



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2016

1. The volume of activity in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC has remained steady since the January meeting with volume of inbound and outbound communications totaling some 800 mails.
Main contributors from local residents related to the continuing closure of the Forth Road Bridge, the Stopping Up Order on Lovers Lane, planning proposals for both the South Scotstoun, Builyeon Road & Ferrymuirgait developments, activity ongoing at Ferrymuir, problems with domestic waste uplifts and most recently flooding at Ferrymuir zebra crossing.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling, overflowing public waste bins and recycling points 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 and The West Team on various topics which are circulated as and when applicable.

QDCC has received 10 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the January Business Meeting

- Request for a meeting with QDCC from Chris Waite – Amey (Previously FETA)
- Request for contact details from RFA Developers re Craigiehall development
- Complaint from local resident re lack of swimming pool availability
- Request for information on QDCC membership from previous Councillor
- Expression of interest in QDCC activities from new local resident
- Request from North Queensferry resident on Liner visits
- Request from CEC Licensing regarding QDCC contact details
- Request relating to Fareshare/Tesco and foodbanks
- Complaint from local resident relating to Dalmeny Park development
- Request for information from Flintshire (Queensferry CC in Wales)

2. One significant piece of postal correspondence was received since the last meeting
 - A recorded delivery 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 in an area of dispute between CEC and Manor Homes.
I had contacted Henry Coyle and his team for some advice on how best to respond.
I have subsequently replied to the claims company on behalf of QDCC.

3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast almost 1900 followers.
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

Other topics included more housing application queries, (an ongoing issue as many local residents believe QDCC are responsible for this matter), public transport queries & ongoing posts related to LDP2 and planning applications.

There has been a lot of feedback in the last few days in relation to posts on our FB pages relating to missed bin collections, and ongoing flooding at the pedestrian crossing at Ferrymuir

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 and assist in administration 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.
When the announcement to close Forth Road Bridge was made in December I wrote to our Ward Councillors, City of Edinburgh Council/West Team and Colin Keir our MSP.
I still await feedback from our MSP on some of the strategic questions that were posed.
5. As a result of actions allocated to me at the January Business Meeting I wrote to Andrew Kerr (CEO of CEC) on the ongoing unsatisfactory situation regarding domestic waste uplifts across the Burgh. Acknowledgement of letter has been received. Dialogue continues.
6. As a result of actions allocated to me at the January Business Meeting I wrote to the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government relating to the Reporter Hearing on the Stopping Up Order on Lovers Lane. I received an automated reply that indicated a response will be forthcoming. I await the response.
7. I have written on behalf of QDCC to Colin Keir MSP with regards to the planned housing development at Craigiehall. QDCC hope to coordinate a meeting with the developers and Kirkliston and Cramond CC's ahead of any PAN consultation.
8. On 15th February I attended a meeting of QDCC Executive. Matters considered were personnel changes within CEC and West Team, Craigiehall planned developmet (1200 homes), QIG and High Street Repairs, Queensferry action spreadsheet with West Team, World Heritage Management Committee, Forth Bridges Forum, QHS student representation, Rosebery Hall & QDCC future meetings.

9. Please note that I received notification that Alison Hobbs has resigned her position at QHS Parent Council and as such will no longer attend QDCC as a representative of that group.
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
21st February 2016