



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – August 2017 REPORT

1. Without doubt there has been a record volume of email correspondence to and from QDCC since the July meeting. This is solely down to matters associated with the Queensferry Crossing Experience, The Opening of The Queensferry Crossing and subsequent opportunities for local schools and communities to visit the new bridge. I'd like to put on record my thanks to all who have helped collate all the relevant information – it has been a mammoth task...and one not yet finished!

Other contributors this month again relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – with quite a considerable amount on the Planning Application Notices (PANS) related to the new Queensferry High School, and the installation of artificial pitches, fencing and floodlights at Dundas Park

Dialogue continued following last months meeting with a number of residents from Clufflats relating to path as proposed by Transport Scotland. QDCC has forwarded all residents concerns shared with us to both Transport Scotland and CEC

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

There was also some correspondence relating to the clash of a cruise liner and Ferry Fair, as well as a few complaints relating to the fun fair.

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 last point picking up recently given the poor repair work carried out in Sommerville Gardens and Provost Milne Gardens.

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 a large number of “Contact Us Submissions” through the website since the last meeting requesting a place on one of the events associated with the opening of the Queensferry Crossing.

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](http://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 the Forth Bridges Forum on 8<sup>th</sup> August.
6. On 16<sup>th</sup> August along with Keith and Laura I attended a meeting with David Leslie, Will Garrett and Peter Strong. Details of this are found in The Chairs report. As discussed at the meeting, QDCC have received updates on outstanding LDP2 applications.
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 – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017