

QDCC –August report – Cllr Lindsay Paterson

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

Aircraft noise

I have received complaints from Queensferry residents about aircraft noise from the trial flight route. I have contacted the airport about this and they have responded saying *“Please be assured that all feedback is recorded and will be presented back to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) as part of the trial to determine the routes viability. We welcome all feedback and will keep our microsite regularly updated with information on the trial, sid.edinburghairport.com”*

Queensferry Placemaking exercise

I attended the placemaking exercise on the evening of Wednesday 6th and spoke to some of those attending and council officers about the event and the emerging themes. Some of the themes raised were those that might be expected, such as concern about transport and facilities in the town. Having looked at the interim report circulated, I also noted the very low scores for *influence and sense of control* and *impact of vehicles* which will no doubt be discussed at the meeting of QDCC on Monday 24th.

Ferry Fair

Congratulations to all those involved in the organisation of Ferry Fair week- a huge amount of preparation goes into this and the wide-ranging programme of events.

Ferrymuir

The Development Management subcommittee is considering a [report](#) on the Ferrymuir site at item 7.1 on 26th August with officers recommending that planning permission is granted, subject to various conditions. 143 houses and flats (including 25% affordable homes) and community facility are proposed.

Queensferry Sports and Community Hub

On 18th August, Cllr Shields and I attended Culture and Sport Committee, which looked at Queensferry Recreation Centre in a [report](#) at item 7.3. The report summarised some recent activity including that Queensferry Sports and Community Hub is the recently created Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which took over management of the Queensferry Recreation Centre, and it works with five sports clubs; membership continues to grow; its strength and conditioning gym has 150 members, and there is a thriving new tennis club.

A new Modern Apprentice has been employed to deliver rugby in the local primary and high schools in order to drive participation at the local rugby club. Investment from The Robertson Trust has created a development officer post to coordinate facility development at the centre. Future new facilities include a resurfaced all weather 3G training paddock for rugby and football, and expanded tennis facilities to provide for growing demand at the tennis club, as well as increasing the community usage of the facility.

Surgery

I hold my August advice surgery in Echline Primary School on Monday 24th at 6.30pm.