

Queensferry & District Community Council

Cllr Norman Work's Report for June 2016 meeting

Action points from previous meeting;

I was asked to enquire about a sign for the Queensferry Bowling Club and the council are adamant that they will not give permission for a sign even if paid for by the Bowling club themselves. I have appealed to Dave Sinclair to try to find a solution and so this is ongoing.

I was also asked to investigate reports of an A Board tied to a lamppost and I have asked this to be investigated by the roads team who have still to report back to me.

Battle of Jutland commemoration was held on 28th May and Queensferry had a large role to play with a service of commemoration and wreath laying ceremony held at Queensferry cemetery which was relayed down to the Hawes area via a large screen where guests and members of the public had gathered. After the service at the cemetery the VIP's which included HRH Princess Ann, the First Minister of Scotland, Nicola Sturgeon and representing the Secretary of State for Scotland, Dame Annabelle Goldie came from the service at the cemetery to meet those assembled at the Hawes Pier area where we were entertained by the Royal Marines Band beating the retreat. I was delighted to be asked to wear my Bailie chain representing the City of Edinburgh Council while the Lord Provost was busy with the VIP's. I also attended the small service in the grounds of the Priory Church after the main event.

Battle of Jutland Plaque, unveiled by HRH Princes Royal will be available for permanent display in Queensferry and I have been asked by the Lord Provost for suggestions of where this could be displayed. Beside the memorial at Rosebery Hall or at the Priory Church are two suggestions made to me but happy to hear any suggestions and include other groups like Queensferry History Group in making suggestions.

Inspector Scobie invited councillors from Edinburgh West to meet with him to discuss Policing issues in the areas we represent on 6th June at Corstorphine Police Station. Cllr Shields was also in attendance and we found the meeting was useful in building up relations with the Police. Inspector Scobie is keen to have regular meetings with elected members and I am happy to pass on any issues you wish me to raise that are not raised with the local Police who attend QDCC meetings.

I attended the Queensferry Churches Care in the Community AGM on Tuesday 14th June at the Haven.

There were two events organised for Dementia Awareness week in Queensferry organised by the local Dementia Friendly Queensferry group. The first was the launch of the Dementia Friendly Resources at Queensferry Library on 1st June which I was delighted to be asked to open which included information, books and other advice and the other event held in the Rosebery Hall on 2nd June included a broad range of people and organisations who could provide practical help information and advice for anyone affected by dementia. There were also songs from a theatre group who entertained everyone.

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I attended the opening of the community garden at Hawthornbank on 18th June and was delighted that the City of Edinburgh Council & in particular the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership were thanked for their role in helping with the local community led project.

I convened the ANP Business meeting attend by all three Almond ward councillors on 22nd June in Rosebery Hall. On the agenda was a consultation of the Scottish Fire & Rescue service for their strategic plan for 2016-19, this can be found at firescotland.citizenspace.com There was also an update on Policing in Almond ward, Locality developments from Peter Strong, North West Locality Manager and an update on Health & Social Care integration in relation to localities. A Community Grant was awarded to Roseberry Hall Community Education Centre for children's activities during the summer holidays

Stagecoach 40/40A service; I contacted Stagecoach to ask for someone to contact me about the proposed changes and introduction of a 40B service. Apart from them sending me the link to the site where the changes are mentioned I have not had any further response.

Finally, as the City of Edinburgh Council Carers Champion a report was presented to the Health Social Care & Housing Committee giving an update of the role. I have attached the link below I hope you can find time to read.

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/id/51090/item_72_-_carers_champion_progress_update

As always, I am happy to give a verbal update to expand on anything in my report on the evening of the meeting or by email.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work