

CLlr Shields' report: January 2014

- Firstly, to wish all QDCC members and attendees a happy new year.
- Congratulations to all participants at this year's Loony Dook on January 1st - especially our very own Cllr Norman Work and treasurer, Diane Job.
- Parking at Echline – asked by Grant for an update on this at the end of December. Awaiting a response from Service for Communities on the on-going investigations in the area over the past three months. Parking on the grass verge still remains to be a feature (evidenced by photographs) and it remains within the interests of the council, the police, and QDCC to keep track of this and penalise offenders where necessary.
- Concerns relating to the overload of litter by the recycling area at the Loan have been forwarded to the appropriate environmental contacts and this should hopefully be sorted by now. We were also made aware that there were collection problems at Linn Mill around Christmas time and this was immediately made known to the waste services. It is unfortunate that problems of this kind keep cropping up and we want to assure all residents that we will keep close watch over it. Thank you also to Laura for highlighting the problem with one of the street lights overlooking Scotmid, that has also been reported.
- Maintenance at Echline PS: Informed of disrepair issues and condition of school toilets by the parent council group. The relevant contacts have been informed and we await speedy action upon this.
- Apologies for not being able to attend sub-committee meeting on Education matters last week, will meet with David soon to go over this. Will also be attending the parent council meeting at QHS on Tuesday 4th February to highlight points raised at the sub-committee level.
- On Monday 20th, it was a pleasure to be amongst QDCC members to welcome representatives from North Queensferry Community Council. We have set out some objectives as to how the two neighbouring communities can collaborate better with each other, particularly as we are now into a special year for Homecoming Scotland celebrations, and build upon this for future years. Cllr Mike Shirkie (Rosyth/N Queensferry) was also in attendance, the three councillors will keep in touch with him at council level for any shared interests that we can work on.
- Unless I have missed it, we are yet to hear from the Environment Dept at SFC regarding a traffic management meeting – does anyone know of a proposed date? I'm happy to enquire.
- My next surgery is on Wednesday 5th February at the library.