

## **QDCC - May report – Cllr Lindsay Paterson**

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

### Local Development Plan

The Local Development Plan has dominated much of my correspondence and discussions in May. LDP2 was passed by the Planning Committee on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> by 10 votes to 4 votes. Ward members were provided with special dispensation to speak at the Committee meeting. I addressed the Committee, highlighting the need to prioritise building on brownfield sites; concerns about infrastructure at many proposed sites in the LDP and reiterating that many people in the City of Edinburgh Council area are not content with the LDP and as a result it should not be taken forward by the Council in its current form. I outlined local concerns regarding the LDP proposals and their impact on Queensferry and read a statement of behalf of QDCC to the Committee.

The version of LDP2 that was considered and passed by the Committee this month was essentially the same as was presented in June 2014, and it has been extremely disappointing that over the course of a year nothing changed, despite hundreds of representations from residents and the considerable efforts of community groups. The Conservative Group tabled an amendment to reject the proposed LDP.

The Committee meeting can be watched here

[http://www.edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast\\_interactive/148973](http://www.edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/148973) and you can select individual speakers using the toolbar on the right hand side (the meeting is four hours long).

### Meeting between QA, QDCC and Councillors

I will be attending a meeting on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May regarding engagement and communication between QDCC, QA and Councillors. The meeting will also discuss the plans for this year's Forth Bridges Festival.

### Sculpture at the Binks car park

I received various items of correspondence from local residents ahead of this planning application being considered by the Development Management sub-Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> May. The application was granted following a vote at Committee by 5 votes to 4 votes.

### Constituent correspondence

Varied queries this month have included waste collections; broadband; planning applications; social care and housing.

### Surgery

I hold my May advice surgery in Echline Primary School on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm