

### **Cllr Shields' QDCC Report: April 2016:**

On Wednesday 23rd March, I attended the Queensferry Community High School Parent Council meeting. This was well-attended and highly informative. With the future of the school development a key talking point, the group are intent on establishing a sub-committee that will monitor the progress of the future development and ensure that new information is communicated to the wider contingent of parents.

On Monday 4th April, I attended, along with Cllrs Paterson and Work, a special QDCC meeting with Rick Finc Associates to discuss their proposals for the Craigiehall village development. Also in attendance were community leaders and planning representatives from across Almond. While the meeting was both necessary and informative from the side of the developers, they were pressed by a series of points concerning the greenbelt, traffic flow, and provision of necessary facilities to accommodate the inhabitants of the 1200 properties proposed. This was followed up by two exhibitions - at Craigie's Farm and in Queensferry - with a further one to be held in Kirkliston. The developers also presented their case on Thursday evening in Cramond. I have made known my concerns with this project: I don't believe it is fit for purpose. I base this primarily upon how it may impact the local development plan, as well as the insurmountable problems relating to road linkages and traffic flow between the relevant areas directly concerned.

On Wednesday 6th April, I hosted my monthly advice surgery at SQ Library.

### **Upcoming:**

This Wednesday evening, the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership will host a public meeting in Davidson's Mains. This will be the first under Henry Coyle's replacement, Peter Strong. Matters on the agenda relevant to Queensferry include Community Grants Fund proposals to provide two food aid portakabins for the Priory Church, and to agree funds to proceed with the forth year of the 'Youth Decides' Initiative.