

Queensferry & District Community Council
Cllr Norman Work's report for October 2012 meeting

On Tuesday 25th September I attended a board meeting of Queensferry BID at the Boathouse Restaurant.

On Wednesday 26th I chaired the ANP public meeting in the Rosebery Hall which had an environmental theme. I was pleased to see quite a few residents from Queensferry who had been involved in various environmental projects attending and taking part

On Thursday 27th I attended the Almond Disability Forum organised by QCCC and held in the Haven.

On Friday 28th I attended a meeting in the Scottish Parliament with Lothian buses facilitated by Colin Keir MSP. This was to discuss issues relating to Edinburgh Western. I asked Lothian if they would consider operating in Queensferry & Kirkliston due to predicted population increase due to development particularly in Kirkliston. Lothian said they would look into servicing rural west Edinburgh as part of their five year plan. One thing that Lothian were adamant about was that if they ever did service rural west Edinburgh they would operate a different fare structure to that of the rest of Edinburgh just like they have done to areas of East Lothian where First pulled out.

I held my surgery in Echline Primary School on Monday 1st October.

On Tuesday 2nd October I attended a meeting of Christmas in Queensferry in the Rosebery Hall.

On Wednesday 3rd the first meeting of the Hawes/Longcraig Pier Users Committee was held after the council elections. I was elected as Convenor while Cllr Alastair Shields was elected as Vice Convenor. The meeting was held in the new RNLI building at Hawes Pier.

On Thursday 4th I attended the Almond Safety Forum a sub group of ANP. David Flint represented QDCC at the meeting.

On Saturday 6th October I visited two libraries in Almond ward with Natalie Hoy to celebrate "Super Saturday" with libraries opening all day in Saturday. Queensferry Library celebrated with a creepy crawly event.

After receiving complaints about inconsiderate parking on Station View I asked the Police to check out cars parking on pavements.

There have still been some complaints about bin collections but not as bad as last month and any issues have been resolved quicker.

I dealt with some complaints about a reduction in the Horsburgh 7 Service which is tendered by West Lothian Council. CEC had no input into this service but did contribute financially to the part of the route through Almond ward, however there was a rumour circulating that CEC had cut the payment and that is why the service was reduced. I have also been pushing for timetables and flags to be updated.

I am pleased to report some progress on the dispute between Manor Homes and CEC regarding maintenance on some of the paths and other areas in Sommerville Gardens. Some sort of compromise has been reached and while details are rather sketchy but lawyers from both sides have been thrashing out some sort of agreement which I hope can be reported on shortly.

As usual if there is anything you require more clarification on or wish to raise with me please do so as I will be attending the meeting this evening.

Regards,
Cllr Norman Work