



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2012

1. Yet 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 October meeting
The main contributors were related to various parking and traffic matters, bus services, ongoing discussions on dog fouling and the state of roads/pavements in some of the areas under disputed ownership.
2. No significant postal correspondence was received this month
3. Facebook continues to be the major communication tool for QDCC and we now boast 915 friends – yet another rise since the last meeting!
The expected launch of the new QDCC website has been tentatively set for January 2013

Items posted on Facebook 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, with the dialogue on dog fouling continuing unabated, domestic refuse collections, continuing parking issues across various locations – particularly around Dalmeny Station, ongoing roadworks on the M9 spur associated with the Forth Replacement Crossing, the alteration of the First service 43 to exact fare only, and more recently the Christmas Tree in the High Street 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)

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 (both inside and outwith Almond Ward) and a number of local residents on various issues.
5. On behalf of QDCC I have written to Colin Keir MSP inviting him to speak at our January Meeting
6. On behalf of CEC I have written to Justin Lamb (Justin Lamb Associates) to request a further meeting between Agilent, Bellway Homes and other stakeholders to discuss ongoing parking issues around Dalmeny Station
7. On 8th November along with other members of QDCC I attended a meeting with Councillor Andrew Burns (Council Leader) to learn more about The City of Edinburgh Council's initiative "Cooperative Edinburgh".
There were a number of interesting discussions, including the use of the new petition process which will be of interest to QDCC as a possible tool to gain further leverage on a number of issues.
8. On 11th November I attended the Remembrance Day service
9. On 12th November along with QDCC Exec members I met with a new prospective member for the Community Council - Ms Juliette Summers.
I have since included Juliette in the circulation list and sent a welcome note on behalf of QDCC
10. On 22nd November along with QDCC Exec members I attended a meeting with Natalie Hoy and Gavin Brown to discuss concerns about the condition of the High St, and local parking issues.
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
26th November 2012