

Cllr Lindsay Paterson –June – QDCC

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

Neighbourhood Partnership

A business meeting of the [Almond Neighbourhood Partnership](#) took place on 22 June in the Rosebery Halls. This meeting had an update from Peter Strong, the new North West Locality Manager on the development of the localities structure which is still taking shape. Also, as part of the Community Grants Fund Report, South Queensferry and Rosebery Hall Community Education Centre was awarded £1500 towards the delivery of a low cost programme of activities for young people during the school summer holidays.

Local Development Plan

Councillors have been advised that the latest [Development Plan Scheme](#) has recently published, which sets out the next stages in the project. *“The examination into unresolved representations to the Second Proposed Local Development Plan is now expected to publish its report by the end of June. That report may make recommendations to modify the Plan. The examination recommendations will be considered at a meeting of the Planning Committee, intended to be held on 5 September. We will then publish the Plan as modified.The Council is then due to formally adopt the Local Development Plan in October or November 2016. You will also be notified once the Plan is adopted.”*

Craigiehall development proposals

Along with Cllr Shields and representatives from QDCC and Cramond and Barnton CC, I met with representatives of Rick Fink Associates and Hallam Land Management on Thursday 23 June to hear more about the forthcoming process of community engagement about the proposed Craigiehall site, including working groups and workshops. The next stage of this process is likely to begin in late July, in consultation with QDCC.

Road safety issues at St Margaret’s RC Primary

I met with parent and school staff management representatives, along with David Flint (QDCC) on 2 June at St Margaret’s Primary to discuss the ongoing concerns about road safety in the vicinity. I followed this up with discussions with CEC road safety officers and roads engineer. The roads engineer was clear that the pedestrian gate with ramp access needed to be moved at the school and senior staff have contacted the engineer to discuss the technicalities further. The location of the pedestrian gate is likely to influence the location of the bus box.

I was advised that the travel plan which is being drawn up by the school is the document that gives the council the authority to take forward traffic regulations orders etc, and the road safety officer can take these forward once he is in possession of the plan. I have asked the school for an update on the plan. The safety officer explained that in the short term until these issues are resolved and at least one bus box installed, school contract buses have the right to park on the zig zag keep clear markings at the school to drop off and pick up children. He also said taxis which are picking up/dropping off disabled children have the right to use the keep clear area. He has outlined plans for banners to be displayed on the school boundary walls at the road about safe parking/ the [park smart scheme](#), and I have suggested to the school that these could highlight that only the school coaches are entitled to park on the keep clear signs area. I suggested that the park smart scheme and the right of school buses to park on the keep clear area is highlighted to parents in school/ parent council newsletters and at meetings.

Advice surgery

My next surgery at Echline Primary will take place on Monday 27 June at 6.30pm. There will be no July advice surgery due to the school holidays.