



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – JUNE 2015

1. The volume of activity in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC has been steady since the May business meeting.
Main contributors locally this month again related to the proposed Ferrymuir development, The Queensferry Crossing, LDP2 and the CEC decision to move forward with the plan.
A few queries relating to the announcement of the proposed closure of the toilets at The Hawes Pier continue to be received.
Again there has been a large number of mails relating to activities associated with EACC, and the election of office bearers, but that has tailed off in the last week.
I have requested that QDCC be removed from the ongoing chain of mails.
Once more an increase of mails relating to non-uplift of domestic waste bins/food bins have been received – tied in with the introduction of the new service to remaining areas of the Burgh as they have crossed over.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters- particularly on The Loan, outside Queensferry Primary School and St Margarets School, Dalmeny Station, the lack of yellow lines, dog fouling, speeding & “boy racers” and the general state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the town – including the High Street.

In the last week or so The Ferrymuir development has featured extensively as a number of matters relating to the planning application have come to light.

QDCC has received 6 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- Another query relating to provision of social housing in Queensferry
 - Vehicular damage outside Dalmeny Station due to road configuration
 - HGV’s using The High Street
 - Concern about condition of The High Street
 - Complaint about impact of Liner visits on parking at Hawes promenade re disabled access
 - Taylor Wimpey Housing re LDP2 and South Scotstoun plot
2. One piece of interesting postal correspondence received this month. An anonymous letter from a resident in Society Road who has concerns relating to possible “land grabs”
 3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast over 1700 followers.
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

One interesting string this month related to an irate visitor who had a somewhat uncomfortable encounter with officials at the Hawes Pier during a Liner Visit. The language used prohibits me from including it in this report but the discussion does raise an interesting point moving forward as Liner Visit numbers continue to fall and the forthcoming decision on World heritage Status for the Forth Bridge.!

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

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. Should any Councillor like to have administrative rights to the website please let me know.

www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org

4. On behalf of QDCC this month I have written and responded to CEC officials, CEC Councillors and a number of local residents on various issues.
I have written to Alex Neil MSP asking for an update, feedback and a date for a follow up meeting which was promised after the Chair and I met with him at the end of March. I await a reply.
I have written to Gillian Tee following recent developments relating to the Ferrymuir development and education contributions requesting a meeting. I await a reply.
I await the return of the signed copy of the model standing orders for Community Councils from CEC.
I have been contacted by Edinburgh Evening News and the Linlithgow Gazette for comments on a number of topical issues
5. On 16th June I attended a QDCC meeting with QDCC Executive and Lynne Thomas to discuss the form and content of the Annual Report.
6. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
Please note 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.
It appears some members are using incomplete or out of date circulation lists, which has resulted in members not being included in matters of interest or matters requiring action.
7. 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
21st June 2015