

Cllr Report: Oct 2013

- Firstly, this meeting will see the beginning of a new era for QDCC following the recent community council elections. Best wishes to those nominated to their posts, whether but be new or continued, and I look forward to building relationships with you in this new phase.
- I unfortunately could not hold my monthly surgery at the library due to a clashing appointment with the Neighbourhood Partnership on Wednesday 2nd October. Nonetheless, this meeting was vitally important for the good of evaluating the current make-up of the NP as it currently stands and discussing what we can do better to improve relations amongst partners, what strategy we undertake to achieve our goals across the board, and how we organise NP membership to affiliated bodies. Keith was present at the meeting as a representative for QDCC.
- On Wednesday 9th, Cllr Work and I attended the Hawes/Longcraig Piers Users committee meeting held in the RNLI office. The meetings are carried out twice a year and we were made aware of some very useful information with the service including forthcoming events and cruise liner schedules for 2014, as well as the budget reports. Cllr Work chaired this meeting.
- This month, Port Edgar Sailing School and its assets have been chosen by Edinburgh Leisure to be passed over to JP Watersports. We thank EL for keeping us updated with this and I would also like to give a mention to those behind the Scottish Sailing Trust community bid which unfortunately did not succeed but gave an encouraging signal that there are people out there who value going about this route in difficult circumstances and must be commended.
- On Monday 21st, I chaired the Almond Youth Decides Initiative meeting at the Rosebury Hall. This was attended by NP members, as well as pupils from both QHS and the Royal High, as well as two Youth Parliament reps. The results of the meeting will be discussed on Wednesday evening at the NP meeting, again held at the Rosebury Hall.
- On Wednesday 23rd, the three Almond councillors were all in attendance at the QA AGM. There were four very informative presentations, as well as interesting questions from the floor.
- On Saturday 26th, I was delighted to attend the Global Bazaar event at the Parish Church. There was plenty of information and photographs on display, including an excellent laid out spread for those in attendance! A very commendable presentation was also given by the local minister who praised the event and everything it has achieved for the town in its 11th year.
- It appears headway is being made with the issue over the closure of the Provost Room – Economic Development at CEC have suggested dates for a meeting between officers, councillors, and History Group members to come to some form of settlement. We shall see, and hope, that this can be achieved to everyone's satisfaction.
- Robert Louis Stevenson Day 2013 – to be discussed at meeting.