

Cllr Shields' Report: April 2017

- As explained by Cllr Work in his report, Application 16/0595/FUL will now be put off from the planning agenda until June. This was the result of some strong collaboration among the Almond ward representatives and a group of knowledgeable, strong-willed Dalmeny residents who believe there is much more discussion to be had and engagement from planning officers, committee members (more likely now those that undertake the remit of committee member after May 5th), and the applicant. I am grateful to both the convenor for Planning and his deputy in taking this worthwhile and sensible decision.
- Attended the Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users committee on April 12th. This was the first meeting attended by Paul Griffiths, the Port Facility Security Officer, since taking up his new post. Items covered on the agenda included the Cruise Liner Schedule for the year; Pier Maintenance – pothole maintenance along Longcraig Road; plans ahead of RNLI day & abseil event (28th May), and Health & Safety matters such as calls for improved signage for visitors to make known when clearing work is taking place at the pier.
- Almond Councillors were contacted some months ago about overgrown vegetation along the southbound pathway between the M90 bus stop that lets off residents to Dalmeny. This included the need for a handrail and some sufficient lighting to be implemented. FCBC were contacted about this and have confirmed that in the time since then they have worked to improve maintenance by cutting away excess plants and weeds that would cause users to slip, as well as performing checks on their lighting, a handrail is still waiting to be input. The call for this is relevant due to how steep the pathway is, particularly in wet conditions and not ideal either when it is dark. Should FCBC be slow on installing the handrail going forward the Neighbourhood Partnership may be a useful channel to go down?
- Contact from an Echline resident about regular and excessive speeding on Builyeon Road beyond the 30mph limit and the dangers posed to pedestrians, particularly those coming off at the bus stops and children/elderly. In particular, the issue highlighted the frequency of vehicles trying to overtake each other at peak times. Matter raised with Dave Sinclair for his attention and concern noted back to the resident.
- Hosted my monthly advice surgery earlier in the month at the Library.