



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – MAY 2018 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails – continues in terms of increased activity since the last Business Meeting.

The number of telephone calls taken on behalf of QDCC this month remains fairly constant and have included questions on availability of social housing, queries relating to Council Tax payments, disabled parking spaces, faulty streetlights and the new sporting facility at Dundas Park.

Local residents have once again been in touch via email on various recurring matters – namely The Queensferry Crossing, continuing use of Forth Road Bridge and local traffic related queries, bus service provision, garden waste uplifts, parking at Dalmeny Station and cruise liner visits.

There continues to be mail relating to the proposed High Street refurbishment, plans on the works scheduled to start on the new Queensferry High School, and the availability and cost of the new astroturf pitches at Dundas Park.

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.

As with previous months other communications relate to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling – which continues to be an issue, 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.

This month there has been a heavy weighting on NW Locality matters, which at times is difficult to keep up with given the number of meetings, consultations and stakeholder gatherings that QDCC get invited too – indeed some of these even clash with each other.

QDCC received a number of “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- A query from a local resident following up a call on disabled parking/access to Rosebery Hall
- A query from a public relations company on The Ferry Fair
- A complaint from a local resident about the poor upkeep and general state of the area around Scotstoun Grove shops – and the Pool Hall.
- A query about property development at the Westpoint Dalmeny development (Rosebery Grange)
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2. No significant postal mail was received

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 Community 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 continues to do on this.

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

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.
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 any response.
Despite assurances, as yet no indication as to when a follow up meeting will take place.
6. 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.**

7. 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 – 27th May 2018