

## **Cllr Lindsay Paterson - QDCC November report**

**Almond NP public meeting** – Rosebery Halls- 30<sup>th</sup> October: the NP held a very informative public meeting at the Rosebery Halls with presentations from local young people who had received grants through the “Youth Decides” initiative and from school students who had received funding from the Community Grants Fund which assisted them to go on a trip to Rwanda. The presentations were all excellent but I was particularly impressed by the students who visited Rwanda and hearing how much they gained from the experience. I was also delighted to be formally adopted as Convener of the NP at this meeting.

**Almond NP Transport meeting-** Rosebery Halls- 11<sup>th</sup> November: a special business meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership was held to discuss public transport in rural west Edinburgh- primarily Queensferry, Dalmeny, Kirkliston, Newbridge and Ratho Station. Cllr Lesley Hinds attended as Convener of the CEC Transport Committee along with CEC Transport officials. Discussions were constructive and community representatives put across a compelling case. The meeting concluded with a long action list being agreed and I hope this leads to some progress being made.

**Statutory repairs:** I attended a CEC briefing on plans to conclude Statutory Notice projects and recover costs from owners (certain Statutory Notice work, commissioned on behalf of owners and paid for by the Council, has not yet been billed to owners). One of the 17 projects across the CEC area that will be billed as part of the pilot is in Queensferry (specific location not provided at the briefing).

Deloitte LLP has been commissioned to review each project with a view to providing an independent recommendation on final costs to owners, based on a breakdown of work covered by an appropriately served Statutory Notice. Deloitte’s role is to undertake a quality assurance process to ensure notices were served appropriately, that work was completed and that only work covered by notice is billed. This is part of the closure process of the previous Property Conservation Service.

**Queensferry History Group-** I am very pleased that progress has been made regarding the Provost Room and pay tribute to those involved in reaching this agreement and to Keith for his negotiating skills behind the scenes.

**Echline surgery-** 25<sup>th</sup> November: I am holding my monthly surgery at Echline Primary this evening at 6.30pm.

**Constituent correspondence:** I have received a variety of emails and phone calls from the QDCC area over the past month relating to issues such as roadworks; social care matters; road signage and housing.