QDCC - August report - Cllr Lindsay Paterson

Local Development Plan- educational provision

I attended a meeting of the CEC West Neighbourhood Group – Education on Wednesday 19th August as there was a presentation on the implications of the proposed Local Development Plan on educational provision in the west of the city including Almond ward. This meeting was attended by parent council representatives and head teachers of both primary and secondary schools.

Issues discussed included school boundary reviews and the new schools (or extensions to existing schools) that would be required in Queensferry. Crawford McGhie, Asset Planning Manager at CEC gave the presentation and indicated that in terms of timescales for catchment reviews, feasibility studies would be carried out in the near future and then the catchment reviews themselves in 2015.

A new 14 class primary school (including a nursery) costing approx. £9m is being proposed for the children who would move into the new Queensferry developments with a two class extension to St Margaret's RC primary school. QCHS is forecast to see around 230 new pupils and require approx. £5.8m of investment. It was indicated that the slides from this presentation including those showing catchment boundaries and projected costs would be circulated and I will share these with QDCC when I receive them.

FETA - Artist in residence

The commemorative 50th anniversary print 'The Art of Crossing' by FETA artist in residence Kate Downie has been launched and <u>is available for purchase</u>.

Kate's exhibition "Zero to Fifty: The Road Bridge Diaries" is on from August 9th to September 20th at Hopetoun House. A special free event will be held at Hopetoun on Wednesday, 10 September 2014 from 19:00 where Kate Downie will be in conversation with Dr. William Rough of the School of Art History at the University of St Andrews discussing the 'Zero to Fifty' project and the history of bridge inspired art. Please book at http://bit.ly/zerofifty

Ferry Fair

Congratulations to all the organisers; helpers and participants in the Ferry Fair for another successful year.

Queensferry Conservation Area update

A report went to the Planning Committee on 7th August which sought approval of a revised Queensferry Conservation Area Character Appraisal in draft for consultation. The report stated the character appraisal should be updated to reflect changing issues in the area, the community's views and concerns, and to produce a more user-friendly format. The report can be found at Item 9.3 here and a full public consultation on the draft appraisal is scheduled to take place in September/October.

Surgery

I hold my August surgery in Echline Primary on Monday 25th at 6.30pm.