



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2012

1. A relatively normal month from a correspondence perspective with a slight increase in the volume of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the January Meeting
2. One significant piece of postal correspondence was received this month
  - Confirmation from the Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund of the award to QDCC of £1500 for the design and build of a new website, and the purchase of a laptop.  
Upon receipt of the funds into the bank account we will begin work with Fiona Christie on the website.
2. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC  
We currently boast almost 700 friends, an increase of almost 30 since the last meeting. We may indeed have broken through the 700 mark by the time of the February Business Meeting!

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.

Again there have been a few interesting strings this month, relating to parking across various locations, FRC in general and the Contact and Education Centre, dog fouling and, of course the bus service – some heated debate on both proposed changes to the First Service 43, likely fares increases and Lothian Buses.

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.

3. On 31<sup>st</sup> January I attended the Forth Replacement Crossing South Community Forum held at the Dakota Hotel, South Queensferry
4. On 7<sup>th</sup> February I attended a meeting with Agilent and the developers of the Scotstoun facility for an update on the progress made to date on the marketing and sale of the Site.
5. On 21<sup>st</sup> February I attended the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership Business Meeting in Davidsons Mains Primary School.
6. I have been collating responses from various stakeholders with regards to the Maritime and Coastguard Agencies' proposals for the existing RNLI station at the Hawes Pier. Feedback has been both interesting and mixed, with the majority seemingly in favour of retaining the existing facility.  
I will pull all of these together and respond on behalf of QDCC to Alisdair Roy the Estates Manager for the M&CA.  
Thanks to Norman Work for his support on this matter
7. On behalf of QDCC I have written to Iwan Thomas and Murray Black to request regular updates on progress of the VAT Run, including a spending profile as QDCC is a de facto funder. This will also allow us to update Evans of Leeds as to the outcome of their donation. A response has been received and will be circulated in due course.
8. 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.
9. I continue to update the members list regarding roles, responsibilities, portfolios and sub-committee memberships and thank those who responded to my recent e-mail.  
Meanwhile, the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the most current version.
10. 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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27<sup>th</sup> February 2012