

Cllr Lindsay Paterson: QDCC report December 2013- January 2014

FETA

I attended a Forth Bridges Festival Working Group meeting and a FETA board meeting on 18 December which discussed subjects such as the dissolution of FETA and financial updates.

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership: December 2013

I chaired a business meeting of the Almond NP on 11 December which followed a public information session on the council administration's budget proposals in Kirkliston Library. I was delighted that the meeting agreed in principle to the continuation of the YOU[TH] Decides initiative in the next financial year. The meeting also discussed the way forward for the NP, and how to make it more relevant and effective. This discussion included topics such as strengthening the NP by being more supportive of communities in relation to planning and development issues. NP board members were also asked to consider the remit, membership and Chair of the transport themed sub-group.

Waste collections

Much the same as this time last year, various problems with waste collections in Queensferry have been reported to me. Problems have included non-collection of food waste; Christmas trees and late collections of green bins.

School catchment areas

I have asked the Children and Families department several times for the information on what a school catchment review would involve and await their response. I have asked again this morning and advised that the Community Council meets tonight.

Echline Primary School

Councillors have been contacted by the Echline Primary School Parent Council who are concerned about the state of the school grounds and school facilities such as toilets, and lack of action by the council to address these problems. Cllr Work has asked council administration colleagues to look into this and I have invited members of the Parent Council to meet with me on site at 6.30pm this evening to discuss the problems.

Surgery

I hold my surgery at Echline Primary tonight at 6.30pm.