

QDCC Report for March: Cllr Alastair Shields

- I met with Dundas Castle on Thursday 25th February to observe an application at Milton Farm Steading. As mentioned last month, the plan is to develop a church hall on behalf of the Pilgrim Brethren. The site is currently in a very bad state: derelict farm houses, various waste strewn across the land, hopefully these pictures below give an impression...



The problem Dundas has at the moment is that the Planning Department at CEC are reluctant to give support and apparently have not made any effort to come out to visit the site upon request. The main issue appears to be the proposal for a 50-car parking space on the land which may cause problems for traffic flow along the B800. Happy to discuss more in-depth at tonight's meeting.

- I held my monthly advice surgery at the library on Wednesday 2nd March.
- The first Almond Neighbourhood Partnership business meeting of the calendar year took place in the Rosebery Hall on Wednesday 9th March. Notable for Queensferry, promoted environmental projects include planting amenity grass at Walker Drive and Hopetoun Road for the next financial year, and confirmed completion of works at the Hawes Promenade and Sea Wall.
- I chaired the Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee on Wednesday 16th March. Main items on the agenda included: The cruise liner schedule for 2016, finding new contacts from Economic Development at CEC to help promote the piers/cruise liners, the protection of public toilets in the town for people visiting the promenade, and the continued cleaning mechanisms for the piers.
- Resident concerns about waste have been quieter this month. I've also had one form of feedback from a resident that had ongoing failed collections to say that there had been an improvement to the service but of course it will take some time before we can rebuild confidence. I also contacted the West Team about waste being dumped around the Echline Woodland and the back of the Stoneyflats. This has now been acted upon.