



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – NOVEMBER 2018 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails has been a bit quieter than of late, primarily due to the drop in the number of complaints relating to late and missing waste uplifts. Its clear however that garden waste is still a problem across the Burgh Whilst it remains encouraging that local residents are still keen to engage with QDCC, 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 payments.

My thanks go to Councillor Work for chasing up the long standing street lighting issues in Sommerville Gardens.

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, the missing bus shelter at Sommerville Gardens, including the period of road re-surfacing when the bus stop disappeared for a number of days completely, garden waste uplifts and ongoing parking matters at Dalmeny Station/Dalmeny 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, overflowing waste and recycling bins, late and missing domestic waste uplifts, broken streetlighting, and the general poor state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the Burgh

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.

2. One piece of postal mail of interest – the notification of the rescheduled hearing into the application for a pharmacy at Scotstoun Grove (due 23rd November). My thanks to Anne for taking this up on behalf of QDCC.
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 behalf of QDCC I wrote to Fiona Duncan (Queensferry Boat Club) thanking her for her service to the Community Council
6. I wrote to Peter Strong inviting him to attend QDCC November Meeting to provide an update on the meeting held with Paul Lawrence on matters relating to Queensferry. He indicated that he was unavailable but committed to provide a written update ahead of the November Meeting.
7. On 25th October along with the Chair I attended meeting with CEC officials and members of EACC to learn about plans for a review of the CEC Community Council Scheme. Notes from that meeting have been circulated.
8. On 19th November I attended a special meeting of QDCC to discuss The Community Facility proposals
9. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.

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.

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Can I ask all members to ensure all details are properly transcribed.**

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 23rd November 2018