



QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – JANUARY REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has remained relatively stable since the last full meeting of QDCC in November. More people tend to engage through social media rather than direct contact via e-mail, although there has been a flurry of activity recently associated with both the Loony Dook and the CALA Springfield/Bo'ness Road site development plans.

The mailbox continues to consist of communication from local residents on a number of ongoing local issues, internal QDCC communication on various matters such as ongoing dialogue associated with the Community Facility/QCCC/Legal Support, the Taylor Wimpey South Scotstoun Planning Application, the revised CALA Builyeon Road proposals, the revised FerrymuirGait submission, the High Street renovation project, Burnshot Bridge replacement, Forth Bridge Experience, the Hopetoun Road bridgeworks and associated public transport diversions, parking issues across the whole town – including Dalmeny Station, Stewart Terrace and Station Road, dog fouling, overflowing community waste bins, and the continuing general poor state of roads and pavements.

Whilst it remains encouraging that local residents are keen to engage with QDCC, most communications tend to be complaints, issues with CEC service delivery and queries about local service provision.

We continue to receive a large number of mails from CEC on various topics which are generally circulated to Community Council members and interested parties as and where applicable.

A larger than normal number – if such a thing exists – of TTRO's have been received and shared accordingly.

2. Some interesting postal mail has been received since the last meeting. Correspondence from CALA homes and neighbour notification letters/distribution map and listing relating to the Springfield/Bo'ness Road plans. Also a letter from a firm of Glasgow based lawyers to QDCC on behalf of an individual who had sustained damage to his car whilst driving over a pothole on Bo'Ness Road. For some reason the lawyer involved felt QDCC were responsible for the upkeep of roads in the area and was asking for details of our insurer, potential police involvement and requested further details from QDCC. I acknowledged receipt of letter, explained the role of QDCC and suggested contact with CEC. No response or further communication has been received,

A number of calls to QDCC were received over the festive period relating to availability of emergency social housing

A number of website enquiries were also received –

- Cruise Liner schedule for 2020
- Local youth behavioural issues
- A query from the Guide Dog Association for QDCC support
- Edinburgh Airport Sustainability Survey
- High Street traffic concerns
- Further concerns over the future of Queensferry Museum
- Query on Taylor Wimpey South Scotstoun development re site access access and plans for Provost Milne Grove

3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have well over 3000 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 Community Councillors that the QDCC website is now active once more.

It does require requires constant administration and I would once again encourage all members to get involved in providing items for posting.

Thanks again to Graeme for the work he continues to do on this.

Should any member like to have administrative rights to the website please let me know.

(www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org)

4. On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and local residents on various community related matters.
5. I attended the PSC meeting with CALA Homes to discuss plans for Springfield/Bo'ness Road development. Details in Planning Report
6. I attended the meeting with Serco and TFE to discuss the plans to bring the City Cycle Scheme to Queensferry. Details in Transport Report
7. I continue to distribute information to office-bearers, members and/or portfolio conveners as appropriate. 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.

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.

Please reach out with any updates should any contact details change.

Terry Airlie

Vice Chair & Correspondence Secretary – 26th January 2020