



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JANUARY 2019 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails has been unusually busy since the last meeting.
As well as many mails from local residents on a multitude of issues a large number of internal QDCC communication on two key matters, namely
 - The Community Facility and dialogue with QCCC
 - Banking activities associated with the funding of above.

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 (particularly waste uplifts) 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, Council Tax payments, dog fouling and lately the re-submission of plans to develop the Craigiehall Ministry of Defence Site.

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 ongoing service issues with Scotrail at Dalmeny Station and missing bus timetables at bus shelters across the burgh. One local resident has complained personally about the type of bus shelter installed at both Dalmeny Park and Sommerville Gardens. They appear to be not fit for purpose as they provide little or no shelter from wind and rain.

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. However some others

- Repeat contacts about excess waste outside the Pool Hall
- Dog fouling on Lovers Lane
- A request to attend a local volunteering meeting
- Concern about recent re-submission of planning application at Craigiehall
- A request from Edinburgh Airport Community Engagement to attend a QDCC meeting
- Follow up from Lizzie Sissenko from Health & Mind

2. Two pieces of postal mail of interest:-
 - Request to participate in a survey relating to Scottish Government Environmental Assessment on Unconventional Oil and Gas
 - Water Industry Commission for Scotland – a request to survey QDCC premises

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.

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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. On behalf of QDCC I wrote to CEC Environmental Wardens about ongoing complaints to QDCC about Pool Hall waste
6. On behalf of QDCC I wrote to Peter Strong/Dave Sinclair requesting an update on High Street development plans and timing for the next consultation. Further delays seem likely.
7. On 4th December along with Keith and Anne I attended a meeting at The Haven with members of QCCC to discuss outline plans for governance, finances and decision making activities and process for the proposals relating to the Community Facility project – including a press release schedule.
8. On 16th January I attended a meeting with Keith and Diane to discuss Community Facility banking and other related activities. When QDCC took the decision to split the Community Facility funding into 5 aliquots I suspect that nobody appreciated the amount of time, energy and resource required by QDCC to facilitate this process. I wish to place on record my appreciation for the work – as yet still not complete - executed on your behalf by Keith & Diane.
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.

**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.**

Terry Airlie
Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 27th January 2019