

## **Queensferry & District Community Council**

### **Cllr Norman Work's report for the March 2015 meeting**

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February I chaired the joint Almond/Western Neighbourhood Partnership Community Health & Care sub group where the main item on the agenda was alcohol misuse. A report was submitted at the ANP meeting.

I attended the Queensferry Infrastructure group meeting held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at the Burgh Chambers. The condition of the High Street was raised once again and although there is money for repairs scheduled for year 16/17 we are looking at ways of trying to get this money advanced so work can take place earlier.

David Flint has raised the issue of a lack of a sign indicating where Queensferry Cemetery is and I have asked this to be looked into. I have received acknowledgement of the request and will keep QDCC updated.

I held a meeting with Greg Ward from the councils Economic Development Department to discuss amongst other issues the toilet facilities at the Hawes area and how the money raised by licensing can be converted into providing facilities to the thousands of visitors to Queensferry. The proposals are still to close the Ladies & Gents toilets at the Hawes Pier area but there are no proposals to close the High Street toilets

I chaired the Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee held in the Queensferry Coastguard HQ on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Shields was also in attendance. Signage at the Harbour & parking issues were discussed as well as cruise liner visits, some will be visiting for the first time.

At the Recreation & Leisure Committee on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March £70k was allocated to Queensferry Recreation Centre for resurfacing the outdoor courts at the facility. This money will also be used to apply for match funding from Sport Scotland to which Alan Carson from QRFC has been in discussions with and will include the proposed extension of the Tennis Courts.

I attended the ANP Business meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Rosebery Hall.

I attended the meeting between the three Almond ward councillors, Terry Airlie & Keith Giblett on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March regarding Housing provision in Queensferry and LDP2. We have been instructed to speak to our respective parties regarding QDCC's ideas on LDP2 and the impact the proposed developments would have on Queensferry.

I have received a few complaints about the new LED lights which have been applied to some lamp posts. I do not think these lights are suitable for main roads and have asked Convenor & Vice Convenor responsible to note this. I have attached a response.

I was contacted by residents in Rose Lane about the "Guardian of the Bridges" sculpture application. There are 12 objections from the residents in Rose Lane. The recommendation is to approve the application however the committee decided to put the application hold till more enquiries are made.

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There were complaints about a bin lorry mechanism malfunctioning which destroyed a number of wheelie bins in Atheling & Moubray Grove. The council initially told those who complained that it would take up to six weeks to get the replacements. I passed on the residents details and asked that due to this being the council's fault the residents get their replacement wheelie bins as a matter of priority. I was pleased to hear that the bins were delivered to the residents within a week.

As mention in my report last month about the condition of the car park area at the Scotstoun Shopping Centre. I have received more complaints about the state of the road surface which I have once again raised with the West Team. I have asked several times if the council could find ways of instructing the owners to do the work required. I have also asked if the council could do the work and charge the owners.

As always happy to expand or clarify anything in my report.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work