

## **Ratho & District Community Council Secretary's Report for year ending March 2019**

In addition to the expected run-of-the-mill tasks such as supporting other office bearers, booking rooms and looking after the Community Council Notice Board there have been a number of less common tasks this year.

Every effort has been made to publicise council draft proposals affecting our residents on social media (mainly Facebook groups) and by emailing residents via our Google Group. Our raised profile on Facebook has led to more residents engaging and asking for advice on how to bring problems, such as potholes and missed bin collections, to the attention of council officials. They are advised in the first instance to use the CEC reporting forms before we escalate problems to officers and our ward councillors.

I was tasked with preparing and responding to the survey about the implementation of the 20mph scheme. This was mounted as a poll on Facebook and sent to residents on our Google Group mailing list. Survey forms were also left in the library for residents who don't use social media and we thank the library staff for bringing these to the attention of library customers. The findings were collated and sent to the relevant council officer. We do appreciate all the feedback from our residents

We were also asked by our local Roads Team to survey Hallcroft residents on a proposal for introducing double yellow lines in the cul de sacs. This entailed leafletting the all the houses, responding to subsequent queries and forwarding the findings to our local Roads Team. For the record this initiative has been dropped.

The implementation of the new waste collection arrangements generated an increase in correspondence with residents and Waste Services, but with a few exceptions these seem to have settled down. Similarly the contractors for some of the road resurfacing previously mentioned caused further unexpected correspondence due to the attitude and language towards residents.

I have represented the Community Council on Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee and attend their quarterly meetings. I also attend the CEC Canal Delivery Board which promotes the canal as a link for people and wildlife from the City Centre and is reviewing the Council Canal Strategy, as well as attending the Canal Community Action Group which endeavours to promote local initiatives on the canal.

However, the most important part of the job is listening to our residents to find out the problems and liaising with City Council officials to seek early resolutions.