

Queensferry & District Community Council

Cllr Norman Work's report for June 2015 meeting

I chaired the Joint Almond & Western Neighbourhood Partnership Health & Community Care Sub Group on 27th May at the Drumbrae Hub. As well as getting updates for Carers Week there was a discussion on the Carers Bill consultation responses from the council which is being considered by the Scottish Government.

On Thursday 28th May I attended a Queensferry market operators variation license meeting facilitated by Events Planning and Operations Group (EPOG) which was attended by reps from QDCC, QA & council officials. The outcome was to agree with the conditions to allow markets.

On the same evening, I attended a meeting at the Burgh Chambers with Queensferry Ambition about the way forward working in cooperation on Queensferry issues. I found this a very interesting & constructive meeting and more meetings are planned in the future.

On Monday 1st June I held my advice surgery at Echline Primary School

On Sunday 7th June I abseiled from the Forth Bridge raising over £400 for VOCAL. Thanks to everyone who sponsored me and there is still time to sponsor me by donating to my justgiving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/Norman-Work5/> I would also like to congratulate Cllr Paterson who did the Abseil on Saturday, raising money for QCCC.

In my role as a Bailie I was asked to represent the Lord Provost on Thursday 11th June at the Eve of Waterloo Concert to raise money for Armed Forces charities including Seafarers. I was therefore delighted to be able to invite some guests to accompany me so I asked Tim Robertson from Queensferry RNLI, Colin Butcher from the Queensferry Cadets and Keith Giblet from QDCC to accompany me and my wife.

I attended the AGM of QCCC on Wednesday 17th June at the Haven. There was a very good attendance including all Almond ward councillors and former Lord Provost & Almond ward Councillor George Grubb.

I have asked for an update on speed reducing measures for Scotstoun Avenue after the latest incident where a wall was damaged by a vehicle at the corner of Scotstoun Green. The residents involved have highlighted this problem to me in the past after similar incidents and I have always mentioned that the section 75 agreement from the former Agilent site development would include money for speed reducing measures in Scotstoun Avenue. I have asked the council to pay particular attention to this corner to avoid further incidents.

Care home update; I sent out a number of letters to care providers about the availability of the site set aside by Evans at Ferrymuir and have received one reply showing interest which I forwarded on to Rydens who are acting as agents on behalf of Evans.

I have also forwarded on emails regarding the education contribution to the planning application at Ferrymuir on behalf of Evans to councillors and officials after being contacted by James Pitt about the changes to the section 75 agreement now proposed by Children & Families.

54 Station Road planning application; I have been asked by the objectors to request a Hearing for the application. Therefore I have requested this application gets a Hearing when it comes before the committee on 23rd June. If the committee agrees that a Hearing should take place the next available date suitable would be 29th July due to the council recess. The committee may however feel they have enough information to make a decision on the day without agreeing to a Hearing. I have kept Diane Job fully informed of my actions.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work