## Cllr Shields' report: February

On Thursday 9th, the Council administration passed the budget for financial year 17/18. I spoke in response to the four group motions put forward and highlighted particular concern about the repercussions cuts in the library services will have in communities where such resources are a cornerstone of the community for learning and development.

Almond Cllrs were informed last week by CEC Communities & Families about remedial works at the Queensferry High School extension. Parents have been informed that this will have no impact on the school remaining open and the completion of works expected Monday 27/2.

Following the piece from my report last month, I submitted my Councillor's objection to planning application 16/05995/FUL (off Wester Dalmeny Cottages, Dalmeny) and await the outcome of this.

Almond Cllrs have been contacted by Paul Griffiths, the new Port Facility Security Officer at the Hawes Pier, who has made clear his intentions ahead. We welcome him in his new post and look forward to meeting him in the near future.

With the second phase of the airport consultation open to residents, Queensferry residents have been in contact airing concerns that they have submitted. These include examples a lack of available space for an emergency landing; pollution; noise level; impact on tourism; and a point about the airport's lack of communication with communities to be affected in advance of the consultation taking place.

The Rosebery Hall will be hosting an open committee meeting for the 'South Queensferry and District Dementia Friendly Initiative' on Monday 27/2. This will include discussion upon how businesses play a strong role in communities for dementia sufferers, and the progress of the 'Dementia Singing Group' which was a talking-point at the QCCC AGM in October which I attended with Norman.

## Ahead:

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, I will be chairing the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership business meeting at the Rosebery Hall. Jim Connor and I will be meeting this week to discuss agenda items which will include welcoming Edinburgh Airport representatives for a presentation and Q/A on the consultation.