



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – MARCH 2013

1. An average month in terms of volume from a correspondence perspective in the number of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the February meeting. The main contributors were related to various parking and traffic matters, bus services, dog fouling, the state of roads/pavements and Forth replacement Crossing matters.

I was contacted by Edinburgh Evening News, The Scotsman, The Courier and The Journal & Gazette on matters relating to both the World Heritage Status bid for The Forth Bridge and the Holyrood Transport, Infrastructure and Environmental Committee meeting on the Forth Replacement Crossing. It is worth mentioning that when the latter Committee sat in session dialogue with QDCC was discussed but no MSP's actually spoke to QDCC in advance of the meeting.
2. One significant postal correspondence was received this month. It relates to the election timetable supplied by CEC for the forthcoming Community Council Elections. Contained within that communication was notification that CC's may postpone both AGM and election of office bearer's until later in the year after the election.

A returning officer for the election itself will need to be nominated before 22<sup>nd</sup> April and returned to CEC.

The postponement of the AGM, Election of Office Bearers and the CC elections will be an agenda item for the April meeting
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast well over 1060 friends.

The QDCC website has been launched and I would encourage all members to have a look and would again welcome any suggestions for material to post.

[www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org](http://www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org)

We continue to field many queries from local residents through Facebook (far more than by e-mail) and it is clear that many local residents consider QDCC as an extension of CEC. Expectations of what QDCC can deliver are often somewhat misunderstood.

Many thanks to Diane, Grant and Laura for responding to many of these on behalf of QDCC

Many local groups also continue to post updates and advertise events on our Wall.

Once again I would encourage anyone who has internet access to sign up to the QDCC page if they have not already done so.

4. On behalf of QDCC this month I have written to CEC officials, CEC Councillors (both inside and outwith Almond Ward) and a number of local residents on various issues
5. On behalf of QDCC I once again wrote to the Neighbourhood Partnership on the ongoing matter of disputed ownership between CEC and Manor Homes. We have been advised to escalate this and are currently considering our position on this issue. The Chair has written to Almond Ward Councillors on this matter.
6. On 6<sup>th</sup> March I attended the Forth Replacement Crossing South Community Forum
7. On 14<sup>th</sup> March I attended a meeting of QDCC Executive
8. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
9. I continue to update the members list regarding roles, responsibilities, portfolios and sub-committee  
Meanwhile, the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version.
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 in advance of the meeting and I will be more than happy to respond.

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Correspondence Secretary  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2013