

QUEENSFERRY AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT REPORT JANUARY 2014

1. This is the first Environment report from the new QDCC formed in October 2013.

RECYCLING CENTRE: SCOTMID

2. The Recycling Centre at Scotmid has been the subject of correspondence between QDCC and City of Edinburgh Council elected members and officials. I emailed the 3 local councillors on 18 January seeking their assistance to have the overflowing bins emptied and the large number of cardboard boxes, bins bags and bottles which people had dumped removed and the surrounding area cleaned up. I also asked for the frequency of bin collections from the site to be restored to six times per week.

3. The response has been positive from both elected members and officials. The rubbish was removed shortly afterwards but there is still a large amount of broken glass and rubbish visible behind the bins, under the bushes around the site which requires to be removed because it is a health and safety hazard. The frequency of collections should be six times per week and that I await confirmation that this is the case

Action: Local Elected Members to seek confirmation from CEC officials about frequency of collections and removal of glass and rubbish from surrounding area.

STREET LIGHTING

4. I have consulted residents using the QDCC Facebook site about the exact locations of the street lights which are not working. I reported the responses to CEC officials on Friday 24 January 2014 by providing a link the Facebook posts and seeking appropriate action to be taken.

Action: CEC Officials to follow up my email of 24 January seeking action to be taken to restore street lights listed in QDCC Facebook site.

GREY FOOD WASTE COLLECTIONS: LINN MILL

5. We received a contact submission on the website about the difficulty that the resident in Linn Mill was having regarding his food waste collection. The resident had been in contact with CEC officials on several occasions but was still experiencing difficulty in having his food waste bin emptied. Subsequent

correspondence from him revealed that the problem was prevalent in other areas of Linn Mill as well. I contacted Councillor Lesley Hinds and also local elected members to report the resident's concerns and I have an interim response indicating that the matter of food waste collections in Linn Mill will be investigated. I await a full response. In the meantime, residents are still experiencing difficulties with food waste collection in Linn Mill about the frequency of collections.

Action: CEC to investigate the Food Waste collections in Linn Mill and restore the level of service to the same standard as the rest of CEC area.

OUTSTANDING MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

6. The Environment Committee is to meet the QDCC Executive Committee after the monthly meeting on Monday 27 January to hear about any outstanding issues that have been carried forward from the previous Community Council. These issues will be taken forward by the new Community Council to ensure that they are progressed to a satisfactory outcome for Queensferry and Dalmeny.

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