

QDCC- March report – Cllr Lindsay Paterson

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership

A NP Business meeting was held on 26th February. There was discussion of bus services in Queensferry and Dalmeny at the meeting, with Grant Sangster putting forward QDCC's views. It was noted the timescale for the new NP transport sub-group to meet would not allow action to be taken prior to the withdrawal of the No 43 bus in April and there was an urgent need to open discussions with Stagecoach and CEC officers and to clarify future service proposals.

Natalie McKail responded at the meeting that officers would prioritise arranging a meeting or early discussion with members of the transport sub group and Ewan Horne (or a member of his team), in recognition of the wishes of NP members to make representation about concerns over changes to local bus services.

How To Apply For A Grant Workshop - Monday 31 March – Rosebery Hall, South Queensferry, 5pm – 6.30pm

Places are still available at a training workshop for members of community groups interested in submitting applications to grant giving bodies. This is an opportunity for activists to update and improve their skills in gaining funding for local projects. Please contact Jim Conner for details on 0131 469 5602.

Queensferry Churches Care in the Community meeting- 12 March

I attended the board meeting of QCCC held on 12th March. Many different items were discussed including problems with confirmation from CEC of future funding, which I have been assisting QCCC with where possible; the introduction of a Memory café at the Haven which has great potential to assist dementia sufferers and their carers; and I also had a tour of the building, which is currently being redeveloped to ensure it is fit for purpose and provide additional storage space and facilities for attendees.

Queensferry West End Parks and Streets Design Workshop - 11 March

Along with Cllr Work I attended the first part of this workshop on identifying priorities and key projects to form a framework for future public realm improvements in Queensferry's west end. It was led by WT Architecture on behalf of Queensferry Ambition and took place at the Priory. I also attended a short Councillors briefing with Will Tunnell on the background to the project.

Surgery

My surgery in Echline Primary takes place on Monday 24th at 6.30pm.