



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – JUNE 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 May 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. A number of exchanges also occurred relating to Queensferry Museum and the History Group – and the loss of the Provost Room for public access space. 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, and the World Heritage Status bid.

QDCC has received 2 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website this month – both of which we have been able to deal with.

2. No significant pieces postal correspondence were received this month.
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we currently have 1132 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 consider QDCC as an extension of CEC.

Main topics of interest this month were dog fouling – with a large response received relating to the CEC initiative just announced, particularly involving Queensferry, First 43 service (and the meeting arranged between QDCC and First), Agilent/CALA/David Wilson homes consultation and parking on the Loan, other areas and the thorny subject of double yellow lines.

Expectations of what QDCC can deliver are often somewhat misunderstood and as such as we continue to try and get this message across to our followers, and 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 have also written to CEC political leadership and the 3 Almond Ward Councillors specifically relating to the loss of public access space in the museum, seeking support for QDCC's position on this.  
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. A response is awaited.
6. On 28<sup>th</sup> May, I attended a meeting with Agilent, Site Developers, CALA/David Wilson Homes for an update on their latest proposals.  
As agreed at last QDCC meeting, on behalf of Queensferry High School I asked if some of the noisier activities (pecking) could be suspended for the remainder of the exam timetable.
7. On 30<sup>th</sup> May I attended a meeting in the museum with Queensferry History Group to assess the impact of the loss of the Provosts Room for public access due to Queensferry Ambition being housed in the Council Offices building.
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  
16th June 2013