



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – MARCH 2016

1. The volume of activity in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC has remained fairly steady since the last meeting
Main contributors locally over the last few weeks related to the various planning applications/developments across the Burgh and queries relating to the Queensferry Crossing.
Also some further correspondence on the Stopping Up Order on Lovers Lane.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, an increase in complaints over dog fouling, 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 where applicable.

QDCC has received 1 “Contact Us Submission” through the website since the last meeting.

- Enquiry from a musician who is planning to pen an album on the Queensferry Crossing

2. No significant postal correspondence was received in the period since the last meeting
3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast over 1900 followers.
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

Other topics include even 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 MSP.
I still await feedback from our MSP on some of the strategic questions that were posed.
5. Last month I wrote to Andrew Kerr (CEO of CEC) on the unsatisfactory situation regarding domestic waste uplifts. Following an initial exchange of information I contacted the office again for an update. I await a response.
6. Last month I wrote to the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government relating to the Stopping Up Order on Lovers Lane.
An initial response was received but was unrelated to the question I asked!
Further communication has taken place and I was informed last week that the case officer had forgotten to follow up on this matter. I await a response.
7. QDCC has finally had a response from the office of Cabinet secretary Alex Neil MSP on actions relating to the meeting held last November. Whilst the Cabinet Secretary did write to Transport Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland relating to QDCC and the Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Group, I remain none the wiser on the other actions agreed at the time.
8. I can confirm that Community Council Elections are scheduled for October 2016. Further information will be shared as and when it is received.
9. On behalf of QDCC I wrote to Ross Martin and Alison Hobbs to thank them for their contribution to the Community Council.
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 March 2016