

Queensferry & District Community Council

Cllr Norman Works Report for November 2016 meeting

I attended a committee meeting of Christmas in Queensferry on the 8th November in the Rosebery Hall to discuss the final arrangements. I attended and helped out at the Christmas in Queensferry light switch on event on Thursday 24th November. Well done to everyone involved.

I attended the following meetings facilitated by QDCC in the Burgh Chambers as mentioned in other reports with Taylor Wimpey, Lothian Buses and with Paul Lawrence, Executive Director of Place. I also attended the Taylor Wimpey drop in event held at the Community Centre and spent at least two hours speaking to residents about the proposed development on South Scotstoun.

Queensferry Sports & Community Hub; I met with Allan Carson regarding his lease agreement with the council and concerns he has with the agreement between the Hub and the council over the use of the large pitches. Subsequently I held a meeting with Robin Yellowlees from Children & Families and Roger McGaffin on 15th November and raised the issue with both the Convenors of Culture & Leisure and Finance & Resources. Happy to expand at Monday's meeting

After a request from three Community Councils represented on the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership to cancel the public meeting planned for 16th November it was agreed to hold a business meeting to instead to discuss amongst other things the transformation programme and the new North West Locality Model. I chaired the meeting as Cllr Shields who due to be the next convenor of ANP can only be appointed at a public meeting. A public meeting of the Partnership is scheduled for 30th November in Queensferry High School.

Queensferry High School; A report went to Full Council which really affects Kirkliston pupils about the capacity of a new QHS. I was in touch with the Chair of the Parent Council and Kirkliston Community Council. This report is in response to LDP2. With the expected housing developments and future capacity of QHS the document explains how the proposed housing developments will have on the capacity of QHS. Documents attached.

On 2nd November met with Lord Provost Staff and Jenni Meldrum of Queensferry History Group & Keith Gibblet of QDCC at the Rosebery Hall to decide the final destination for the Jutland Plaque unveiled by the Princess Royal at the Battle of Jutland Commemoration at the Hawes Pier area last May. We agreed to visit Queensferry Museum and after a short discussion and inspection we unanimously agreed that the best place would be in the Provost Room. Subsequently on Monday 14th after a short ceremony attend by invited guests including the Lord Provost the Jutland Plaque was unveiled. I was delighted to say a few words and welcome this plaque to Queensferry Museum. QDCC was represented by Diane Job & Neil McKinley as Keith could not attend due to another engagement. It was also good to see former Lord Provost and local councillor George Grubb in attendance.

On Sunday 13th November I attended a number of Remembrance Sunday parades in the Almond ward starting with Queensferry where a good number of local groups, organisations and representatives from Queensferry were represented. I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of all three Almond ward Councillors.

At the Full Council meeting the final Local Development Plan (2) which had already been agreed by the planning committee and despite being on the go since 2011 was finally approved by the Capital Coalition. This includes proposed developments in South Scotstoun & Builyeon Road. However, there is still a shortfall in the housing supply of over 7000 houses which is a further worry and will be happy to discuss this fuller at Monday's meeting.

After debris fell from the Burnshot Flyover onto the A90 carriageway on Friday 25th November the council advised that an inspection would take place on Sunday 27th which would result in closing the the A90. I was concern about the impact that the closure would have and immediately contacted Ken Grier to ask if the slip roads could still be in operation as there was no diversion routes mentioned in the original email. I was pleased when an update confirmed that although an inspection of the bridge would mean closing the lanes in both directions that the slip roads would be used for diverting the traffic was agreed in a later update.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work