



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – MARCH 2018 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails – has remained broadly static since the last meeting.  
Telephone calls taken on behalf of QDCC this month have been few or far between just a couple from Journal & Gazette on various matters.

A number of local residents have once again been in touch on various Queensferry Crossing/LocalTraffic related matters. This now seems to be the norm and overall traffic management in and around the town continues to frustrate people on a regular basis – most recently the on/off SGN work related activities on Kirkliston Road and night time road closures and diversions.

Most of the other communications this month again relate to the various planning applications and proposed developments across the Burgh – initially the planning application for Builyeon Road which had a lot of Social Media coverage and then the South Scotstoun application dealt with by the Development Management Sub Committee last week.

Again a lot of Social Media coverage and quite a few mails as a result of the decision. (If you get a chance it is worth watching the webcast ahead of the Business Meeting)

[https://edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast\\_interactive/293970](https://edinburgh.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/293970)

It strikes me that despite our best efforts to assist and educate people, local residents expectations of the planning process seem ill informed at best with a lot of mis-information around and despite clear flaws in the overall process – not withstanding the glaring omission relating to planning gain from LDP2 on Dalmeny Station parking – I feel the Community Council will need to work harder in getting information out there into the public domain.

This is covered in far more detail in the Planning and Communication Conveners Reports.

As with previous months other communications relate to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling – which seems to be getting worse judging by both email and Facebook coverage, overflowing waste and recycling bins, poor and broken streetlighting, potholes and the general poor state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the town.

We continue to receive a large number of mails from CEC on various topics which are circulated to Community Council members and interested parties as and where applicable.

QDCC received only one “Contact Us Submission” through the website since the last meeting.

- A request for information on the High Street refurbishment

2. No significant postal mail has been received this month
3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have nearly 2500 followers.  
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume and generally are far more vocal.  
A more detailed summary has been submitted by Graeme in his Communication Report

We continue to field many queries from local residents through our Facebook pages.  
Thanks to Diane, Grant, Laura and Graeme for responding to these on behalf of QDCC.

Just a reminder to all Councillors that the QDCC website is also active, requires constant administration and would once again encourage all members to have a look and again welcome any suggestions for materials to post.

Thanks again to Graeme for the work he has done on this.

Should any Councillor like to have administrative rights to the website please let me know.

[www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org](http://www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org)

4. On behalf of QDCC this month I have written and responded to CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and a number of local residents on various community related matters.  
Following on from the presentation given by John Wood on the vision for the new High School build I contacted CEC to express some concerns on the possible impacts of the main construction traffic using a newly created entrance to the site on Station Road.  
Given that this will be in operation when construction of the Queensferry Primary School is ongoing and possibly when work commences on the High street refurbishment I was enquiring about traffic management plans and possible impact on bus service provision.  
I further enquired on matters relating to pedestrian safety and raised the possibility of a meeting with Morrison's who have been awarded the construction contract.
5. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.

**Please note the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version and used in any group wide communication.  
Can I ask all members to ensure all details are properly transcribed.**

6. Should any member have questions on the content of this report or any other aspect regarding the role of the Correspondence Secretary, please contact me directly.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018