

## Queensferry & District Community Council

### Cllr Norman Work's Report for February 2018 meeting

On January 24<sup>th</sup> I attended a Christmas in Queensferry meeting to follow up on how the event went and what lessons were learnt to keep improving. The feeling was that it was a well organised event which was well received and only minor changes to the format would be proposed.

Later that evening I attended the archaeological presentation at the newly refurbished Dalmeny Church Hall to hear what had been discovered in the dig which is always carried out before any development takes place.

I attended the opening of the Honey Pot Craft & Café at Pipers Cove on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February and was officially opened by Lady Rosebery. This is mainly crafts and pottery venue with the Café being ancillary and looks like this will be a nice addition to Queensferry which can be enjoyed by locals & visitors alike of all ages.

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, I was invited to Chair the AGM of the Ferry Fair Committee. The post of secretary is still vacant after the election of Chair, Vice Chair & Treasurer. Both the Chair & Vice said they would continue this year, they both announced that they plan to stand down in the future and although there was still a good turnout at the AGM, there is still a need for more volunteers to get involved.

Still been dealing with several Lamp post issues with some that I reported in November & December finally getting fixed. One lamppost in Lawson Crescent was eventually fixed by connecting an overhead wire to an adjacent lamp post. Lights were reported to me on Scotstoun Ave & Lovers Lane which were off and may have been related to the works at Ashburnham Park. A fuse had to be reset and are working ok now. Another light, this time at Hill Court has been reported as faulty and this has been passed on.

A piece of roughcasting came of the Sub Station on Lovers Lane while a lady was walking her dogs. This was reported to Scottish Power who have visited the site and will repair the damage but said they will wait till the weather improves and plan to carry out repairs in March.

Builyeon Road; I asked for a review which was rejected by the Development Management Sub Committee on February 21<sup>st</sup>. As has been reported elsewhere the expectations were that the Committee would agree to the pre planning application as this site is on the LDP. I am not happy with the idea of diverting Builyeon Road through the development and will work with & support QDCC on getting the best solution possible.

On 9<sup>th</sup> February the North West Locality held its first meeting where a Chair & Vice Chair were elected. Other subjects discussed was an agreement on the remit and on how Community Councils will be represented and consulted. A suggestion was made to consider future meetings to be held in the evening to allow community reps to attend.

Lots of complaints about potholes and the time taken to get them repaired. A large pot hole on B924 was a concern as several vehicles had been damaged. I forwarded on a photo to ask that this dangerous pot hole was fixed and asked for speedier response times.

I joined Cllr Lang in requesting Queensferry Fair Trade signage to be displayed on the approaches to Queensferry. The response from the council has still not changed, *It was not considered appropriate for separate Fairtrade signs to be erected at all entry point to the various towns and villages within the CEC area.*

Shore Road Sheltered Housing; Several enquiries received from concerned relatives who have family members in the Shore Road Care complex including one via QDCC. Castle Rock Edinvar are proposing a restructuring of the Sheltered Housing Complex, to deregister from the Social Care Inspectorate and reduce hours of the fulltime manager to just cover 2 ½ days a week. All emails received have been responded to and letter has been written to the Chair & Board of CRE to express the community's concerns and to ask them to reconsider.

Ward councillors received feedback from the public meeting held in Echline Primary School in November. I have attached this to the report. Both Cllr Young & I intend to raise this at a ward visit on site with the Chief Executive and the Locality Manager on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Many complaints have been received about unauthorised vehicles using the slips at Echline and the other dedicated public transport corridors. I have contacted Transport Scotland to ask them to review their signs and to ask if cameras are installed to deter unauthorised use.

Council budget meeting, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February; I have attached the motion put forward to the Full Council meeting by the Administration and passed at Full Council.

Regards,

Cllr Norman Work