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Queensferry & District Community Council (Nov 2019) Councillor Report

• **New community council members**

Firstly we would like to congratulate returning and new members of the community council and look forward to working with all of you in the coming months and years for Queensferry and Dalmeny.

• **Schools as polling places**

At the full council meeting on Thursday we proposed and seconded a motion calling on officers to look at ways to reduce or eliminate the need to close primary schools on Election Day. 37 schools are closing across the city including Dalmeny, Echline and Queensferry primaries. We find it unacceptable that children's education is disrupted in this way and that extra burdens are put on parents to find additional days of childcare cover. Unfortunately not all ward councillors supported this motion but it received enough votes to pass and will now come to committee for scrutiny.

• **Garden waste collection service**

It was a busy full council and another issue we brought up was the volume of complaints we receive from those who have paid for their garden waste sticker and still not received it. Over 1000 residents have had to request a replacement (for reasons including non-delivery) and we don't believe this is acceptable a full year into this new process.

• **Forth Rail Bridge/Network Rail application**

Following a huge number of emails received on this application from local residents we were pleased to arrange and facilitate an additional consultation meeting with Network Rail to help get answers to the various questions on issues such as volume of tree removal, proposals for the gradient and height of the path from the railway, and parking arrangements. The deadline for comments has now passed and there are just short of 200 comments. This will take time for the planning officer to review and then determine a recommendation. This item will definitely go forward for committee consideration and we will continue to keep the community council updated.

• **Builyeon Road / CALA Development**

We have posted on our facebook page the next level of detail from CALA now that plans for Builyeon Road are moving forward. This area was zoned for housing by the previous SNP/Labour coalition and planning permission given in 2018. CALA now plan to bring forward their detailed planning application. We are due to receive a briefing for them in December.

• **Memorial Service**

We were honoured to be invited to lay a wreath during the remembrance ceremony. As always an extremely well attended event and a fitting tribute to those who gave their life in service.