



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – APRIL 2013

1. A busy month in terms of volume from a correspondence perspective in the number of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the March meeting.  
Again 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.  
On behalf of QDCC I have fielded a number of calls from various journalists/reporters on matters relating to the Forth Replacement Crossing, Forth Bridges Festival 2014 and World Heritage Status bid.

One other call of note received relates to the forthcoming triathlon to be held by Rat Race Events, scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> June, which despite initial assurances looks like it may impact the local community somewhat more considerably than first thought.

QDCC has received a total of 8 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website this month – 6 of which we have been able to deal with, whilst 2 have been passed onto QA for further action – one relating to foreign currency exchanges in Queensferry for liner visits, the other a request for assistance from a teacher on placement at Echline Primary

2. Two significant pieces of postal correspondence were received this month. One related to the election timetable supplied by CEC for the forthcoming Community Council Elections whilst the other was related to an insurance claim from a resident in Springfield affected by the flooding last July sent by the insurer investigating liability.

The postponement of the AGM, Election of Office Bearers and the CC elections associated with the first point above will be an agenda item for the April meeting

3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast 1090 friends.  
The QDCC website is now active 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 now consider QDCC as an extension of CEC.

Expectations of what QDCC can deliver are often somewhat misunderstood and as such moving forward QDCC will pass more of these queries directly onto our Ward Councillors on a more regular basis.

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 and 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 as well as the Almond Ward Councillors and party leaders on the ongoing matter of disputed ownership between CEC and Manor Homes. This was a discussion point with the meeting held with Dave Sinclair noted below.
6. On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, along with Grant, Juliette, David, Norman, Diane and Keith I attended a presentation at the Forth Road Bridge Building to hear about preparations for the Forth Bridges Festival scheduled for September 2014.
7. On 9<sup>th</sup> April I facilitated a meeting with the above group and QHS members to consider ideas for events and ways of handling any associated community impact
8. On 16<sup>th</sup> April along with Grant, Diane and Keith I attended a meeting with Dave Sinclair the new Environment Manager for the West area
9. On 18<sup>th</sup> April, on behalf of QDCC I attended the formal opening of the Traffic Scotland National Control Centre – situated within the new Contact & Education Centre building.
10. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
11. 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.
12. 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  
21<sup>st</sup> April 2013