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## Queensferry & District Community Council

### Councillors Report—August 2017

#### Full Council Meeting—Thursday 24th August 2017

The first full council meeting following the summer recess took place on Thursday 24th August. The minority administration presented their business plan for the next 5 years which, despite containing no metrics or KPIs was approved thanks to the support of the Green group.

Issues relating to the automated complaints service for waste were raised and a motion to re-introduce human contact was put forward by the Conservative group but were rejected by the administration.

The problems with pavement 'slurry' works was again discussed and it is clear that the re-surfacing works being completed across the city are deemed an acceptable solution by the administration. More on which below.

#### Local Issues

**Waste Collection**—The high volume waste issue from July seems to have largely abated, however I have been assisting residents in Stoneyflats in rectifying issues on missed grey bin collections

**New Queensferry High School**—Having attended with the Education Convenor the week before last I was encouraged by the level of engagement with regard to improving community facilities and access to the new building and the assurance that the time factor would not be a barrier to the right decision being made. However the future capacity issue remains unresolved, the decision to bring an update forward to the October meeting of the Education Committee is a step in the right direction.

**Seagull Proof Waste Bins**—I have been looking the possibility of seagull proof and/or trash compacting bins being installed along the promenade at Queensferry to prevent overflowing bins and waste on the streets. The waste and cleansing area manager has confirmed that a review is currently underway of bin services across the locality and that specific appropriate solutions will be considered in each area individually. There is a plan for consultation and waste services plan to channel this through the localities to engage local groups. In the meantime waste services have been completing 3 collections a day of the waste receptacles on the promenade and have observed that privately owned bins are a significant contributor to the problem.

**Scotstoun Footway Repairs**—I agreed to raise the issue of poor quality pavement and footpath repairs in Scotstoun and have circulated a substantial response on the pavement 'slurry' works and while it is re-assuring that repairs to the poor quality workmanship will be rectified at no additional cost to the public purse I would be keen to know the views of QDCC and local residents as to the general suitability of this type of surface.

#### Events

I was delighted to attend events on the Friday of Ferry Fair, I had a very enjoyable evening and it was regrettable than in a very busy week for me I was unable to partake in more of the festivities. I will however be getting into training for next years boundary dash. I commend the work of everyone involved in organising such a full program and a wonderful event for the whole community.

#### Surgeries

I held my first Queensferry surgery on 14th of August in Queensferry Library. Going forward these will be held at 6pm on the second Monday of the month at the same location, with the exception of December, March and July.