

**Ratho and District Community Council
Chair's Report for the Annual General Meeting on 22 May 2018**

Reflecting back on this year, from a Community Council perspective, I think, it will be called the year of the Wave Garden. The Public Exhibition was held in February 2017 and the application was approved by the Development Management Committee in April 2018. In between the Community Council has consulted with the Community, met with the developers, reviewed the documentation, listened to and quantified concerns, responded to the Planners Now we will continue to work with the Developers as the Wave Garden continues to evolve.

This year has seen the opening, at last, of the new Doctors Surgery and we look forward to the opening of the Country Park in June, a much anticipated asset for Ratho

Other concerns have included the review of the provision of secondary education and a possible new High School in Ratho Station. We now have representation on the newly formed Noise Advisory Board monitoring Edinburgh Airport. Ongoing matters include the proposed traffic lights at Dalmahoy, parking at Newbridge and the shops, School and library in Ratho , traffic on the A8 and the Newbridge Roundabout, potholes and the state of the roads. We are also concerned about the limited nursery facilities at Ratho Primary School and the implications of the new Localities Board and local democracy,

Over the next year we will be beginning the work on the next Local Development Plan and its impact on our entire area. This will determine future housing and the need for local infrastructure to support such development. The Locality Boards are also consulting on the Local Improvement Plans.

Last May there were the local Council Elections. We would like to thank our retiring Councillors Bill Henderson, Hislop, Patterson and Shields for their hard work on our behalf. We welcomed 6 new Councillors: Councillors Bruce, Webber, Gardiner, Hutchinson, Lang and Young, who join Councillors Work and Ricky Henderson.

None of this would have been possible without the work of the members of the Community Council and my fellow office bearers. Particular thanks this year go to Rod Graves and subsequently to Kate Watt for their work on the Surgery Project Board and Elspeth Gray, our indefatigable minute secretary.

Judy Wightman
Chair Ratho and District Community Council