

Cllr Shields' monthly report: September

Today is the closing date for the Edinburgh Community Council Elections. As Returning Officer for QDCC, it has been a pleasure to undertake the role and thank you for your cooperation during the process.

We are now in a statutory period for LDP2 after the CEC Planning Committee agreed to the report modifications earlier in the month. What this effectively means is that council will be called to agree on the plans at the October Full Council meeting. This comes as a disappointment and it will be hoped that the majority of elected members opt against agreement. Statutory period ends, as far as I'm aware, on October 14th.

Last Thursday, I joined QDCC councillors for an evening meeting with Andrew Jarvis of Stagecoach to discuss all matters relating to the service in Queensferry of late. Grant has provided most of the discussion that took place and the action points to address. While this was a necessary meeting, those in attendance were made more aware of certain miscommunications between the provider and others such as LRT. It was right to air these points to Mr Jarvis who, in good faith, we trust will assess them.

The Youth Decides Initiative review committee will meet in a few weeks time. Looking forward to hear about the activities Queensferry groups have been working on in similar vein to previous years.

Queensferry residents are contacting councillors to give their opinion on the 20 mph speed limit programme, either to criticise its implementation or support it but highlight that little difference appears to have been made. Advised that Police Scotland are monitoring the programme regularly.

Resident contact - to confront an unlit skip on the roadway of Scotstoun Avenue that was proving hazardous at nighttime. Concern passed to Dave Sinclair for action.