

QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2016

1. The volume of email correspondence has remained broadly static this month. Main contributors relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – with a few queries relating to Ferrymuir as units start to appear, some continuing queries relating to the opening of the Queensferry Crossing, lack of progress on the proposed renovation of the High Street, implementation of 20mph speed limits and continuing concerns over the introduction of the new timetable to the Stagecoach 40/40A/40B service.

Other topics of discussion have been the ongoing roadworks on B800 and the impact on local traffic and the temporary closure of Queensferry Museum.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters – particularly at Dalmeny Station, dog fouling, overflowing waste bins and the general state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the town – and fireworks.

Community Council election correspondence from CEC also featured.

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.

- Complaint on motor bike noise at Hawes Pier and general traffic congestion
- Edinburgh Airport Flightpath consultation
- No significant postal correspondence was received in the period since the last meeting, although a letter was received from Network Rail looking to meet with the Community Council – but it was meant for Queensferry in North Wales!
- 3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast over 2000 followers.
 - Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

More specific topics include public transport queries- especially the recent timetable changes on the 40/40A/40B route by Stagecoach as well as more posts related to planning applications and current developments at Dalmeny Park and Ferrymuir – including the re-routing of the path to Dalmeny via Dalmeny Park development. The impact of the ongoing roadworks on B800 at Ferrymuir, fireworks and dog fouling feature frequently.

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. On 24th August along with QDCC executive I attended a meeting with Hawes residents to hear of their ongoing concerns relating to the number of events on their doorstep and the impact on their quality of life.
- 6. 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. It will be updated after the results of the Community Council elections are known.

7. 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 – 26th September 2016