



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – AUGUST 2018 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails – remains relatively quieter than of late, no doubt still due to the holiday period. It is encouraging that local residents still are keen to engage, all be it most communications tend to be complaints, issues with CEC service delivery and queries about local services.
This month I even received a phone call from someone looking to buy a property in town and was asking for permission to build a chimney for a log burner!

The number of telephone calls taken on behalf of QDCC this month remains relatively small but continue to include questions on availability of social housing, the CEC charge on garden waste and the new Queensferry High School.

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, garden waste uplifts and the forthcoming charges, parking at Dalmeny Station, and a couple relating to The Ferry Fair which were passed on to the Committee.

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 Ferry Fair, street cleanliness and stalls.

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.

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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.
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. However a meeting with Paul Lawrence has now been confirmed for early next month.
6. On 6th August I attended a meeting with Keith Giblett and Cllr Young to discuss the NW Locality Committee and Plan.
7. On 15th August along with others I attended the High Street Improvements meeting. Separate notes are available
8. On 20th August along with others I attended the meeting called by Keith Giblett to discuss plans for the forthcoming meeting with Paul Lawrence and CEC staff.
9. 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.**

10. 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 August 2018