



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – JULY 2016

1. Slight reduction in terms of e-mail correspondence to and from QDCC since the last meeting – no doubt due to the holiday period.
Main contributors continue to be related to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh –Builyeon Road in particular, Ferrymuir as units start to appear, Craigiehall village, some continuing queries relating to the announcement on the delayed opening of the Queensferry Crossing and plans for the opening ceremony now that people realise that it will be next year and the proposed renovation of the High Street.
Other topics of discussion have been the ongoing roadworks on B800 and ongoing Scotrail train strikes.
There have also been a couple of further queries on the Lovers Lane Stopping Up order outcome as well as some enquiries as to the proposed changes to Stagecoach bus services.

I am currently a bit behind in e-mail correspondence having only just returned from holiday.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling, overflowing waste bins 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 to Councillors as and where applicable.

QDCC has received 2 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- Air Cadets query on Remembrance Day Service
- Question about lack of dog waste bins

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 1970 followers.
Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

More specific topics include ongoing housing queries, public transport queries- especially the proposed timetable changes on the 40/40A route by Stagecoach and ongoing Scotrail train strikes as well as more posts related to LDP2, planning applications (Builyeon Road & Craigiehall Village) and current developments at Dalmeny Park and 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 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. Upon release of the Government Reporters deliberations, I subsequently met with Gavin Pope and Andrew Strachan from CALA homes to walk the boundary fence and discuss proposals. I will circulate these in due course once discussions are complete and proposals from CALA are received
7. I attended a meeting on 29th June with Tanya Pramshufer and QDCC Executive to discuss further proposals for a community Market in Queensferry – as described in Chairs Report and correspondence.
8. On 12th July I attended a meeting of the QDCC Executive. A number of items were discussed, including Community Facility at Ferrymuir, SCIO and CEC Asset review, Rosebery Hall Association, Community Trusts, CC Elections, Planning matters in general, Opening of Queensferry Crossing, Queensferry Community Market and Community Resilience Plans
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 – 24th July 2016