



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JUNE 2017 REPORT

1. There has been little variation in the volume of email correspondence to QDCC since the May meeting.

Main contributors continue to relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – mostly Builyeon Road, and Scotstoun Sites. A separate strand relating to the pending decision on the Dalmeny Site also took place – including the site visit and ultimate decision to approve.

We still get the odd query relating to Ferrymuir and the community facility and finally Dalmeny Park.

Some dialogue has also taken place relating to the Springfield Path and the possibility of a siting of a replacement/new traffic Island on the B800 adjacent to Tesco.

Considerable e-mail traffic associated with the Stagecoach decision to withdraw the 40/40A/40B service was received right up to the actual change following the announcement that Lothian Country Buses were taking up the route.

We continue to receive a mixed bag of mail relating to the new service – although predominantly positive.

A number of queries have been received relating to information on the opening of the Queensferry Crossing, but since the date and details of both the opening and the public walk across the bridge, the volume has picked up.

A lot more activity occurred via Facebook.

More recently there has been quite a bit of correspondence following the two public sessions held on the building of the new Community High School. This one looks like it will run for a while.

Other queries relate to the lack of progress on the proposed renovation of the High Street, the ongoing 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.

An email was also circulated on a forthcoming charity bike event in aid of RNLI Queensferry.

Also some discussion noted on BP Dalmeny Community Alarm.

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.

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 "Contact Us Submissions" through the website since the last meeting.

- Concern over plans for community facilities at new High School. This has been passed onto CEC.
 - Query on renovation of Kirkliston community Santa's sleigh
2. Only one significant piece of postal mail was received, the Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) relating to the new High School. It was indicated in this document of the intention to deliver a presentation to QDCC on 26th June, but no formal communication was ever received. I reached out to QDCC who at the time were unsure when or if this would happen.

Once again a communication was received from Network Rail informing QDCC of a Bridge Strike on the Crewe North to Holyhead rail line at the Queensferry Bypass – and once again sent to the wrong Community Council, despite my previous communication to Network Rail!

3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have well 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. 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 – 26th June 2017