



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – MAY 2013

1. Another busy month in terms of volume from a correspondence perspective in the number of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the April meeting. Again the main contributors were related to various parking and traffic matters, bus services (reliability, punctuality & fares), dog fouling, the state of roads/pavements and Forth Replacement Crossing matters. Once again on behalf of QDCC I have fielded a number of calls from various journalists/reporters on matters relating to the Forth Replacement Crossing Bill, the World Heritage Status bid and the abolition of FETA

QDCC has received a total of 3 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website this month – all of which we have been able to deal with.

2. One significant pieces of postal correspondence were received this month – related to the Local Development Plan
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we currently have 1113 friends registered. The QDCC website is now active and I would once again encourage all members to have a look and 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 as we try to get this message across, moving forward QDCC will now 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 queries 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. I also continue to have regular dialogue (every fortnight) with the Environmental Warden on dog fouling across various areas in the town.

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. Further escalation of this matter should now be considered with the Chief Executive of CEC.
6. On 30<sup>th</sup> April, along with Keith I attended a meeting in the City Chambers hosted by Cllr Maureen Childs entitled "Influencing the Council" The overriding message coming from this session was to encourage local communities to hold the elected members more accountable for matters in their respective area.  
Further discussion within QDCC will be required.
7. On behalf of QDCC I formally responded to Solicitors representing a Springfield Road resident as part of an ongoing insurance claim relating to the flooding of the area last July.
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.

Terry Airlie  
Correspondence Secretary  
26th May 2013