2019

Ferry Fair week; The weather disrupted some activities with Wednesday's event cancelled however I attended Thursday evenings event at Burgess Park taking part in the tug o' war team, followed the Burryman on Friday for part of the route on a very wet Friday morning and attended the evening events, by this time the weather had improved. I attended Saturday's parade and crowning ceremony which at least the weather stayed nice for.

I attended the unveiling of the Queensferry Mosaic at the Hawthorn Bank Garden on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May and delighted that a permanent place has been found (at last) for the mosaic.

Well done to everyone involved for both of the above events.

Flooding; Lots of issues with flooding and the after effects. Request for clearing up debris at the Binks Car Park after the flood water receded was forwarded to the street cleaning team. A similar request for Echline Steadings was also forwarded and the gullies in Walker Drive to be cleaned after the basement storage areas flats at Walker Drive were flooded.

Hedge trimming; A lot of complaints about hedges needing cut, both Manor & the CEC who are responsible for different sections of the hedge on Lovers Lane have been asked if they'd cut earlier due to the growing spurts this year. Both Manor & the Council are not cutting any earlier than planned and are sticking to their schedule. Complaints also about bushes at the back of Lang Rigg encroaching on the path at the Play Park are not the council's responsibility and either the tenants or the factors are responsible. A resident has now contacted the contractors to request the bushes are cut back. Noticed that hedges in Lovers Lane have been cut in the last few days.

High Street working group meeting; Due to Full Council meeting not finishing till 18.50 I was unable to attend the latest meeting.

Scotmid car park; Because of Scotmid on The Loan bringing in stricter parking restriction for their car park, I was asked to clarify ownership of the car park as some residents believed Scotmid had agreed with the council's insistence to let residents park who were not shopping in Scotmid. The council are adamant that they are not the owners of the car park and produced a map showing the small part of the road into the area that they are responsible for. If there was any agreement, it was verbal and nonbinding. I can understand why Scotmid are taking this action as spaces are now difficult to find during the day as I experienced one day last week when I shopped in the store.

Community Council Elections; I now have forms and information for any member or group who wish to apply for being an elected member or on behalf of an interest group. A further email with more details will follow.

I received correspondence from members of St Margaret's RC church regarding the council's discussion on removing voting rights from the three religious' representatives on the Education Children & Families Committee which was discussed at Thursday's Full Council meeting. The decision was referred for further consultation and a decision will be made later after further discussions. If anyone has any views on the matter or wishes to discuss further, then please get in touch.

Mana House Bakery & Patisserie; License application to sell alcohol will be heard at Monday's Licensing Board. There are three public objections which are more to do with related noise from the premises rather than the sale of alcohol but still valid complaints. Attachment of application papers included.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work

