



# QUEENSFERRY and DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY – MARCH REPORT

1. The QDCC mailbox – both incoming and outgoing has remained relatively stable since the last meeting of the Community Council despite the current COVID-19 situation. As previously reported most people tend to engage with QDCC through social media rather than direct contact via e-mail although we do still get the occasional phone call.

Following dialogue with the CEC Community Council support team we took the decision early last week to suspend all face to face meetings of the Community Council until further notice and informed CEC accordingly.

Business will continue as best we can using email and social media. As a sign of things to come we held a conference call with representatives of CALA last week in lieu of a face to face meeting. No doubt this is an avenue we will continue to explore.

Can I please ask any Community Councillor who is using email to share or discuss any Community Council business activity to please include me in the circulation list.

The mailbox generally consists of three types of communication

- Mails from local residents on a number of ongoing local issues as previously discussed
- mails from CEC and/or other Community Councils on various topics which are generally circulated to Community Council members and interested parties as and where applicable.
- internal mails between the various sub-groups of the Community Council – where the vast majority of QDCC business occurs.

Topics of interest include the proposed Community Facility, the Taylor Wimpey South Scotstoun Planning Application, the CALA Builyeon Road proposals, the Ambassador Homes Ferrymuir Gait submission, the High Street renovation project, the Burnshot Bridge replacement, the Forth Bridge Experience, the Hopetoun Road bridgeworks and associated public transport diversions, parking issues across the whole town, 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.

2. Only one piece of postal mail was received – a hard copy of the LDP HSG32 – Builyeon Road PAN submission

A number of calls to QDCC were received ranging from new Queensferry High School enquiries, requests for financial support (COVID-19 and non COVID-19 related) and the decision by CEC on the tender for the 63 service

A number of website enquiries were also received –

- A further query on Taylor Wimpey South Scotstoun development re site access and plans to use Scotstoun Avenue/ Provost Milne Grove
- A query on QDCC attendance at the Development Management Sub Committee hearing on the Forth Bridge Experience
- A query relating to repairing the damaged fence around the old Corus Hotel Site

3. Facebook continues to be a major communication tool for QDCC and we now have well over 3200 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 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](http://www.queensferrycommunitycouncil.org))

4. On 26<sup>th</sup> February I attended a meeting with Graham Croucher of CEC and Karen McGrath of Edinburg Leisure to discuss community access to the leisure facilities at the new High School. Dialogue continues and an online survey was launched to gauge community interest
5. On 11<sup>th</sup> March I attended a meeting with Robert Evans of Rydens and Graham Johnstone of Ambassador Homes to hear about the changes proposed to the application to develop the Ferrymuir Gait Site. Details can be found in the Planning Report.
6. On 19<sup>th</sup> March I attended a conference call with Derek Lawson and Ruth Mustard from CALA to discuss LDP HSG 1 – Springfield site. Details can be found in the Planning Report
7. On behalf of QDCC I continue to correspond with CEC officials, CEC Councillors, and local residents on various community related matters
8. 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.**