



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – JANUARY 2016

1. The volume of activity in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC has remained steady since the November meeting, tailing off towards Christmas but picking up considerably in January.
Main contributor locally over the last few weeks related to the closure of the Forth Road Bridge.
Also some correspondence on the Stopping Up Order on Lovers Lane.
Others again include planning proposals for both the South Scotstoun and the Buileyon Road developments, activity ongoing at Ferrymuir, a couple of ongoing queries relating to Ferrymuirgait (Corus Site), the plot of land at the back of number 24 Kirkliston Road and flooding at Ferrymuir zebra crossing.
The closure of the High Street for work on behalf of BT and Hopetoun Road by Scottish Power also featured recently.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling, a noticeable increase in issues with domestic bin pickups, public waste bins and recycling points overflowing and the general state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the town

We continue to receive a large number of mails from CEC on various topics which are circulated as and when applicable.

QDCC has received 9 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- Request for tree felling/trimming on Corus site
 - Request from St Andrews university undergraduate for assistance on project
 - Communication from Stop Edinburgh Airspace group (Flight Paths)
 - Request for information from relative of Hugh Russell
 - Complaints on dangerous driving on The Loan
 - Complaint on poor service provision from Stagecoach Buses
 - Request for assistance from Cub Scouts on 100th Anniversary
 - Complaint on parking in Station Road
 - Complaint of overflowing sewer/effluent discharge in Stoneycroft Road
2. One significant piece of postal correspondence was received since the last meeting
 - A request for information from QDCC relating to an insurance claim from an accident claim company on behalf of a local resident who fell on a footpath.

This relates to the dispute between CEC & Manor homes regarding ownership of pavements & footpaths.

I contacted Henry Coyle and his team for some advice on how best to respond.

3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast almost 1875 followers.
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

Other topics included 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.

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.
When the announcement to close Forth Road Bridge was made I wrote to our Ward Councillors, City of Edinburgh Council/West Team and Colin Keir our MSP.
Information feedback from Henry Coyle and his team during this period was first class.
From an operational perspective the day to day updates proved very useful in allowing QDCC to answer various queries.
I still await feedback from our MSP on some of the strategic questions that were posed.
5. On 16th December I attended a meeting with other members of the Planning Group with Karina Bowlby from Stewarton Polo Club to discuss her current planning application.
6. On 19th January along with members of QDCC Exec and David Flint I attended a meeting with Sgt Willie Rennie of Police Scotland. Development of relations with Police Scotland and communication pathways were discussed.
7. On 20th January along with others I attended a meeting & presentation from Jonathan Clarkson on Design as a Material Planning Consideration.
8. I can confirm that Community Council Elections are scheduled for October 2016. Further information will be shared as and when it is received. A draft version of the arrangements is included with this report.
9. Please note that today (24th January) I received a hand delivered letter from Ross Martin declaring his decision to resign from his role as a Community Councillor and Minute Secretary

10. 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.

11. 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
24th January 2016