



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – APRIL 2018 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails – has seen a noticeable increase in activity over the last month.

An increase in the number of telephone calls taken on behalf of QDCC this month have included questions on availability of social housing, how to contact Ward Councillors, a request to get an elderly resident a care home placing, how to contact our MSP, an attempt to pay a parking fine to QDCC and someone keen to open up a pop up café in the Community Council office for the summer!

Local residents have once again been in touch on various Queensferry Crossing and local traffic related matters – parking at Hopetoun crossroads, closure/resurfacing of Burgess Rd, ongoing works on Kirkliston Road and Builyeon Road, and the continuing use of the Echline slip road amongst others – and a request for an update on A90/Burnshot Bridge plans.

Most of the other communications this month again relate to the various planning applications and proposed developments across the Burgh. Additional detail can be found in the Planning Report.

Recently there have been a few mails relating to the consultation on the High Street refurbishment, as well as queries relating to traffic management plans ahead of the works scheduled to start on Queensferry High School, and the availability and cost of the new astroturf pitches at Dundas Park

As with previous months other communications relate to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling – which continues to be an issue -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 a number “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- A query from a local resident concerned about lack of information from Morrisons and/or QHS on construction of new school and impact on neighbours.
- A request from Rosshill Terrace Residents for support relating to traffic issues
- A request from Linlithgow Gazette for information
- A complaint from a Kirkliston resident about the Post Office service
- A query on Queensferry Crossing signage

2. One noticeable piece of mail was received – a copy of the Traffic Orders for the A90/A9000 Trunk Road (Prohibitions on Use and Stopping Order 2018)

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.

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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 last month 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.
No response was initially received, but after a follow up Dave Sinclair and then Patrick Coogan from CEC responded. The response was at best limited.
QDCC continue to pursue Morrisons Construction in order to understand traffic management and other mitigation plans that may impact the wider community over the 2 year build period.
It is our understanding at present that no contact has yet been made with Lothian Buses to discuss the impact of this on the 43 route. We believe (to be confirmed) that work begins on 30th April and that 24/7 temporary traffic lights will be in place along Station Road for at least 3 weeks.
The lack of support on this is a best disappointing – but not surprising.
5. Further to a meeting held last year between the QDCC Executive and Andrew Kerr (CEO CEC), Paul Lawrence (Director of Place) and Adam McVey (CEC Leader) I wrote (again) asking for an update on these discussions and the promised outcomes. As is now common place when dealing with CEC, it takes more than one attempt to elicit a response.
Last week I received a message from Paul Lawrence that notes were being reviewed on items discussed last November and have been told we can expect a contact back on a date for a visit to QDCC.
6. I attended a meeting with The Chair and the Treasurer to discuss the funding for the Community Facility as mandated by the March Business Meeting decision.
7. 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.**

8. 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 – 22nd April 2018