

QDCC - May report – Cllr Lindsay Paterson

Some updates from recent meetings and items of local interest:

Queensferry Museum

The latest update I have is that the structural surveyor commissioned by CEC Property Care inspected the museum last week. The surveyor has requested a visit by an engineer- that visit may well have taken place by now- and as soon as the museums team know more they will update me. If there is an update I will let the Community Council know verbally on Monday.

New Edinburgh West area Commander: Chief Inspector Graeme McInarlin

I met with the new police area commander on 12th May at Corstrophine Police Station. CI McInarlin started in post a few weeks ago and was previously based in Glasgow. He is quickly coming to know the west side of Edinburgh and we discussed various issues that affect Queensferry such as dog fouling; problem parking; house break-ins; “boy racers” and other anti-social behaviour. Inspector John Cooper had just left Queensferry on the day I met with CI McInarlin, and he confirmed his intention to recruit a suitable replacement as soon as possible.

Ferrymuir Gate- Corus site

The planning case officer has advised that the decision on the application for planning permission in principle will be taken by Committee and that is not likely to happen until September at the earliest. There have been a very large number of representations sent in by local residents relating to the proposed access to the site.

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership meeting

The public meeting of the NP took place on 7th May in Davidson’s Mains. The NP Community Grants Fund received applications from the Ferry Art Club and TDUK- Touchdown UK which were granted (Partial grant for TDUK of £1500 and full grant to Art Club of £200). The Ferry Art Club asked for funding to support artistic opportunities for members through tuition sessions by two local professional artists who will also provide critiques of members work.

TDUK delivers schools and community based American Football Programmes and currently work in Queensferry High School and have also engaged with P7 pupils in Dalmeny; St. Margaret’s; Echline and Queensferry Primary Schools. Their funding will go towards the purchase of football safety equipment; assist with venue costs and for the recruitment and training of volunteer coaches.

Surgery

My next surgery in Echline Primary takes place on Monday 26th May at 6.30pm.