



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – AUGUST 2012

1. A busier month in terms of volume from a correspondence perspective with a noticeable increase in the number of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the July meeting
The main contributors were Parking and Traffic restrictions in the High Street, the planning application regarding the land adjacent to 90 Station Road (High School) and the recent flooding at Echline Corner
2. Two pieces of significant postal correspondence were received this month, both from CEC. The first was regarding Community Council Elections and the Review of the Community Council Scheme. The Chair has put in motion plans to deal with this.
The other was the notification for planning application 12/0126/Ful (High School) going to the Councils Development Management Sub-Committee.
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC, however the work on the revamp of the QDCC website is almost complete.
We now boast 838 friends – rise of over 40 since the last meeting!

Items posted include monthly QDCC meeting agenda, minutes, sub-committee meetings, public and statutory meetings and other relevant documents including bus and train timetable updates, items of local interest including any current information from CEC, ANP, Forth Replacement Crossing updates with traffic management plans for both north and south of the bridge etc..

Again a number of interesting strings this month, relating to dog fouling (which has been one of the most lively thus far), continuing parking issues across various locations including those associated with last weeks High Street closure, ongoing issues resulting from recent flooding, poor condition of a garden at a property in Atheling Grove, and a couple related to local businesses - The Hawes Inn and Scotts ice cream parlour – as well as numerous requests from residents for assistance in contacting CEC regarding a number of local issues
We continue to field many queries from local residents through this medium (far more than by e-mail)

Many local groups also continue to post updates and advertise events on our Wall.

Once 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 FCBC, Transport Scotland, Evans of Leeds and FETA (Forth Road Bridge Management Team)
5. Along with the members of QDCC Executive on the 26th July I attended a meeting with Natalie Hoy and Gavin Brown CEC ANP to discuss local matters
6. On 21st August July along with Grant Sangster I attended FRC South Community Forum. I have circulated an abridged version of the 3 principal contractor's presentation
7. On 22nd August along with the members of QDCC Executive and the Almond Ward Councillors I attended a meeting with Agilent and their consultants to learn about the progress being made on the sale and development of the Scotstoun site
8. On 23rd August along with the members of QDCC Executive I attended a meeting with the Chief Engineer and Communications Manager for the Forth Road Bridge.
9. On 26th July I spent time with a team from the BBC who are producing an 8 part observational documentary associated with the work of Council Planning Officers across the UK. I was filmed and interviewed on behalf of QDCC with regards to planning application 12/0126/Ful – High School land.
Subsequent to this I have had further communication with the BBC about a follow up interview once the planning process is complete.
The current intention is that the programme will be broadcast on BBC2 in early 2013
10. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
11. I continue to update the members list regarding roles, responsibilities, portfolios and sub-committee
Meanwhile, the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version.
12. 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 in advance of the meeting and I will be more than happy to respond.

Terry Airlie
Correspondence Secretary
26th August 2012