



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JUNE 2018 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails – continues to be quite active and since the last Business Meeting – roughly 650 / 700 transactions. The number of telephone calls taken on behalf of QDCC this month remains fairly constant and have included questions on availability of social housing (a common matter over the last few months), queries relating to Council Tax payments, the CEC charge on garden waste, the new Queensferry High School, a number of complaints relating to faulty streetlighting in Scotstoun – firstly lights on 24 hours then the opposite, and a specific issue relating to anti-social behaviour which was passed onto Community Policing.

A number of 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 – particularly the Livingston/St Johns hospital route following the recent announcement by First on service withdrawal, garden waste uplifts and the forthcoming charges, streetlighting issues – particularly Scotstoun, parking at Dalmeny Station, local disruption related to cruise liner visits and more recently traffic movements along Rosshill Terrace, Station and Burgess Roads.

There continues to be mail relating to the proposed High Street refurbishment and ongoing works associated with the new Queensferry High School build.

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, late and missing domestic waste uplifts, 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 has received a number of “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting – mostly related to items already mentioned above, but one other:

- A query relating to admission to Queensferry High School from an member of the Armed Services

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. QDCC Executive still await formal feedback from Andrew Kerr (CEO CEC), Paul Lawrence (Director of Place) and Adam McVey (CEC Leader) relating to a follow up from a meeting held late last year.
6. I attended a meeting in the company Keith, Grant and Cllr Work with CEC Planning Officials and Planning Committee Councillors to discuss the outcomes from the Development Management Sub-Committee (DMSC) decision on the South Scotstoun application. It was interesting to get the views and current CEC thinking on parking in general – particularly relating to Dalmeny Station, and how the DMSC will approach the Builyeon Road development moving forward.
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 – 24th June 2018