

## QDCC Monthly Report:

The meeting organised with David McAdam and Craig Lamont (CEC representatives for the Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee) went ahead on Thursday 8th December. Hopefully this can become a more regular and consistent form of engagement, particularly to gain awareness of traffic/parking regulations during the cruise liner season as well as learning more about appropriate contacts at CEC for matters of this nature.

I met with Police Scotland's Commander for the Edinburgh Division, Kenny MacDonald, on December 13th discussing the authority's strategic plans for the year ahead and how they have worked to combat serious crime that has become more prevalent. We covered matters in Queensferry such as housebreaking, as well as the continuous need for relationship building with our residents.

I had my monthly advice surgery on Wednesday 4th January.

On January 11th, I met with residents in Dalmeny to discuss planning application 16/05995/FUL by the Wester Dalmeny Cottages off Bankhead Road.

This is a plan for some 15 new builds on a patch of land north of the Cottages. The group are, however, not averse to the development on the acceptance of LDP2 and the inevitability of new build expansion across the rural west of the city. More is the case that they are concerned by issues such as a lack of sufficient parking space and vehicular access, pedestrian access, impact on conservation, little open space for mobility, a shortage of amenities in the area (at present), and construction issues during development that will cause concern to an area of known tranquility and being nearby the stables etc. The group are also put out by changes made to the plans set out by Westpoint (developers) which differ to those in the original plan and the timing of the application process which has fallen over Christmas/New Year when many are occupied by the festive period - the deadline for objections is Feb 13.

I believe they have a reasonable case but naturally they are seeking wider support while not getting on the wrong side of planning by way of accepting development but appropriately giving advice based on their knowledge of the area.

I have contacted case officer, Lynsey Townsend, for a 1-2-1 and from there will look to meet the group again before the deadline.

Again, reoccurring themes exist with this application but there is a particularly strong concern over road safety off Bankhead Road.