



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – MAY 2019 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails has been fairly steady over the last month.
As well as mails from local residents on a multitude of issues there continues to be a large number of internal QDCC communication on various matters – including details associated with the Community Facility and some communication with QCCC, but others such as South Scotstoun Planning Application, queries on the proposed Craigiehall development, High Street renovation project, updated yellow line parking plans, various road resurfacing plans, Burnshot Bridge update, various TTRO's, Dalmeny Park Commercial Space, Hawes promenade benches but to name but a few.

Whilst it remains encouraging that local residents are keen to engage with QDCC, most communications tend to be complaints, issues with CEC service delivery and queries about local services.

As mentioned in previous mails QDCC remain in need of a new Minute Secretary We have advertised through Social Media but as yet nothing has come from that.

No significant telephone calls were received this month, although I was contacted by both The Gazette about High Street refurbishment plans and Edinburgh Evening News on the Edinburgh Residents Survey

Local residents have once again been in touch via email on various recurring matters – mostly service provision, planning related and public transport queries/complaints

As with previous months other communications relate to various ongoing traffic/parking matters with some complaints received about inconsiderate parking outside Queensferry Primary School, dog fouling on Lovers Lane, 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. No significant postal mail received this month.
3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have well over 2900 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. I am in the process of arranging an update meeting with Paul Lawrence, Peter Strong and Dave Sinclair.
5. I attended a QDCC meeting that had been arranged with Taylor Wimpey for an update to the planned development at South Scotstoun and the open public session the following day.
6. I attended the High Street Redevelopment Public Consultation and spoke at length with Dave Sinclair.
7. A reminder that there is a meeting with Network Rail on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30 in QDCC Offices. NR will outline their updated plans for the Forth Bridge Experience.
8. 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 May 2019