



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2015

1. The volume of activity in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC has remained steady since the October meeting.
Main contributors locally this month again relate to ongoing planning proposals for the South Scotstoun and the Builyeon Road developments, the A90/M90 closures relating to the old bridge demolition on the B800, plans for Ferrymuir, some queries relating to Ferrymuirgait (Corus Site) and the plot of land at the back of number 24 Kirkliston Road.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling – in particular Lovers Lane and a couple of locations around Scotstoun Avenue, 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 one “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting. This was an offer to take up some space in the Local Queensferry Directory magazine

2. No significant postal correspondence received this month.
3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast over 1830 followers.
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

Other topics included ongoing fireworks noise, more housing queries, public transport queries & ongoing 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.

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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 also provided the QDCC response regarding membership of The Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Group to Sharron Jeffrey at Transport Scotland.

5. On 2nd November I attended a meeting with Alan Farningham relating to the outcome from the Builyeon Road consultations. Key takeaways are traffic, education, employment opportunities, care home provision and a park& ride facility.
6. On 3rd November along with the Chair I attended a meeting in the Scottish Parliament with Cabinet secretary Alex Neil MSP. Other participants included David Leslie (Head of Planning CEC), Andrew Sykes (CEC Planning Leader), Andrew Burke (and various Scottish Government officers.) QDCC provided an update on the Placemaking Events, Forth Bridge World Heritage Steering Group and ongoing QDCC concerns. The Minister expressed some concern on the somewhat limited engagement of the FBWHSG with QDCC and committed to writing to them on this matter. Next steps include the issue of the Draft Action Plan re LDP2 (circa April 2016) and the development of the Strategic Development Plan (Fife Council and CEC). It is good to see an appreciation at a high level of the issues facing Queensferry and a commitment from David Leslie, Andrew Sykes and others to drive this forward.
Also in attendance were Colin Keir MSP and Councillor Work.
7. On 4th November I attended the Planning Sub Committee meeting with Russell Aitken to discuss plans to redevelop Port Edgar. It was interesting to hear about the application, the vision for the future and the opportunities this will open up. QDCC were asked to support the application and write to CEC.

This was followed by a meeting with Taylor Wimpey (Craig Fotheringham and Andy Roberts) to discuss the development plans for the South Scotstoun site and the recent consultation. Another consultation is planned early 2016 and we can expect a submission sometime Q1-2016 – with the expectation of starting onsite sometime 2017. Taylor Wimpey have already opened dialogue with CEC and a pre application meeting has been held.

8. I can confirm that Crawford McGhie (Asset Planning Manager from CEC Children and Families) will meet with QDCC on the evening of December 9th
Some of you will remember meeting with Crawford back in August to discuss the reassessment of primary school provision in Queensferry in the light of recent planning developments and the possible impact of LDP2.
Crawford will be joined by a colleague - Ian Tame - who was been actively involved in this exercise.
9. 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.

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.

Terry Airlie
Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary
23rd November 2015