



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JULY 2017 REPORT

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

Main contributors continue to relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – mostly the Builyeon Road, and Scotstoun sites, although of late some lively correspondence on the Planning Application Notice (PAN) related to the new Queensferry High School has taken place, notably relating to the proposal for the swimming pool and community facilities and access in general. QDCC has arranged a meeting between CEC and Morrisons Construction on 1st August.

I have also been in communication with Cllr Ian Perry, Children and Families Convener on this matter.

In the last few days it has become apparent that a separate notification has been lodged with CEC for the installation of artificial sports pitches to replace current grass pitches at the back of the hub.

We still get the odd query relating to Ferrymuir and the plans for a Community Facility and finally Dalmeny Park.

Dialogue continues relating to the Clufflatts /Springfield Path as proposed by Transport Scotland, with a number of residents registering their displeasure with QDCC.

By far and away the largest topic upon which conversations have taken place is the Transport Scotland proposals and process for the Queensferry Crossing Experience - "The bridge walk".

A number of individuals and groups have contacted QDCC to ask if we can give places. Further communication on this matter will be shared at the business meeting on Monday 24th July.

We continue to receive a mixed bag of mail relating to the new Lothian Country Bus service.

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 failed planning application to site an ATM at the Town Crier.

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.

The late uplift of garden refuse last week has irritated a number of local residents

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

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

- Request from SP Energy Networks for a follow up meeting with QDCC
- Request from local resident relating to CEC solicitors letter to QDCC on the 2nd hand car dealers licence. I forwarded letter following internal discussion but as yet no feedback
- Complaint from an Edinburgh resident about the poor state of toilets at Hawes Pier. This was forwarded onto CEC for consideration but as yet no acknowledgement or feedback

2. No significant postal mail has been received since the last meeting
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 and generally are far more vocal.

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 related issues
5. I attended 2 meetings of QDCC Executive to discuss matters relating to the Queensferry Crossing Experience and future QDCC meetings planned for remainder of 2017.
6. Christine Jardine MP, our newly elected Westminster representative has indicated her intention to attend the July Business Meeting
7. 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.

8. 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 – 23rd July 2017