

QDCC Chairs report for 25th November '19 Business Meeting being held in the QDCC Meeting Room

The month of October was the period of purdah whilst the QDCC election was held. The forming of the new council took place at the AGM meeting held on 4th November 2019. I'm grateful to Councillor Work for taking on the role of Returning Officer and for planning and arranging the agm meeting. In the interim period QDCC replied to enquirers advising them of the situation. In some situations events have overtaken QDCC with some planning applications and CEC Business. Typical ongoing business was the enquiry from Cala about the Springfield and Builyeon Rd developments as well as the Forth Bridge Walking Experience. I dealt with matters in my capacity as outgoing chair of QDCC.

In the last three weeks I have attended the following meetings representing QDCC.

Cammo Housing Planning Applications

On the 6th November I was invited to a pre-meeting with the Chair of CBCC and KCC to discuss the Maybury Road developments and in particular the proposed plans for the Barnton & Maybury road networks and roundabouts. The following day CBCC Chair was holding a meeting with CEC Transport Officers to discuss their concerns. Council Transport officers were contradictory with answers and were unable to address the concerns raised.

High Street Improvements

As reported by the Transport Convenor I attended the meeting to discuss the next stages of the High St Improvement plans.

Remembrance Sunday 11th November '19

On Remembrance Sunday I laid the wreath at the service behalf of QDCC. There was an excellent turnout of local groups, individuals and Ward Councillors and our MSP.

Ferrymuir Gate Housing Development

I was invited along with Hamish Campbell Chair of Residents Association and several Varney Residents to a meeting called by Alex Cole Hamilton MSP and Christine Jardine Lib Dem MP candidate on the afternoon of 18th November '19 to discuss the planning application. I tabled the paper submitted to the Forth Bridges World Heritage Mc and Forum along with research information and a letter to Mr Yet King Loy Director of Corus.

Sea Cadets AGM 20th November '19

Along with Neil McKinley I was invited and attended the Sea Cadets AGM to learn more about the work and the support they provide to young people. They are a very successful Sea Cadets platoon who again were successful in gaining a number of team and individual awards competing in the UK.

QCCC Community Facility Progress Meeting 21st November

I attended a meeting with the QCCC Community Facility Project Board to discuss the Minute of Agreement. The completion of signing of the agreement has become protracted whilst we await to amended agreement from the Forth Bridges Development Company (Evans) due to long term illness. Following discussion with their solicitor we would hope to have the legal agreements signed off by the year end.

Keith Giblett Chair QDCC 24th November 2019