



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – SEPTEMBER 2018 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails is now back to what can be considered normal levels. It remains 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.

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 and Council Tax. I was contacted by Ian Swanson from Edinburgh Evening News for some comments on behalf of QDCC on the anniversary of the Queensferry Crossing and traffic impact.

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 and the opening of the new turning circle in Dalmeny Park, garden waste uplifts and the forthcoming charges and parking at Dalmeny Station

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. There continues to be some issues with various TTRO's issued by CEC whereby we need to go back to seek clarification on content.

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 of note:

- An Officer from CEC contacted QDCC asking for an email address to which he could send a TTRO!
2. A couple of pieces of significant postal mail received – an invitation to and subsequent cancellation of an NHS Lothian meeting on the application for the pharmacy at Scotstoun Grove. At the time of writing no new date has been offered up.
 3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have over 2600 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. On 29th August I attended a meeting with other Community Councillors with Morrison Construction for an update on the new QHS build. We were made aware of some concerns a local resident had on the way the project was moving, but as yet we have had no contact with them, despite Jerram Watson from Morrisons trying to facilitate
6. On 3rd September along with other Community Councillors, I attended a meeting with Paul Lawrence, Peter Strong and Dave Sinclair from CEC. The meeting was interesting and separate minutes will be circulated along with this report.
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 – 21st September 2018