



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – OCTOBER 2012

1. Another busy month in terms of volume from a correspondence perspective with a slight increase in the number of e-mails sent to/sent from QDCC since the September meeting
The main contributors were related to various parking and traffic matters and the ongoing discussions on dog fouling
2. No significant postal correspondence was received this month
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC, however the expected launch of the new QDCC website has been pushed back due to delay in getting all relevant information to Fiona Christie.
We now boast 890 friends – yet another rise since the last meeting!

Items posted include monthly QDCC meeting agenda, minutes, sub-committee meetings, public and statutory meetings and other relevant documents including bus and train timetable updates, items of local interest including any current information from CEC, ANP, Forth Replacement Crossing updates with traffic management plans for both north and south of the bridge etc..

Again a number of interesting strings this month, the main one relating to dog fouling continues unabated, the change in the schedule for domestic refuse collection, firework displays at both Dundas Castle and Orocco Pier, continuing parking issues across various locations – particularly around Dalmeny Station and ongoing roadworks on the M9 spur associated with the Forth Replacement Crossing, as well as numerous requests from residents for assistance in contacting CEC regarding various local issues
We continue to field many queries from local residents through this medium (far more than by e-mail)

We have posted current vacancies on QDCC on Facebook as well as in the Journal and Gazette

Many local groups also continue to post updates and advertise events on our Wall.

Once again I would encourage anyone who has internet access to sign up to the QDCC page if they have not already done so.

4. On behalf of QDCC this month I have written to CEC officials, CEC Councillors (outwith Almond Ward) and a number of local residents on various issues.
5. On behalf of QDCC I have written to Natalie Hoy of the West Neighbourhood Team seeking clarification of the ongoing problem surrounding ownership of pathways between CEC and Manor Homes
6. On behalf of CEC I have contacted Lesley Hinds, in her capacity as Convener of TI&E to complain about the delay in updating bus flags and bus timetables in and around Queensferry since the changes to local bus services to Bathgate, Kirkliston and Livingston. As of today (21st October) no changes have yet been implemented, a full 3 weeks after timetable changes went live.
7. On 26th September along with Keith and David I attended the ANP public meeting on environmental matters held in the Rosebery Hall which was chaired by Councillor Work
8. On 28th September along with other members of the Executive, I attended a meeting with Lesley Hinds in her capacity as Convener of TI&E to discuss transport and highways business affecting the Burgh
9. On 1st October along with members of QDCC Executive and Almond Ward Councillors I attended a meeting with the new Managing Director of Evans Property Group Ian Marcus and James Pitt where discussions on future development of Ferrymuir site took place
10. On 8th October along with Keith I attended a CEC forum on the Licensing process, which was run in conjunction with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councillors. On the back of this there are a few points worthy of further discussion with regards to the upcoming deliberations on the CEC licensing policy which is due for revision next year.
11. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate.
12. I continue to update the members list regarding roles, responsibilities, portfolios and sub-committee
Meanwhile, the e-mail circulation list by which this report is delivered should be taken as the current version.
13. 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 in advance of the meeting and I will be more than happy to respond.

Terry Airlie
Correspondence Secretary
21st October 2012