



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JANUARY 2018 REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing mails – has been fairly static since the last meeting.

The number of telephone calls taken on behalf of QDCC has picked up again – mainly from Journal & Gazette and Edinburgh Evening News on various matters, a couple of queries on Social Housing, one on Clufflatts path and one member of the public who contacted me thinking I was the sitting MP to complain about Council Tax demands from CEC!

A number of local residents have once again been in touch on Queensferry Crossing/Traffic related matters. It appears that the overall traffic management in and around the town has remained very much in focus. The recent spell of cold weather and gritting of roads, pavements and pathways has also featured strongly.

Other communications this month again mainly relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – covered in more detail in the Planning Conveners Report.

As with previous months other communications relate to various ongoing parking and traffic matters, dog fouling, overflowing waste and recycling bins at Scotmid/Tesco, poor streetlighting and the time taken to repair reported lighting faults, and the general poor 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 Community Council members and interested parties as and where applicable.

QDCC received one significant “Contact Us Submission” through the website since the last meeting.

- A local resident has contacted QDCC relating to a fall and subsequent injuries sustained at the bottom of The Loan
2. One noticeable piece of mail received – from NHS Lothian on proposed boundary changes for the Queensferry Medical Practice. This was circulated to all Community Councillors and posted on Social Media. Many thanks to all who responded. I collated the responses and fed these back to Lee Doyle, the Contracted Support Officer who issued the mail and has promised to come back with answers to a number of questions posed.
 3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have nearly 2500 followers. Facebook communication and enquiries broadly match those received by e-mail but in greater volume and generally are far more vocal. A more detailed summary has been submitted by Graeme in his Communication Report

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.

Thanks again to Graeme for the work he has done on this.

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, and a number of local residents on various community related matters
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.

Can I ask all members to ensure all details are properly transcribed.

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 – 22nd January 2018