

QDCC Communications Report – Jan 2020

The [QDCC Facebook page](#) remains the most popular public interaction media with over 3,200 followers. Reach for the last 28 days is 8,504 people and 7,052 post engagements, quieter than usual but on trend for the season. The [Visit Queensferry Facebook page](#) continues to grow in popularity with 880+ followers.

Our [website planning page](#) has been updated and now gives comprehensive information about the planning process, addresses some public misconceptions on housing developments, explains how to comment on planning applications and shows the status of current local developments.

We have revived our [Twitter account](#) to provide another channel, particularly aimed at the younger community members and non-Facebook social media users. Currently 442 followers.

Since the November meeting, sub-committee convenors, councillors and Chair attended a number of meetings with authorities, local interest groups and other relevant parties/individuals, some of which are outlined in their respective reports.

Local Social media

We have continued the education on **Housing Developments**, planning process and s75 with an explanation of affordable housing, often misconceived as cheaper houses. There appears to be a better understanding in the community of the LDP commitments.

Bicycle theft appears to be on the rise recently, with a few abandoned bikes too. Some other ASB issues reported, particularly around the Varneys area.

No major objections to **Just Eat bikes** once it was established that it is not council funded and support for the concept expressed.

Some early issues over **Stewart Terrace** parking with the diversion.

The great **Loony Dook** debate ensued on the back of wider criticism of UnderBelly, the £12 charge coming in to question and much inaccurate information in the press as well as locally about costs and profit.

The Forth Bridge Experience is expected to be on the agenda at the Development Management Sub-committee meeting 4th March. Some discussion on deputations from public, ward councillors and QDCC.

Youth Engagement

The **Youth clubs** continue on Monday & Wednesday evenings. The loss of Jenny Smith and Ali Mitchell from Queensferry is a setback but we wish them all the best in their new ventures and welcome their successors who we hope to build a similar working relationship with.

Cruise Liners Update

QDCC have a meeting with Paul Lawrence on Tues 28th Jan, liners are very much on the agenda and concern over the lack of progress to date yet again. The CruiseForth summit will be held on 29th Jan and I will attend.

Other business

It was noted by chair and members of the **QHS Parent Council** last week that despite open invitation, ward councillors are not attending their meetings. The fact that a ward councillor recently publicly criticised a decision over the transition period to the new school, which the PC had been engaged in, was felt by the Parent Council to be an inappropriate channel and unreasonable, who respectfully request better constructive engagement from ward councillors and will write out to them again.

Spotlight Magazine are looking for community content & local feedback. Bi-monthly publication, any suggested community content can be emailed to hello@spotlight-mag.co.uk.

G.McKinley, 26th Jan 2020