

## Education/recreation sub-committee.

This has been a mixed year for us. After the summer holidays we lost the two High School representatives on the Community Council. Because of some confusion, after the summer holiday, students no longer attended the QDCC meetings. We would like to thank Jim Ferguson, Depute Head Teacher at QHS for his regular attendance at QDCC meetings and keeping us well informed of the school activities. He retired at the end of the year and the sub-committee will miss his input. Juliette Summers, who was on the sub-committee also resigned from QDCC because of work commitments and we will miss her contribution.

The sub-committee found it difficult to set up meetings when everybody could attend; we hope to address this problem in the coming year.

We have been attending the QCHS Parent Council meetings and this has kept us in touch with school activities and plans, in particular the plans to replace Queensferry High School.

Keith Giblett and David Flint met with John Wood, Head Teacher, and Jim Ferguson to discuss relationships between QCHS and QDCC. Following from this Keith Giblett did a presentation to the Pupils Council on the activities of QDCC. There has been no follow up to this from the school. We received a request for support from Karen Naysmith for the recently formed tennis club at The Hub, we gladly arranged this.

We have also received a request for support from James MacKay for a local football club, a meeting is to be arranged to follow this up.

On 5<sup>th</sup> May a meeting was held between John Wood, Head Teacher QCHS, Keith Giblett and David Flint. Some of the misunderstandings were aired and solutions sought. It was agreed that the school would try to identify senior pupils interested in attending QDCC meetings to re-establish the former link between the school and QDCC. A meeting with the new Depute Head Teacher, Jen Smith, would be set up soon.

We did liaise with Queensferry Primary School to get "NO DOGS" signs on the gates to Burgess Park because the ground was being fouled by dogs with inconsiderate owners, the signs are in place but, sad to report, some people are ignoring them. We were able to establish that the Burgess Park was purchased by the City Council for school playing fields; it is not a public park. We were also party to discussions regarding the parking problems in Burgess Road but there has been no further progress here.

Rosebery Hall and Safety Forum. We have been attending their meetings regularly. We helped to speed up the process in getting repairs carried out in Rosebery Hall. We managed to get the lights in the 'tunnel' at Hill Court fixed and we are now trying to get the road access repaired because several adults attending an evening class in The Rosebery Hall had fallen due to the uneven surface. We have now established that Edinburgh Council is responsible for the area. (6/5/15)

The Safety Forum has been made very aware of the continuing dog fouling issues in Queensferry. (Seems to be city wide). The Environmental Wardens are patrolling regularly but need to catch the dog owners committing an offence by allowing their dog/s to foul the ground before they can prosecute. We also addressed the problem of speeding and noisy motorists – 'boy racers'.

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