

Cllr Lindsay Paterson –February 2017– QDCC

Some recent updates include:

#### Queensferry High School Parent Council meeting- 30 January

I attended a meeting of the parent council along with QDCC representative, David Flint. Crawford McGhee, CEC Communities & Families presented to the parent council on the future school capacity and catchment review and confirmed more information will come to the Education Committee on these aspects. The Headteacher updated parents on proposals for the new build and procedures in place to make sure the new school site and existing school co-exist successfully during the building work.

#### Edinburgh Airport's Consultation 2 on Airspace Change Programme

The second stage of the airport's public consultation on the Airspace Change Programme (ACP) is now open until 30 April. The airport says that using feedback from the initial consultation, route design options were formulated. This second consultation presents the results of this design process, their preferred options and why these were selected. It is important that local residents make their views known in response to this second consultation as the airport state that one of their preferred design options, D0, describes Queensferry as "overflown<sup>i</sup>". The consultation website is [www.letsstofurther.com](http://www.letsstofurther.com)

#### Burnshot and Dolphington bridges

The ongoing closure of the Burnshot bridge and subsequent impact on the Dolphington bridge are of significant concern to nearby communities and councillors have been pressing for more information and action on the situation. Arrangements had been made for more detailed inspections of the Burnshot and Dolphington Bridges this month: as we know the Burnshot is in poor condition however engineers have- so far -not highlighted anything of concern on Dolphington Bridge. Once these detailed reports have been analysed the council should be in a position to announce its plans for the future of the bridges.

#### Almond Neighbourhood Partnership meetings, Rosebery Hall- 25 January and 8 March

The main item of business on the agenda of the meeting on 25 January was a Planning and Infrastructure discussion, led by the chair of Cramond and Barnton Community Council. The discussion involved John Inman (Planning); Robbie Crockatt (School Estates Planning Team) and Marna Green (Health & Social Care) to consider the impact of the significant new proposed developments in the west Edinburgh area. Queensferry Churches Care in the Community was also awarded a grant of £1631 at the meeting to support the provision of day trips. The next NP business meeting takes place on 8 March in the Rosebery Hall.

#### City of Edinburgh Council budget- 9 February

The annual budget debate took place at the City Chambers on 9 February. The [Capital Coalition budget motion](#) was passed, however I supported the [Conservative group budget motion](#), which set out its aims to maximise efficiency and effectiveness of Council Services and address the lack of an effective transformation strategy.

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<sup>i</sup> Page 73, Airspace Change Programme departure and arrival procedures. Second consultation: 30 January – 30 April 2017 [https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/edinburghairport/files/acpv2/ACP\\_consultation\\_book.pdf](https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/edinburghairport/files/acpv2/ACP_consultation_book.pdf)