

## QDCC Councillors Report - November 2019

I would like to start my report this month by congratulating all those elected and re-elected to QDCC and thanking you all for the work that you do in the service of your local community. I look forward to working with you all and hope that the remainder of this CEC term can be used to re-establish the links between CEC and community councils and to ensure that CC's voices are heard and that they have an appropriate role in decision making.

### Full Council

The Full Council has met twice, since QDCC last met in September, on October 24th and November 21st. At the November meeting, administration councillors supported by the Greens voted to abolish the principle of fairness and proportionality in the allocation of places on council committees. While the direct impact at present is on the members of the newly formed EPIC group, this sets a very dangerous precedent and opens the door to the future exclusion of other smaller opposition parties from the decision making process in the Council.

The December meeting, scheduled for the 12th, has been cancelled due to the General Election.

### North West Locality Planning Partnership

I attended the second meeting of the North West Locality Planning Partnership at Drylaw Police Office on Wednesday 13th November. There is nothing of note to report from this meeting.

The next meeting will take place in January, date and venue to be confirmed.

### Almond Neighbourhood Network

There are no meetings of the Almond Neighbourhood Network scheduled at present. Decisions in community grants funding have been taken by email circulation amongst members.

### Local Issues

Garden Waste - I have received a number of complaints from residents who have not received their new garden waste stickers and have missed collections which they have paid for as a result. There has been no explanation given as to why this simple process has encountered so many problems.

Walker Drive - Following the recent Walker Drive walkabout, a clean up day has taken place in conjunction with community groups and housing officers are progressing the actions raised in the day.

Lovers Lane - I received a complaint about the conditions underfoot on Lovers Lane. The roads team have confirmed that this is not adopted and that they are unable to identify who is responsible for it.

Builyeon Road - CALA have contacted me to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed Builyeon Road development, I have to confirm a date for this meeting.

### Events

It was an honour and privilege to lay a wreath at the Queensferry Remembrance service. I commend all those involved in organising such a fitting tribute to our fallen servicemen and women and was delighted to see such a high turnout from members of the public.

#### Surgeries

A reminder that I hold monthly surgeries on the second Monday of each month at Queensferry Library 6pm and Kirkliston Library 7pm. No appointment necessary.