



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – FEBRUARY 2018 REPORT

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

The number of telephone calls taken on behalf of QDCC has dropped off slightly since last month – a couple from Journal & Gazette on various matters, a request for assistance with Social Housing, a complaint on the loss of the greenspace associated with Dundas Park development of artificial pitches and one local resident complaining about the roadworks in Burgess Road.

Concern has been shared by one local resident in particular over the proposal by Castle Rock Edinvar to downgrade the sheltered housing in Shore Road to Residential.

Following on from last month, Lee Doyle, the Contracted Support Officer from NHS Lothian who had been in touch regarding the proposed boundary changes for the Queensferry Medical Practice returned with responses to various queries that had been raised.

A number of local residents have once again been in touch on various Queensferry Crossing/Traffic related matters. It appears that the overall traffic management in and around the town continues to frustrate people on a regular basis.

Other communications this month again mainly relate to the various planning applications and developments across the Burgh – and in particular the planning application for Builyeon Road which has had a lot of Social Media coverage in the last couple of weeks – where people are finally waking up to what is happening on their doorstep, but unfortunately with unrealistic expectations probably fed by gossip and rumour.

This is covered in far 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 a few significant “Contact Us Submission” through the website since the last meeting.

- A request for information relating to defibrillators
- A concern relating to proposals for Shore Road Sheltered Housing.
- A concern about availability, content and accuracy of QDCC Reports – particularly around transport matters.

2. One noticeable piece of mail received – from Dr Leckie at the Medical Practice sharing his communication with Castle Rock Edinvar and asking for support from QDCC
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 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 – 26th February 2018