

TIM BRETT'S REPORT

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 3 April 2018

I. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 6 March

- a. Leuchars Primary School – Members will be aware that the primary school has been successful in receiving a grant from the MODs local covenant scheme of £16,900 which will go towards installing climbing equipment, goal posts, seating and planting and other play resources in the playground.

The school has also been advised that its Eco Green Flag Award has been renewed.

- b. The Tay Bridgehead Joint Community Council event took place on 24th March at the Rio Centre in Newport. Unfortunately, no-one from Leuchars was able to attend.
- c. Signage Henderson Terrace Garages – I am still pursuing this. A request has gone to the landowner to erect signs and a site meeting is being arranged.
- d. Leuchars/ Balmullo Pharmacy – I have been advised that the NHS Fife Medical Director is still waiting to hear from the two pharmacists involved with this.

New Items

2. Police Report – Since the last meeting the Police received 33 calls from Leuchars/St Michaels, 4 of these were emergency 999 calls. I will attach a copy of the police report for your information. The Police have attended at the Community Centre in relation to youths that have been hanging around. They advised that on their visits there have not been any youths around but that they will continue to monitor the situation. Complaints have also been received from the primary school in relation to parents parking on the yellow zig-zags.. You must not wait or park or stop to set down and pick up passengers on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.
3. Dial-a-Ride – A reminder that this service is available for anyone who has trouble using public transport. To register or book to use the service call 03451 551188.
4. Recycling Centres – Revised opening times have been introduced from 1st April. The St Andrews Centre will be closed on Tuesdays and Fridays; the Cupar Centre will be closed on Mondays and Thursdays and both Centres will be closed for a lunch break from 12.00 – 12.45 pm. The Ladybank Centre remains open 7 days a week.
5. Seagull Menace – Fife Council has launched a campaign to tackle the problem of seagulls. Residents are asked not to scatter waste food, drop litter or leave waste out in the open.

6. Bilston Glen Visit 26th March – I attended the Police Contact Centre at Bilston Glen in Edinburgh on the above date to see how the Police handle both 999 and 101 calls.
7. Affordable Housing – I attended a Council briefing on this on 22nd March.
8. Participatory Budgeting – I attended a briefing in relation to this on 8th March. Further work is being done to develop this approach.
9. School Attainment - Reports on school attainment were considered by the North East Fife Area Committee and this included Leuchars primary school. Mrs Jess attended and speak on behalf of primary schools across North East Fife.
10. Unadopted Roads - Following the decision at the budget meeting on 22nd February a permanent budget allocation of £150k has been added to the Roads and Transportation budget in relation to unadopted roads. A report on the way in which this funding will be used will be going to the Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting on 31st May. This will establish the delegated levels of expenditure to the 7 Area Committees and clarify principles of governance for the use of these funds.
11. Planning – Land to the west of Andrew Melville Hall, North Haugh, St Andrews. A planning application for the construction of a link road and roundabout will be considered at the North East Fife Planning Committee on the 4th April. This road will provide access to the new Madras College.
12. Road Signs – If you see any road signs that are fallen, broken or on their ‘last legs’, please let me know.
13. Consultations
 - i Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Transformation - please review and complete the consultation at www.firescotland.gov.uk/transformation.aspx.
 - ii Scottish Water Shaping the Future – Scottish Water are consulting on their plans for the future.
 - iii The People’s Panel – a group of people who have volunteered to give their opinions and observations on a variety of public issues. To volunteer, request a registration pack by post, call 01592 583138 or email betsy.wojcik@fife.gov.uk

Items for Information

- A. Green Shores – Clare Maynard from St Andrews University is looking for volunteers to help with digging and planting salt marsh plants in both the Tay Estuary at Tayport and the Eden Estuary. Dates for planting at the Eden Estuary are from 3rd-6th May and the 16th–19th May. The two areas in the Eden are not easy for the public to access so Clare has asked people to get in touch for further details if you can help out on any of these days. Clare’s contact details are cem3@st-andrews.ac.uk
- B. What’s New in Adult Support and Protection – March 2018.
- C. Funding Information for Voluntary Groups April 2018 from Karen Scott.
- D. Eden Estuary April Report.

- E. Food with Dignity – A resource provided by Nourish Scotland and the Poverty Truth Commission for community food providers.
- F. Native Minority Languages. A training event on 22nd May.
- G. Fife Cultural Trust - I receive weekly updates on activities undertaken by FCT.
- H. New Carers Act came into effect this month. I have information on "Making an Emergency Plan" and "Making an Adult Carer Support Plan".
- I. Fife's Response to Universal Credit Roll-out – 6th March.
- J. North Fife Cycling News and Tay Coasters AGM.

I would be pleased to provide copies of any of the above.

**Councillor Tim Brett
Tuesday 3 April 2018**