

QDCC –June report – Cllr Lindsay Paterson

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

Abseil

I will be completing my abseil from the Forth Bridge in aid of Queensferry Care on Saturday 20th June. The abseil was originally scheduled to take place in October 2014 but was cancelled at the last minute by the organisers due to bad weather. To date I have raised £430 for Queensferry Care and look forward to seeing the town from a different perspective while up on the bridge!

Queensferry Care AGM

I attended the AGM of Queensferry Care on Wednesday 17th June which was well attended by members and supporters of the charity including the three councillors. QCCC outlined their successes and challenges over the past year and particular future challenges including an issue with changes to Lothian Pension Fund which manages the pensions of QCCC staff. Councillors offered their support where possible in moving forward.

Meeting between QA, QDCC and Councillors

The three ward councillors attended a meeting on Thursday 28th May regarding engagement and communication between QDCC, QA and Councillors. It was agreed these meetings should take place on a regular basis in future to improve and maintain understanding and communications between all stakeholders. The meeting also discussed the plans for this year's Forth Bridges Festival.

Ferrymuir

I have been liaising with QDCC members; Evans; Bellway and CEC officers regarding the delays to the planning application at the Ferrymuir site, and relaying the concerns of the community to the planning department and others to press for a positive and speedy resolution.

Waste collections

There has been a noticeable rise in complaints again about waste collections, with a few locations in the town centre of Queensferry reporting issues with communal bin uplifts and food bin uplifts. I have asked the department to address these problems.

Surgery

I hold my June advice surgery in Echline Primary School on Monday 22nd at 6.30pm.