



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – JANUARY 2017

1. The volume of email correspondence to QDCC remained broadly static over the period since the November meeting, including over the festive period. Main contributors continue to relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – Ferrymuir, Dalmeny Park and Bulyeon Road, but more recently the Taylor Wimpey submission for Taylor Wimpey/Scotstoun Site - LDP HSG33 and the proposals for development of the old Legion Building in Stoneycroft Road,

There has been a separate line of communication between residents of Sommerville Gardens and QDCC relating to activity at the west end of the Dalmeny Park development.

I had some dialogue with Andrew Statham from CALA before Christmas relating to communication – or lack thereof – between CALA and local residents on timescales, ongoing disruption and the replacement of fences. Last week I contacted CALA again to reiterate local disquiet and to take up the offer of a face to face meeting. I await a reply.

Other queries relate to the progress of the Queensferry Crossing/plans for opening and associated road reconfigurations, lack of progress on the proposed renovation of the High Street, and continuing concerns over the reliability and punctuality of the Stagecoach 40/40A/40B service.

The closure of The Forth Road Bridge earlier this month also initiated some discussion.

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

Parking outside Queensferry Primary school, on the Loan and at Dalmeny Station continue to feature.

In the last few days some communication on the proposed closure of The Clydesdale Bank in the High Street has come to QDCC.

We continue to receive a large number of mails from CEC on various topics which are circulated to Councillors and interested parties as and where applicable.

QDCC has received 10 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- Lack of recycling facilities in town
 - Availability of garages/lock ups
 - Request for council housing
 - Concerned resident re High Street parking/CCTV provision & Bins
 - Request to contact Burryman from a film production unit in France
 - Lack of road maintenance and gritting
 - General query on history of Queensferry
 - Path repairs in Lovers Lane
 - Bus service provision
 - Missing cat
2. Only one piece of notable postal mail was received. An invitation to The Lord Mayors annual Valentine Charity Dinner Dance and Auction – meant for Queensferry Community Council in North Wales.
 3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast over 2100 followers. Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume.

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. 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.

6. 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 – 22nd January 2017