



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – MAY 2017 REPORT

1. There has been a noticeable increase in the volume of email correspondence to QDCC since the April meeting – a lot of it in part due to CEC elections.

Main contributors continue to relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – Ferrymuir, Dalmeny Park and Builyeon Road, and Taylor Wimpey/Scotstoun Site.

Considerable e-mail traffic was associated with the Stagecoach decision to withdraw the 40/40A/40B service.

QDCC was in regular contact with CEC Senior Management throughout this period, but it was disappointing that despite our efforts, Lothian Buses did not reach out.

However the announcement was made, timetable, route and fare structure made public and QDCC have received a mix bag of mail on this matter.

Other significant matters included continuing anti social behavior concerns, the Burnshot Flyover and CEC elections.

QDCC Executive met to discuss the way forward with our newly elected/re-elected Councillors and have arranged a separate meeting with them to discuss our issues, concerns & expectations.

Other queries relate to updates on the Queensferry Crossing opening, the lack of progress on the proposed renovation of the High Street, the impact of the closure of the Clydesdale Bank in the High Street and the Network Rail plans for a visitor attraction/bridge walk on the Forth Bridge.

As per previous months others were related to various ongoing parking and traffic matters especially now the cruise liner season has started – the impact on the high street and public transport - dog fouling, overflowing waste and recycling bins and the general state of roads and pavements in a number of locations across the town.

I continue to have dialogue with Gavin Pope from Cala Homes on the Dalmeny Park/Sommerville Gardens boundary fence replacement. This work has now been executed,

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

- Concern over state of bench seats at the harbour
- A further query on removal of fencing along rail path at back of Ashburnham Road

- Query from a university student on the impact of Queensferry Crossing on the town.

2. Only one significant piece of postal mail was received.

QDCC had reached out to CEC relating to the decision to grant a second hand car dealers licence to a local resident.

We had requested a copy of the statement of reasons- which was received from CEC Solicitor.

3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have over 2200 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, Laura and Graeme 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 (past and present) and a number of local residents on various community issues.
5. Along with Grant, Diane & Keith I attended a meeting of the QDCC Executive. Notes from this meeting are available. We were also informed of the resignation of Nicky Service from The Scotstoun Park resident group. Our thanks go to Nicky for her support.
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.

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 – 22nd May 2017