



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2013

1. A pretty busy month in terms of volume from a correspondence perspective in the number of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the August meeting. Again the main contributors this month were communications relating to the QA proposals to hold a market in the High Street and the loss of The Provost Room in the museum. However due to a couple of late domestic refuse collections during this period a considerable number of communications with West Team, Almond Ward Councillors and local residents took place.

As per previous months others were related to various parking and traffic matters, bus services, dog fouling, the state of roads/pavements, the Agilent Development and Forth Replacement Crossing matters.

QDCC has received only 1 “Contact Us Submission” through the website this month
2. One noticeable piece of postal correspondence this month. This was the notification from CEC Legal Support Team on the outcome of the application by QA for a Market Operators Licence. Whilst the application has been granted, there are conditions attached to the licence.

Although QDCC did not formally object to the original application, our submission was considered as such.

At the meeting held between QA, QDCC and HandsupMedia back in July a verbal commitment was made by QA/HandsUp Media to seek feedback from the local community after the first market was held, so we are disappointed to see that this was not included in the conditions to grant the licence.

QDCC does have the right of appeal as a statutory consultee as well as the entitlement to request a statement of reasons for the Committee’s decision.
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we now have 1198 friends registered.

Just a reminder that the QDCC website is 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)

Moving forward we will need additional support from elected QDCC Councillors to administer this and the FaceBook pages so I would encourage anyone standing for re-election to QDCC to consider this.

We continue to field many queries from local residents through Facebook (far more than by e-mail)

Main topics of interest this month were the issues surrounding late domestic refuse collections, the proposed High Street Market, as well as as dog fouling, areas requiring grass cutting/branch clearing, First 43 service, Agilent/CALA/David Wilson Development

and parking - mainly on the Loan and around Queensferry Primary School, some other areas and the continuing subject of double yellow lines.

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 including domestic bin collections, Queensferry Museum, Dalmeny Station parking and the Agilent/CALA/David Wilson development plans.
5. On 5th September I attended a meeting with Gavin Pope of CALA Homes for an update on the proposed development of the Agilent site and to view the revised plans for the development now the detailed planning submission to CEC Planning Officials has been made.
QDCC now have a copy of the full submission on disk
6. The Community Council Election nomination period closes on Monday 23rd September at 4pm. Should an election be required that will take place on October 24th. During the nomination period I have continued to post reminders on Facebook, the QDCC website, e-mailed existing members and other interested parties who had either contacted QDCC or expressed an interest. I also have contacted existing nominated groups.
I would like to thank Councillor Work for distributing posters and election materials on behalf of QDCC as well as providing support to QDCC as Returning Officer for this process throughout this period.
7. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate. The e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version.
8. 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.

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22nd September 2013