

Cllr Alastair Shields

August Report

- Due to the summer recess I did not have my monthly surgery this month, though I will be back up-and-running with it next Wednesday. I did cover surgeries twice over the July/August period for Mike Crockart MP, held in the library.
- Congratulations to everyone that took part in the 77th Ferry Fair earlier in the month. Always a special occasion for the community and great to hear of so much participation in to making it a great day out for everyone attending.
- Proposed meeting between CEC Economic Development officials and QHG/QDCC appears to still be delayed further in finding a suitable time and date. We may discuss more when we meet although it does appear that the prospect of any changes in favour of the local groups request is unlikely and the situation as it currently is will remain.
- Market Licence Application – thank you to Terry very distributing the copy of the letter sent to CEC and perhaps we can find out any update/new information from QA sometime soon.
- Almond Neighbourhood Partnership – meeting on Wednesday in Kirkliston. As a selection panel representative on the Youth Decides Initiative, a project for youngsters across the ward to cooperate in groups and think of new, intriguing ideas that the ANP can assist with financially, I will give a briefing to partners on how we are progressing, timelines etc.
- Almond Community Safety Forum update – met in Corstorphine last week (David Flint also in attendance to represent QDCC). Just to report that the matter of motorcycle users around the Hawes Pier area causing excessive noise from engines and littering has calmed down compared to back in the earlier summer period. With that, the forum will still keep an eye on it should anything re-emerge. Continued surveillance of school parking matters whereby drivers are still taking chances and expense of others around them. David also highlighted dog-fouling problems in-and-around Back Braes and Echline – mainly occurring within the last fortnight. The forum have made note and will keep this as a priority should it continue.
- Failed bin collections at Stewart Terrace – matter passed to the West Neighbourhood Team.
- Met with a resident in Dalmeny recently to discuss environmental matters, particularly by the steps leading to the train station. Some dangers posed by the lack of environmental maintenance, the darkness on the narrow road next to it by overhanging trees, and very rickety road services. Looks to be the result of poor winter weather some years ago and high winds the new year before last as there is a lot of broken fencing, branches etc. around. Still investigating this and will highlight to the West Team shortly.