



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – MARCH 2014

1. E-mail correspondence has been fairly typical again since the last meeting. Main contributors this month again were communications relating to planning matters associated with the Corus Site, a few on the Agilent Site, First and Stagecoach bus service changes as well as The Forth Bridges Forum, World Heritage Status for the Forth Bridge and The Community Empowerment Bill. A number of communications from the Neighbourhood Partnership were also received. Queries continue on late domestic refuse collections. As per previous months others were related to various parking and traffic matters, bus services in general, dog fouling, the state of roads/pavements, and the Queensferry Crossing itself.

QDCC has received 1 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting – relating to the 63 bus service

2. No postal correspondence received this month.
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we now have over 1330 friends registered.

Just a reminder to all Councillors that the QDCC website is also active, requires constant administration and I would once again encourage all members to have a look and again welcome any suggestions for materials to post.
(www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org)

We continue to field many queries from local residents through our Facebook pages. Many thanks to Diane, Grant and Laura for responding to many of these queries on behalf of QDCC

The main contributors broadly match e-mail correspondence content, but in a much greater volume. More recent traffic has related to Stagecoach 40/40A service

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 – including continuing dialogue with the Varney Residents Association
5. On 5th March I attended a meeting with the Executive members and convenors to discuss matters raised at the February business meeting of QDCC

6. On 13th March I attended a meeting of the Planning Sub Committee with Will Scarlett (Retties) and Ewan McIntyre (EMA Architects) to learn about the proposed plans for the development of the old Motel Site.
7. On 19th March I attended a meeting facilitated by Transport Scotland on the Forth Bridges Forum and the Forth Bridge Experience along with Grant & Keith.
8. On 20th March I attended a further meeting of the Planning Sub Committee relating to the Corus site plans, this time with the Varneys Residents Association and Ewan McIntyre.
9. 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 and used in any group wide communication.
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.

Terry Airlie
Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary
23th March 2014