

October Report:

- On Wednesday 1st, I held my monthly surgery at SQ Library.
- On Thursday 2nd, QDCC leaders and councillors met with Alistair Holman and John Porterfield from C.E.C. Community Waste to learn more about the current process, the reasoning for missed collections over lengthy periods of time within the town, what measures they would take to confront this problem, and how we can play our part in helping them. This was a worthwhile and constructive meeting, though it must be said a great deal remains inconclusive as to whether this matter is curable in the short-term and concern does still linger over the organisation of the whole procedure as it stands. Both gentlemen have been thanked for coming out to meet with us and are aware that a future invite awaits them in the new year for an update. John has kindly provided updates over the weeks since and we continue to work with them confirming whether these are accurate or require further investigation.
- On Friday 3rd, the deadline closed for LDP2 representations. I would like to thank all involved in organising the drop-in sessions and public meeting at the end of last month ahead of reaching this date. I would also liked to offer thanks to QDCC on behalf of Mike Crockart for posting his opinion on LDP2 onto the Facebook site following his absence at the public meeting, he is very grateful for that. As Lindsay has indicated in her report, residents are still keeping in touch and it is encouraging to learn that they did make their representations known in advance of the cut off.
- Following the LDP2 public meeting, I asked the Council Leader three days later whether the plans for the new high school were linked to full support for all LDP2 proposals that had not been publicly made known yet. I was answered that this was not the case.
- On Wednesday 8th, Norman and I attended the second and last Hawes and Longcraig Pier Committee meetings for 2014. I had the duty of chairing the meeting for the first time and some decent discussion was held between members going forward into the next calender year.
- On Monday 27th, we have the public meeting on the new recycling service which will be hosted by Makanjuola “Mak” Adebulehin from Waste & Open Spaces Services. For update, he will be accompanied by Lesley Sugden, Strategy Manager for the Department. Correspondence online and in the post has been good so far but please ensure you take the opportunity to ask anything that you are unsure about with these newly-implemented changes.
- Next week, this year’s Youth Decides Initiative steering group will meet at the QCHS to discuss and scrutinise entry. I am delighted to represent this for a second year and am very intrigued about the ideas brought forward. This proving to be very valuable to the Neighbourhood Partnership.