

Cllr Lindsay Paterson –March – QDCC

Some updates since the time of the last QDCC meeting include:

#### Waste collections

Problems with waste collections were discussed at the last QDCC meeting and it was agreed that I would write to the Executive Director for Place, Paul Lawrence, who has responsibility for waste collections on behalf of all three ward councillors and the Community Council to outline our concerns. The correspondence was sent to Paul Lawrence on 26 February and an acknowledgment was received. I have been in touch again to ask for a response ahead of the QDCC meeting on 21 March and will forward this on when I receive it.

Separately, the Transport and Environment Committee were presented with a [report](#) on 15 March which provided an update on performance concerning landfill and recycling. Pages 8-9 feature a section on complaints which states *“on average to date (April to December), 1,012 complaints a week were received by Waste Services. With approximately 480,000 collections a week, this translates to 0.21% of collections resulting in a customer complaint. The majority of complaints received were regarding the non-collection of waste (96% of complaints)”*.

#### Road safety at St Margaret’s Primary

As mentioned in this month’s QDCC education report, parents from St Margaret’s have been in touch to report concerns about road safety at the school. I have been asked by parents to liaise with the school; roads inspector; safer routes to school team and the local police. I have asked that the painting of road markings for the school bus be expedited due to the concerns and that the police attend to monitor issues with parking around the school where appropriate.

#### Neighbourhood Partnership

The Almond Neighbourhood Partnership business meeting took place on 9 March in the Rosebery Halls. The partnership discussed the new structure of the council’s neighbourhood teams and the transition period to the new localities model. Partners raised concerns that the timescale for the proposed transition was challenging and feedback was provided to the West Neighbourhood Manager, Henry Coyle to take to CEC senior management.

#### Craigiehall

As highlighted in last month’s QDCC Planning Report, we have been informed of a Proposal of Application Notice which has been submitted to CEC regarding development at Craigiehall by Rick Fink Associates (RFA). Ward councillors and the community councils in the local area hoped to attend a briefing event with RFA ahead of the required public engagement events and we are waiting for RFA to update us on this.

#### Advice surgery

My next surgery at Echline Primary will take place on 25 April at 6.30pm due to the Easter holidays.