



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2017

1. The volume of email correspondence to QDCC remained broadly static over the period since the January meeting. Main contributors continue to relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – Ferrymuir, Dalmeny Park and Builyeon Road, and more recently the Taylor Wimpey submission for Taylor Wimpey/Scotstoun Site - LDP HSG33

There has been a continuing line of communication between residents of Sommerville Gardens and QDCC relating to activity at the west end of the Dalmeny Park development, with CALA now postponing the replacement of residents fences until new plans have been drawn up and circulated for comment.

Last month I had some dialogue with Andrew Statham from CALA relating to communication – or lack thereof – between CALA and local residents on timescales, ongoing disruption and the replacement of the fences. It appears he has now left CALA and I am now in communication with Gavin Pope and will report back when I have received an update.

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, the closure of the Clydesdale Bank in the High Street, the ongoing situation with the Burnshot Flyover, the removal of the central reservation/traffic island in Ferrymuir Road, Edinburgh Airport Airspace Change Consultation, carriage formations and stopping patterns on Fife Circle as a result of the new Edinburgh Gateway Station and continuing concerns over the reliability and punctuality of the Stagecoach 40/40A/40B service.

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.

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 4 “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting.

- Concern over timing of Community Police Safety Forum (daytime v evening)
- Green Network trust – offer of support
- Your Queensferry Magazine – a query on planning matters
- Request to be placed on housing list

2. Only one piece of postal mail was received. A letter from Network Rail relating to a railway bridge strike on the Queensferry by-pass (Crewe North to Holyhead Line) – clearly sent to the wrong Queensferry Community Council.
3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have nearly 2150 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 – 27th February 2017