

QDCC - March report – Cllr Lindsay Paterson

Some of the issues, events and meetings since the last QDCC meeting include:

Almond Neighbourhood Partnership meeting- 11th March

The business meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership took place in the Rosebery Hall and various items were discussed, including health and social care integration; alcohol awareness work and a variety of local issues. One of these was the rollout of LED street lighting, with community representatives and councillors querying the level of light emitted by the new fittings. The Council has [since announced](#) that “adjustment work” will start in April on streets where there are issues with the lack of brightness.

Local Development Plan 2

The Edinburgh Conservatives brought an emergency motion to the Council’s planning committee in February and to the March meeting of Full Council on the Local Development Plan (LDP 2). This followed the decision of the administration to delay consideration of LDP2 from February until mid-May. In the debate, I queried the lack of action on LDP2 and outlined the negative effects of months and years of indecision faced by residents and community groups in the west Edinburgh area.

Meeting with QDCC on LDP2- 16th March

All three ward councillors met with QDCC Exec representatives to discuss the way forward for the LDP2 in Queensferry. This was a very constructive meeting and councillors will be coming back to QDCC shortly with feedback on the Community Council’s suggestions for the town and the additional housing developments proposed in LDP2.

Culture and Sport Committee- 10th March

I attended the council’s [Culture and Sport Committee](#) on Tuesday 10th. One of the agenda items looked at the developer contribution of £70k which has been received for the upgrading of facilities at Queensferry Recreation Centre as part of a Section 75 Agreement for the loss of sports facilities at the former Agilent site. It was stipulated in the Agreement that this money is for: “the general upgrading and maintenance of facilities at the Queensferry Recreation Centre.” Following discussions with Queensferry Sports and Community Hub, it was agreed that the best use of the Section 75 money would be to upgrade the outdoor synthetic five-a-side pitches with a new 3G surface, to include a double-size ‘training paddock’ for football and rugby. At the Committee, I queried the time scales involved in the project and was told that following the formal confirmation at Committee, work would begin very shortly on the upgrade.

Surgery

I will hold a surgery at 6.30pm on Monday 23rd March in Echline Primary.