

Please see my below list of activity for this month. Happy to take any questions:

* I held my monthly surgery at the library on Wednesday 5th.

* Following on from last month's presentation from CEC, we now have the new recycling service in place. Personally, I think the communication provided by the council to date has been commendable and hopefully the operation works well from here on.

* I attended the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership public meeting at QCHS Staff Room on Wednesday 12th. The theme of the evening centred upon the annual Youth Decides Initiative which is now into its second year within the partnership programme. Undoubtedly, this is an excellent way of getting necessary engagement from youngsters to make a great contribution to their community in whatever form of their choosing and South Queensferry was well-presented through the scout group, the sports centre, a photography club, and a group aiming to display spring flowers along the high street. Delighted to participate in the steering group again also when we met with fellow partners and young contributors at the Rosebery Hall earlier in the month. I was also happy to accept the role of convenor at the partnership meeting that night and will fulfil that foreseeably.

* The Robert Louis Stevenson Day celebrations finally came to Queensferry on the 13th. UNESCO City of Literature, following a motion forwarded by Lindsay and I two years ago at the CEC Culture & Sport committee, for the town to gain some involvement. This came in the form of a walk from the Hawes Inn out to Corstorphine on the morning event to "follow in Stevenson's Footsteps" relating to the Kidnapped novel. Full thanks to the organisers for putting the town rightly on the map adding more to our cultural and tourism portfolio.

* I attended the special QDCC meeting on the 17th to discuss the Ferrymuir developments ahead of this week's meeting with Evans. An email has been circulated by Keith following this and we are well-prepared to make our points clear and have some essential questions answered.

* Resident concerns this month have related to the condition of the High Street and the urgent need for repair. West Team have been informed.

* Looking forward to the Christmas in Queensferry event on Thursday, as well as the QCCC fundraising event on the same night at the High School.

* Lastly, former Almond councillor and Edinburgh Lord Provost George Grubb, who I was honoured to replace as councillor at the last elections following his retirement, will receive an official portrait at the City Chambers next weekend. I'd like to wish him a congratulations for this accolade in light of his role as an ambassador for the city and as a representative to the people of South Queensferry over thirteen years.