



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – APRIL 2012

1. A relatively normal month from a correspondence perspective with little variation in the volume of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the March Meeting
2. The only postal correspondence received this month was in relation to the postponement of the Community Council Elections originally scheduled for later this year as described in the Community Council Scheme
The Community Council Scheme is a legally binding document which provides guidance, but only limited flexibility in deciding dates for Community Council elections.
It would appear that the scheme prevents the elections being held in the same year as Council elections, even if as at present they are under a revised cycle.
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC, although as mentioned in the Vice Chair's report, work is underway on the revamp of the QDCC website

Items posted regularly include monthly QDCC meeting agenda, minutes, sub-committee meetings, public and statutory meetings, other relevant documents including bus and train timetable updates, severe weather updates, items of local interest including any current information from CEC, ANP and other associated bodies.

As always a few interesting strings this month, relating to (in no particular order) parking across various locations, FRC in general, dog fouling, roadworks/road signage, and, of course the bus service – the debate continues on recent timetable changes to the First Service 43 and the associated fares increases.

We continue to field many queries from local residents through this medium (far more than by e-mail)

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

Many thanks once more to Martin, Grant, Diane and Laura for continuing to administer the pages on behalf of QDCC.

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. As mentioned above the notification has been received with confirmation to reschedule the Community Council elections through until October 2013.

QDCC formulated a response which was duly submitted and this has led to a number of interesting exchanges with other Community Councils across the city.

5. On 3rd April I visited the FRC Construction Compound in Rosyth with Martin Gallagher and Diane Job. Following on from this, it seems clear to me that the decision taken by FCBC to locate the main compound on the north side of the river provides the best and most logical solution, notwithstanding the objections raised and posted during the FRC Bill process back in 2010.
6. Along with Martin Gallagher I have had some further dialogue with Fiona Christie regarding the re-build and upgrade to the QDCC website.
7. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate. Should any members have any questions or require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
8. 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.
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 in advance of the meeting and I will be more than happy to respond. I am also open to suggestions as to the format of this report and the type of information members would like to see contained within it.

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23rd April 2012