



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2015

1. The volume of activity in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC has remained steady since the August meeting.  
Currently inbound and outbound traffic averages out around 600 transactions per month.

Main contributors locally this month relate to ongoing discussions with the proposed Ferrymuir development – given that following the decision of CEC to move forward, some concerns regarding Evans contribution to educational requirements and the S75 agreement with QDCC remain, LDP2 in general, the South Scotstoun development plan consultation exercise, the Builyeon Road development proposal and planned public consultation next month, the Forth Bridges Forum, and dialogue with both Colin Keir MSP and Michelle Thompson MP offices respectively.

No further correspondence on the flightpath trial by Edinburgh Airport was received, so to keep this in context 2 local residents in total have contacted QDCC about this matter.

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, public bins overflowing and the general state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the town

QDCC has received 2 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- Query regarding waste/effluent discharges from Ferrymuir
- Complaint regarding car parking availability in Queensferry

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 was addressed to Secretary of QDCC for the attention of the Headteacher at Queensferry Primary School. Thanks to David Flint for taking this on.
3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast almost 1800 followers.  
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

Other topics included absence of lighting on Forth Bridge, Fireworks, Housing queries & many posts related to LDP2 and planning applications,  
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 wrote again (the 5<sup>th</sup> such mail) to the office of Colin Keir MSP on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September asking for an update regarding the proposed follow up meeting with Alex Neil MSP.

I also asked again as to whether or not a meeting between the Minister and the office of the then Chief Executive of CEC, Sue Bruce had actually taken place and if so was there any feedback.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September whilst on holiday I picked up an e-mail from Colin Keirs office informing me that a meeting with the Minister and CEC officials had been arranged for Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Unfortunately nobody had decided to inform QDCC about this meeting and the trigger for this correspondence had been my last e-mail!

The Chair replied on behalf of QDCC to indicate that at such short notice this was totally unacceptable.

I have since written back to Colin Keirs office but at the time of this report (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September) I have yet to receive a response and an update on a new date.

Members will probably remember Michelle Thomson MP was in attendance at our August meeting.

During discussions, Michelle had indicated she would follow up with our MSP to find out what was happening.

Since then I have had a number of email exchanges with her office, but up to this point in time I have no idea if any progress has been made.

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

5. On 31<sup>st</sup> August I attended a meeting of the QDCC Executive to discuss and plan activities between now and year end. A number of actions were agreed re potential guests/speakers and these are currently ongoing. As soon as any dates are confirmed they will be communicated.
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.

Terry Airlie  
Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary  
27<sup>th</sup> September 2015