

Queensferry & District Community Council

Cllr Norman Work's report for October 2017 meeting

Street Lighting; lots of problems with street lighting were reported to me where several streets had all the lights out. There were also many individual lights reported as needing attention. I passed all the problems to the Street Lighting Team and asked for constant updates.

I attended the Christmas in Queensferry meeting on 27th September in Rosebery Hall.

The first Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee of the new term took place on Wednesday 18th October at the RNLi building. I was re-elected Convenor with Cllr Hutchison Vice Convenor. Issues discussed was the provisional Cruise Liner Schedule for 2018 & Pier maintenance including the contract awarded for pier cleaning.

I had the pleasure of visiting Barnbogle Castle on Thursday 19th October. Thanks to Diane Job for organising and to Anne for the lift. Very interesting to hear about the plans they have for using as a conference/corporate type of venue and even had the opportunity to advise on licensing issues.

A dedicated bus parking area has now been recommended for outside St. Margaret's RC Primary School. This has come about after the Head Teacher and the Parent Council complained about the bus bringing children was not always able to park near the school gate. David Flint had let me know about this and I attended a site visit with parents last year to discuss various options. A space was allocated for the bus but as this was not always observed the council have decided to make a dedicated bus parking area which will be enforceable.

On Thursday 28th September I did my own survey at Rosebery Avenue next to the Fire Station after many parents were critical of the survey carried out by the council's road safety team. I stood from 08.25 till 09.00 and recorded the number of pedestrians crossing, vehicles passing and parking. This gave a PV2 value of 2,214,444. The council's PV2 value was 1,320,167.02. Although my score was slightly higher the council only recorded from 08.30 – 09.00. I also observed pedestrians crossing at the foot of William Black Place so I reckon I recorded more pedestrians due to this. However, these scores are well below the 4 million value required. I sent the figures I had collated to the council acknowledging that the score was not enough to establish a new school crossing proposal but I did ask for alternative safety measures to be put in place. The council responded to my request stating the assessment method for the prioritisation of pedestrian crossing improvements as approved by the Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee is largely the same as that for the provision of a school crossing patrol. There would have to be significantly higher levels of motor traffic and crossing pedestrians at this location to meet the criteria for crossing improvements such as a zebra crossing. We are, however, planning to introduce parking restrictions around the crossing points to ensure the view is kept clear for pedestrians and drivers.

Regards,
Cllr Norman Work