



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – OCTOBER 2013

1. Another very busy month in terms of volume from a correspondence perspective in the number of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the last meeting.

The main contributors this month were communications relating to planning matters associated with the Corus Site, Agilent Site and latterly the proposals for 24 Kirkliston Road – the gap site

Continuing issues with late domestic refuse collections still await a response from CEC despite numerous requests, whilst a number of queries relating to the formation of the new Community Council were also received

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

QDCC has received 4 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website this month, 3 of which were related to planning matters

2. Only one noticeable piece of postal correspondence this month – relating to the outcome of the Community Council election process
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we now have 1213 friends registered.

Just a reminder that the QDCC website is active, requires administration 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 all elected QDCC Councillors to administer this and the FaceBook pages so I would encourage all existing and newly elected members to give this some thought

We continue to field many queries from local residents through our Facebook pages. This months main contributions were again the issues surrounding late domestic refuse collections, as well as dog fouling, areas requiring grass cutting/branch clearing, First 43 service, Agilent/CALA/David Wilson and proposed Corus Developments and parking - mainly on the Loan and around Queensferry Primary School.

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 and responded to CEC officials, CEC Councillors (both inside and outwith Almond Ward) and a number of local residents on various issues.
5. On 7th October I attended a meeting with QA and other QDCC members to discuss the contents of the draft Halcrow Report.
6. On 8th October along with Keith and Diane I attended an on-site meeting with Gavin Pope from CALA Homes to discuss the re-configuration of the roadway/entrance to Sommerville Gardens and Scotstoun Avenue
7. On 10th October along with others I attended a meeting with Ewan MacIntyre of EMA architects to view outline plans for the development of the Corus Site.
8. On 24th October I attended the last meeting of the current QDCC Executive where plans/proposals for the new Community Council were considered
9. The Community Council Election nomination period closed on Monday 23rd September. A total of 9 nominations for the 9 elected member positions were received so no formal election was required.
Discussions regarding nominated groups and co-opted members continue ahead of the inaugural meeting of the new Community Council
Once again I would like to thank Councillor Work on behalf of QDCC for providing support to QDCC as Returning Officer throughout the process
10. 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.
11. 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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Correspondence Secretary
27th October 2013