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## Queensferry & District Community Council - July 2017 Report

### Council administration

There have been significant developments since the last QDCC meeting. The SNP and Labour Groups have now formed an administration albeit one without an overall majority. All convenorships and vice-convenorships (with the exception of the Governance & Risk Committee) have been taken up by Labour and SNP councillors.

Kevin has been appointed to the Economy & Housing and Governance & Risk Committees. Louise has been appointed to the Education, Children & Families Committee.

### Full Council meeting

We both used the first 'normal' meeting of the Council to raise important local issues. Louise questioned the new convener of transport and environment on the congestion at the Kirkliston cross-roads and the problem of waste collection through Edinburgh. Kevin raised the issue of the proposed flight path changes over Queensferry and the potential for significant changes to janitorial cover which could impact on the Rosebery Hall and community centre. He also used the first Leader's question time to raise the new Queensferry High School and the need for improved community facilities.

Despite attempts by the administration to stop any Almond councillor from serving on the Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee, Kevin was appointed to the committee thanks to cross party support from the Green and Conservative groups.

### Dalmeny Housing

We were disappointed with the new planning committee's decision to reject our request for a hearing and approve the application for 15 new houses behind Wester Dalmeny cottages. Kevin attended the committee site visit and it was clear the members felt they had sufficient information to proceed to a decision.

### Local issues raised in July

Other Queensferry and Dalmeny issues which we have worked on in the last month include;

- Significant problems with waste collection, especially following the shortage of HGV drivers,
- Delayed and poor-quality grass cutting throughout the Ferry, particularly in the Echline estate,
- Issues with the surface of the Echline playpark,
- The Queensferry Crossing 'experience' including ticket allocation and travel arrangements on the day,
- Seeking clarity on ownership issues of the stone wall around Echline,
- Seeking a replacement communal bin in Rose Lane,
- Getting repairs to the Rosebery Hall clock,
- Progressing the Queensferry High Street redevelopment project,
- Issues around the Queensferry Ambition BID ballot process and council property voting,
- Safety of tree sizes on Echline Drive,
- Fly-tipping in Lang Rigg,
- Issues with Lothian Country on drivers requesting the wrong fares from customers,
- Further communications with the police on the speed of cars on Bo'ness Road.