



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – APRIL 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 related to the various planning applications/developments across the Burgh, some queries relating to the Queensferry Crossing and renovation of the High Street

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling, 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 advertising company about using web services

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 1920 followers.
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

Specific topics include housing queries, public transport queries & ongoing posts related to LDP2, planning applications (Builyeon Road & Craigiehall) and current developments at Dalmeny Park and Ferrymuir.

One unusual item was a request from a Romanian couple who are getting married in the Town in June for assistance with marriage certification!

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 community issues.
5. In February 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 continue to wait for a response.
6. Previously I had written 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 that the case officer had forgotten to follow up on this matter. It appears that Community Councils will not get any formal notification on the fact that a hearing or inquiry is taking place as a result of an objection to a planning application being unresolved.
7. Community Council Elections are scheduled for October 2016. Further information will be shared at the April Business meeting.
8. On behalf of QDCC I wrote to Doug Ross to thank him for nominating QDCC for the donation of £500 from FCBC Environmental Monitoring scheme.
9. I attended the joint session with other Community Councils and Rick Finc Associates on the proposals for development at Craighiehall. I also visited the public exhibition at Queensferry Parish Church.
10. Along with other members of QDCC Executive I attended sessions with 3 of the 4 parliamentary candidates for Holyrood in the forthcoming elections to discuss QDCC priorities and concerns.
11. 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.

12. 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
25th April 2016