

TIM BRETT'S REPORT
LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2018

- Following the transfer of the access bridge to the railway station to Network Rail, I have raised them the condition of the bridge and have had a response indicating that they will arrange for repairs to be undertaken.
- The bollards at the roundabout have been reported for repair and I hope that this will be undertaken soon.
- Following concerns raised by residents a speed survey was undertaken on Main Street in April this year. The results were that the average east bound speed was 20mph and the average west bound was 19mph. The 85th percentile speeds are 3 – 4 miles higher. Stewart Goodfellow from Transportation advises that these results are what would be expected from this kind of location and, as such, the Transportation Service could not justify any addition measures being introduced.
- An Army Exercise is taking place from 2 to 21 September and there will be an increase in low flying including night time flying.
- Police Report – Since the last meeting, the police received 37 calls from the Leuchars/St Michaels area with one emergency 999 call.
- Over the summer holidays work has been undertaken at Leuchars Primary School to make improvements to the cloakroom area.
- Leuchars Station Commander – Lieutenant Colonel Coombes has been replaced by Lieutenant Colonel J F S McLeman.
- The Transportation Department asked if we would review the number of grit bins in the Leuchars/St Michaels area and we have submitted a return. The Council are looking to remove some bins.
- A resident has raised concern about a blocked right of way from Meadow Park. The Council's Access Officer has reviewed this and has advised that she is happy that pedestrians can continue to access the path.
- Madras College – The August SQA National Qualification results for the school are very good and continue to improve year on year.
- Madras College are, however, facing significant cuts of just under £400,000 in the current financial year. Mr McClure, the Rector, informed the Parent Council of this at last week's meeting and there will be further cuts to the school budget in the next two years.
- Overhanging Trees and Bushes – Residents are reminded that trees and bushes should not be

obstructing the pavement.

- Joining Up Care – Consultation Workshops are taking place on 4 September in County Buildings, Cupar from 6.45pm to 8.30pm. The 11 September, County Buildings, Cupar from 11.15am to 1.00pm and 24 September in St Andrews Town Hall from 6.45pm to 8.30pm. The events will cover Community Health and Wellbeing hubs; Out of Hours GP services and Community Hospitals and Intermediate Care Bed Redesign. I hope that people will take the time to complete the consultation document on Fife Direct.
- Nomination Papers for the Community Council should be returned to Fife Council by 4.00pm on the 6 September.
- Police Report from Colin Gall, Retiring Chief Superintendent showed a reduction in overall crime figures but an increase in violent crime and an increase in dishonesty, principally around motor vehicle crime, shoplifting and fraud.

Mr Gall will be replaced by Chief Superintendent Derek McEwen.

Information-please let me know if you would like further information on any of the following

- Virgin Media Expansion Programme - I have been advised of details of the above programme that will allow connection to over 3,500 council homes in North East Fife and will also be available to private home owners.
- Culture of Enterprise 365 including Fife Schools, Enterprise Gain for P4 pupils and above.
- Commercial Waste Collection Changes from June 2018.
- Drive Wise Fife Project – A briefing has been received highlighting three modules – Pre-Driver 14-17 years, Skills for Life 17 – 25 years and Older Drivers over 65.
- Voices for Choices Event – 12 September, Corn Exchange, Cupar, 9.30 – 2.430pm, a free event but tickets are required on 01334 476435.
- What's New in Adult Support and Protection – August 2018.
- Parks Streets and Open Spaces – Our new local Manager is Roger Honeyman who can be contacted on VOIP 453363.
- North East Fife Tenants and Residents Association – I have received their business plan for 2018/2021.
- Cupar Burial Office has been Closed. People can still contact the Local Office in Cupar on 01334 659336 or contact Kirkcaldy Crematorium on 01592 583524 or Dunfermline Crematorium 01383 602335.
- Tentsmuir Visitor Car Park Works – The local Councillors met Hamish Munro of the Forestry Commission on 1 July to get an update on the Forestry Commission's plans for Tentsmuir.
- North Fife Cycling News, July.
- Tay Road Bridge Closures – Some concern has been expressed that closures of the bridge are becoming longer and more frequent. The Bridge Manager has recently published FAQ's about their approach to this problem. These are available on the bridge website.
- Fly Tipping – Fly Tipping should be reported using the online form available on Fife Direct or please let me know. Dumping on private land will be investigated by the Council but I have been advised that the responsibility for removal of rubbish may rest with the landowner. Dumping at Pickletillum

and Morendy Woods has been reported.

- Road Signs – A programme of cleaning road signs across Fife following our work to seek funding and resources for this. Cllr Tepp has also been carrying out a review of road signs and street names and many of these remain “missing in action”. Cllr Tepp has requested a quarterly report providing detail of known issues when they were reported and their current status.
- Road Works – Council Officers no longer send Elected Members local lists with reports on road works but we have been referred to the Scottish Roadworks Website instead. This provides a map with roadwork locations that can be clicked for more details.
- Council Tax Exemptions for Young People Leaving Care – These are intended to help children in care to transition but much of this benefit goes unclaimed.
- Electric Blanket Testing – This used to be carried out within the Taybridgehead Ward but is only now available in St Andrews and Cupar. If anyone would value a check for safety reasons, please contact me.
- Free Style LIBRE – Flash GM Devices for certain individuals with Diabetes. A decision on their availability will be made by the Health and Social Care Partnership before Christmas.
- Friends of the Eden Estuary – A group exists with a very small membership. If anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact me.
- Funding Portal – The Council Funding Portal helps to find grants on issues that you may wish to pursue. If there are particular projects that you care about pursuing, please let me know and I will ask the funding team for any help that can be offered by way of support using the portal and completing applications.
- Unadopted Roads – I am hoping that more information will be available at the North East Fife Area Committee this month.

Councillor Tim Brett

Tuesday 4 September