



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – APRIL 2014

1. A fairly typical month in terms of E-mail correspondence
Main contributors this month again were communications relating to planning matters associated with the Corus Site, a couple on the Agilent Site, the departure of First Bus from Queensferry and Stagecoach bus queries as well as The Forth Bridges Forum and World Heritage Status for the Forth Bridge. There were some enquiries as to the ongoing roof issue at the museum.
A somewhat noticeable spike occurred in the last week or so which related to the oil spillage on the Forth Road Bridge and the impact to the local community.
As per previous months others were related to various parking and traffic matters, bus services in general, dog fouling, and the state of roads and pavements.

QDCC has received 6 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.
 - Request to participate in Social Media studies
 - Local Scout Group offering compost
 - Enquiry from Canada for Queensferry lapel badges
 - Request for QDCC view on tarmac patches on High Street
 - Request to nominate a Stagecoach Bus Driver for driver of the year
 - Enquiry from Wales which was wrongly sent to QDCC
2. Two pieces of postal correspondence received this month. One was from SESPlan and the other from a local resident complaining they had been removed from our FB pages. (This was a response which has been circulated)
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast almost 1350 followers.

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.

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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 and the Forth Road Bridge oil spillage

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 and EMA Architects
5. On 14th April I attended a meeting with Barry Colford (Forth Bridge Master) and Graham Porteous (Transport Scotland) to discuss the Corus plans for development at FerryMuirGate
6. On 15th April I attended a meeting of the Planning Sub Committee with Paul Gourlay (Agilent), Gavin Pope (CALA homes) and Justin Lamb (Justin Lamb Associates) for a business update and latest developments surrounding the plans for the Agilent Site
7. On 23th April I facilitated a meeting with James Pitt (Director of Development, Evans of Leeds) and Alan Farningham (Farningham Planning Ltd) to get an update on the development plans for the Ferrymuir site.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that the May business meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting. Details to follow.

Terry Airlie
Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary
27th April 2014