

Queensferry & District Community Council Councillors Report - November 2017

Full Council - Thursday 23rd November

The full council met on Thursday 23rd November where the report setting up locality committees was approved incorporating the amendment passed last month which determined that Convenors will be appointed at locality level rather than by the full council. I questioned the Planning Convenor on the effectiveness of the planning enforcement process and also put forward a motion asking for a definitive breakdown of all statutory and non-statutory services delivered by the council, this does not currently exist as a single document.

Council Budget 2018/19

The administrations budget consultation is currently underway and is available in the councils consultation portal online and also in paper format from council offices and libraries. As the Conservative Group Finance Spokesperson I will be responsible for producing an alternative budget, I would be happy to hear any suggestions that residents would like to see included.

Local Issues

West Edinburgh High School - Letters were sent to parents of impacted pupils on Friday setting out the councils plans for school provision in the West of the city. This will involve the building of a new school at either Edinburgh International Business Gateway or Ratho Station. Kirkliston Primary School will be part of a separate consultation regarding secondary education provision.

I was happy to support Christmas in Queensferrys application for a fee waiver for the public performance license and was disappointed this was not granted.

Missed waste collections

Benefits issues and homelessness cases

Application for a new pharmacy in Queensferry

Neighbour concerns on the design for the new Queensferry High School

Events

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Bo'ness Road meeting organised by Councillors Lang and Young due to another commitment, however Councillor Young was kind enough to brief me after the event.

I attended the meeting at Waverley Court organised by Councillor Work with representatives from QDCC, CEC leader Councillor Adam McVey, CEC Chief Executive Andrew Kerr and Executive Director of Place Paul Laurence.

Surgeries

I will not be hosting a surgery in December, residents can make an appointment at a suitable time and surgeries will resume in January.

Holidays

I will be on holiday [from the 1st to the 10th of December](#). Issues requiring urgent attention can be addressed to my assistant Irene Aitchison, irene.aitchison@edinburgh.gov.uk