



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – JULY 2015

1. The volume of activity in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC has been slightly down since the June business meeting – probably holiday period related. Main contributors locally this month again related to the proposed Ferrymuir development, LDP2 and the CEC decision to move forward with the plan. Still a few queries relating to the announcement of a stay of execution on the proposed closure of the toilets at The Hawes Pier continue to be received. Just a couple of mails relating to non-uplift of domestic waste bins/food bins have been received – probably still tied in with the introduction of the new service to remaining areas of the Burgh as they have crossed over. A number of mails were received regarding the Fireworks Display – noise and timing -by the Princes Trust/21CC. Some correspondence also on the Forth Bridges Festival and the seemingly increasing number of road closures on the High Street due to markets of various sorts. The flightpath trial by Edinburgh Airport has begun to feature in a few mails. Finally a few mails relating to the announcement on World Heritage Site Status for the Forth Bridge

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, and the general state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the town – including the High Street – which has featured quite a lot of late.

QDCC has received 7 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- Two complaints about Fireworks display relating to the Princes Trust/21CC
  - Query about FCBC contact details from Davidsons Mains Heritage Group
  - Hawthorn Bank Community Garden group seeking access to QDCC Offices
  - Request from language school, (English and French) in the South west of France near Saint Emilion on twinning opportunities
  - Query/Complaint relating to local signage
  - One spam enquiry!
2. One piece of postal correspondence received this month. Residents adjacent to Dalmeny Station and the Forth Bridge Yard have formed a residents association comprising of the following streets
    - Forth Park, Forth Terrace, Rosshill Terrace, Station Road(from the station bridge towards Bankhead Road) and Bankhead Grove.

I have reached out to the group accordingly.

3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast over 1750 followers.  
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

Other topics included impact of markets on High Street and associated road closures, train disruption due to Winchburgh Tunnel works, repairs to the Scotstoun delivery yard and speed limits.

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](http://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 again to the offices of Alex Neil MSP and Colin Keir 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 have received a reply, but nothing more than a maybe for something sometime in September. I await confirmation.

I received a response from office of Gillian Tee, and a meeting with Crawford McGhie is arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> July. I have prepositioned them with a number of questions ahead of the meeting.

I still await the return of the signed copy of the model standing orders for Community Councils from CEC.

5. On 29<sup>th</sup> June I attended a QDCC meeting with Taylor Wimpey to discuss their proposals for the development and pre planning application of the Scotstoun site as per LDP2.
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.**
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.

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Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary  
27<sup>th</sup> July 2015