

QDCC -September update- Cllr Lindsay Paterson

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership meeting- 28th August

There were many locally relevant discussions at this NP board meeting, including Port Edgar sailing school; dog fouling in Queensferry; an update on library outreach work; the proposed Forth Bridge Experience and the related issue of parking at Dalmeny Station, and the Capital Coalition's "Transport for Edinburgh" announcement and its relevance for rural west Edinburgh.

A stand-alone meeting for NP board members with the City Transport Convener, Cllr Hinds, is being arranged for early November to discuss transport issues in detail.

I was delighted to unofficially take on the role of NP Convenor from Cllr Work at this NP meeting, which will be formally considered and ratified at the next public meeting of the NP.

Economy Committee meeting- 17th September

I attended the CEC Economy Committee last week which made the decision to support the proposals for the management and operation of Port Edgar Marina to be taken on by Port Edgar Holding Ltd on a thirty year lease.

Bin collections

There have been continuing problems with bin collections in Queensferry and across the Almond ward. Problems have been reported to and action requested from the area community waste officer, Melissa Campbell; city waste manager, Pippa Milne, and elected member with responsibility for waste collections, Cllr Lesley Hinds. I have asked the waste team to provide information as to why the problems occurred and what plans are in place to stop the same problems occurring in future.

Public toilets at Hawes Promenade

There was considerable correspondence on this topic while I was on annual leave and there are currently proposals for a working group to be set up to discuss this matter and wider investment/tourism issues in more detail. I have indicated support for this being a sub group of the NP Board if this is deemed appropriate by partners.