



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – OCTOBER 2016

1. The volume of email correspondence remains broadly static with the main contributors relating to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – Ferrymuir, Dalmeny Park and Bulyeon Road, some continuing queries relating to the opening of the Queensferry Crossing and associated road reconfigurations, lack of progress on the proposed renovation of the High Street, continuing concerns over the introduction of the new timetable to the Stagecoach 40/40A/40B service and both the punctuality and reliability of the service. Other topics of discussion have been the ongoing roadworks on B800 and the closures of the Ferrymuir junction over the last two weekends.

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 as well as a number of mails relating to proposals for a Queensferry Market,

We continue to receive a large number of mails from CEC on various topics which are circulated to Councillors as and where applicable. There has also been quite a number of strings relating to the Community Council election process.

There were not enough nominations to trigger a ballot, but enough to allow the Community Council to re-constitute and operate for another 3 years.

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

- Query from Edinburgh Evening News reporter on Queensferry house prices
2. One piece of notable postal mail was the proposed Strategic Development Plan (SESplan)
  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 ongoing public transport queries- problems with the 40/40A/40B route and Stagecoach, problems caused by Ferrymuir roundabout over 2 weekends, and Hopetoun Road closure with associated bus diversions.

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](http://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. I can confirm that Crawford McGhie, (Acting Head of Operational Support, Communities & Families at CEC) will visit QDCC on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November to update us on school provision in the Burgh.
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 – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016