

Queensferry & District Community Council

Cllr Norman Work's report for June 2014 meeting

On Monday 23rd June I attended Queensferry High School Senior Show which once again proved a spectacular inter house evening's entertainment from Hopetoun, Roseberry & Dundas.

I attended Queensferry Ambition's curry night and information update event on Thursday 19th June. It was good to get an update and meet some business people I had not met before. I then attended an update on Ferrymuir site in the Burgh Chambers organised by QDCC Planning sub group. More details are in Diane Job's report.

LDP; The Local Development Plan has taken up a massive amount of my time and has dominated my work over the past month. I am very keen to protect the green belt and have been campaigning to have the brown field sites developed first before any green belt is released for development. The Capital Coalition motion reflects my wishes and of my colleagues who tried to remove much of the green belt proposals but the majority of the coalition councillors were in favour of accepting the LDP which will now go out to consultation so QDCC will have the opportunity to comment again. There are plans to include sites at South Scotstoun and Builyleon Road while a small area for 50 units has been identified at Dalmeny.

After receiving complaints of large lorries going past Queensferry & St Margaret's Primary Schools I reported this to the West Team to try to establish where these lorries were going to and coming from. I contacted Transport Scotland to establish if any of the contractors were involved and I noticed QDCC contacted Gavin Pope of Cala to see if these lorries were to with the Agilent Site. Both replied fairly quickly to confirm they were not involved with any lorry movements. It was eventually established that the Lorries were going to Dalmeny Estate for sea defences and that no permission was required. Once it was established who was responsible Darren Wraight and Dave Sinclair from the West Office spoke to the Factor of the estate and Lord Rosebery where it was established that they did not think it necessary to warn of any lorry movements as they did not realise that there would be any issues. I also established that no one in the council were aware of lorry movements in advance as there was no planning application or other way that anyone would know about potential lorry movements.

Speed cushions on Burgess Road; Through QDCC's Facebook page complaints were received about the size of the new speed bumps in Burgess Road. I asked Darren Wraight to investigate and report back on whether these bumps or cushions were the correct size or width. To date I have had no response apart from an acknowledgement to my email.

Carer's Week started on 9th June. I attended four different events and I was pleased to see Queensferry Care with stall at one of these events offering advice. One of the events was in partnership with the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership held in Cramond. I attended the AGM of QCCC on Wednesday 18th June at the Haven. I was pleased to hear that they got 5's & 6's from the Care inspectorate which for anyone that knows about the scoring system is an excellent result. I also receive confirmation that my efforts doing the Loony Dook had raised £505.15 for QCCC funds

It has been confirmed that the report on the long awaited parking restrictions for The Loan and surrounding area will be going to the TIE Committee 26th August for approval.

Bins again; I was contacted by two residents as well as QDCC about lack of bin uplifts in the Scotstoun Area. I received more complaints from residents & QDCC about the Echline area which were late in getting picked up. I forwarded the email by QDCC asking for answers as to why this is happening and what actions are being taken to prevent these areas being missed out again. A response has been forwarded on from Waste Service to QDCC and I have attached this to the email.

I have had confirmation that the next stage of lamp post renewals will be on Station Road. Work will be undertaken to upgrade the lighting in Station Road. These works will commence in August / September and will include the installation of Aluminium columns with LED (white light) lanterns. The works will also replace the old Scottish Power supply cabling system with the Council's own controlled cable loop system. The works will also replace the lighting on the footpath between Whitehead Grove and Lawson Crescent. The budget for these works in Station Road is £150,000

I was asked to make sure the mechanism inside the Flag pole at Burgh Chambers was fully operational as it had been inadvertently damaged after the last Ferry Fair. I was pleased that this was actioned very quickly and the flag is now flying again at the Burgh Chambers.

Bus time tables; A request from QDCC regarding bus stop information and maps at the bus stops in Ferrymuir was forwarded to Ewan Horn after Terry Airlie passed on information regarding confusion and non appearance of buses. I have not heard back at the time of writing this report.

I attended the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership public meeting held in Kirkliston on Wednesday 25th June. It was announced at the meeting the ANP will carry on with the Youth Decides initiative which awards small grants to youth groups.

Rosebery Hall; The light issue is still ongoing and I have asked why it has taken so long to get fixed. I have also made enquiries after David Flint sent photos of damage to plaster work which has still to be repaired.

I was pleased to note that the Queensferry Museum will be opening again after the repairs.

I plan to attend the RNLI open day this Sunday and at the same time the market operated by Queensferry Ambition.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work