

QDCC - June report – Cllr Lindsay Paterson

FETA Board meeting

FETA met on Friday 20th June and the main items of business related to the winding up of FETA in less than a year and the relevant transition arrangements. Board members were informed that FETA had submitted an objection to the planning application at the Ferrymuir Gait/Corus site. Details of this can be found [here](#) under item 8.

Queensferry Museum

I am extremely relieved that Queensferry Museum is scheduled to reopen to the public on Friday 27th June following a period of closure due to building repair work. The building has thankfully been found to be sound, but there are still some smaller scale repair works still to be carried out, including re-plastering and painting. We have been told that these will be done with minimal disruption to museum opening. I am also pleased that the museum is scheduled to be open on additional days in July.

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership meeting

A public meeting of the NP took place on Wednesday 25th June in Kirkliston Community Centre. The main item of business was a progress update on the new proposed local community plan for 2014-2017.

There were a number of applications to our Community Grant Fund, with four local Queensferry groups awarded a total of £6748 at the meeting:

- **The Ferry Fair** Committee was awarded a grant of £500 to hire a samba band to add to the 'colour' of the Festival
- **Queensferry Churches Care in the Community** was awarded a grant of £2748 to assist in the purchase of twelve tablet computers. The intention is to provide people attending daycare at the Haven and Kirkliston Community Centre with a personal computer to use during their stay. This technology allows access to a wide range of entertainment and educational resources available on the internet and will enable staff and volunteers to tailor daily activities.
- **Tom Thumb Nursery and Playgroup** were granted £1,000 for the purchase of computer hardware and software to aid communication with the Queensferry community; schools and parents/carers etc.
- **Queensferry History Group** were awarded a grant of £2500 to assist their WW1 project by developing a website, organising an exhibition, giving illustrative talks and possibly producing a publication.

Local Development Plan (LDP)

The LDP was considered by the Planning Committee on Thursday 19th June. Edinburgh Conservatives voted to reject the proposed plan because we do not believe that what is proposed is in the best interests of the city and our communities, and that the original premise has been changed so much by the requirement to allocate additional housing land that the plan should be reworked from its first principles. We asked that the Committee Convenor contact Scottish Ministers to review the Planning Process, which we believe is undemocratic, cumbersome, confusing and opaque; to review how effective land supply is determined, and also to look at how development can be directed to brownfield sites first.

Surgery

I held my June surgery in Echline Primary on Monday 23rd at 6.30pm.