



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – AUGUST 2015

1. The volume of activity in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC has picked up again since the July business meeting.  
Main contributors locally this month again relate to the proposed Ferrymuir development, LDP2 and the CEC decision to move forward with the plan.  
A couple of mails relating to fireworks (Orocco Pier and Hopetoun) were received  
Some correspondence also on the temporary repairs to the High Street, whilst the flightpath trial by Edinburgh Airport has begun to feature in a few mails.  
We were approached by Ratho and District Community Council about the flightpath trial and have fed back some information accordingly.  
Some considerable mail on The Queensferry Placemaking Event was also received.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling – particularly Lovers Lane, issues with domestic bin pick ups and public bins overflowing and the general state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the town

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

- Airport flightpath trial
  - Ratho and District Community Council re flightpath trial
  - Query on Loony Dook
  - Complaint from Premier Inn re litter from MacDonalds
  - Query on planning permission
  - Complaint from local resident about ongoing lampost stickers from Yes (independence) campaigners
  - Spam offer
2. One significant piece of postal correspondence received this month. The proposal of notification (PAN) submitted to CEC in respect of the Taylor Wimpey plan for South Scotstoun site.
  3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast over 1780 followers.  
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

Other topics included markets on High Street and associated road closures, absence of lighting on Forth Bridge, Liner visits, Queensferry Placemaking Event and Taylor Wimpey PAN for South Scotstoun.

We continue to field many queries from local residents through our Facebook pages.

Thanks to Diane, Grant and Laura 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 office of Colin Keir MSP asking for an update regarding the proposed follow up meeting with Alex Neil MSP. I have also asked as to whether or not a meeting between the Minister and the office of the then Chief Executive of CEC, Sue Bruce actually took place and if so was there any feedback.

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

5. On 30<sup>th</sup> July I attended a QDCC meeting with Crawford McGhie from CEC Children & Families. This was a most informative meeting and have certainly come away with a far wider appreciation of the various pre/post LDP2 scenarios which will be taken into account whilst looking at the short and long term options relating to the school estate for the town
6. On 3<sup>rd</sup> August I attended a QDCC meeting to discuss arrangements for the Queensferry Placemaking Event. Thanks to Laura for providing the information.  
I subsequently attended and participated in the event itself on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August.
7. On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August I supported the QDCC newsletter distribution at Ferry Fair. Some interesting discussions with a few local residents and visitors to the town.
8. 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.**
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.

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24<sup>th</sup> August 2015