

TIM BRETT'S REPORT
LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2018

1. Matters arising from the meeting on the 1 May.

- a. **I am still waiting** for the No Parking sign to be installed on the access road to the garages at the back on Henderson Terrace opposite the primary school.
- b. **Railway Station Bridge Deterioration** – I am waiting for confirmation that Network Rail will take on responsibility for the bridge.
- c. **The Medical Director of NHS Fife** is having further discussions with the two pharmacists and local GP's about a possible pharmacy in Balmullo.
- d. **Double Parking in Main Street** – I asked the Council's Parking Team and the police to monitor the situation at the Spar.
- e. **Playparks in Leuchars** – I hope that more information is available on the Pitcairn Park playpark.

2. New Items

- a. **Police Report** – Since the last meeting, the police have received 53 calls from the Leuchars/St Michaels area of which two were emergency 999 calls. This resulted in five crimes. The police have stated that they are aware of vehicles double parking opposite the Spar Shop on Main Street. Drivers have been spoken to and advice has been given.
 - b. **Bikeability** - the P6 pupils of Leuchars Primary School have all passed level 1 of the course.
 - c. **The Unipar Speed Gun** and Pop-Up Bob have been out and about and drivers have been detected and reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to speeding at St Michaels.
 - d. **Community Speed Watch** – If anyone would be interested in becoming involved, would they please contact the local Community Police Officers?
- 3. Planning Decisions** – A reminder that, if the Community Council wishes to be treated as a Statutory Consultee, they have to notify the Planning Service within seven working days of an application being published that they wish to be treated in this way. Any comments on an application then need to be made and stated as an objection.
- 4. Severe Weather Incident 28 February to 5 March** – I have received a copy Fife Council's Debrief and Lessons Learned report for the above period of severe weather. I would be pleased to make this available to anyone who would like to see it.
- 5 Food Waste Bags** – A new system of distributing food waste bags has come into effect from 7 May. Waste bags will be available from recycling centres in Fife. A self-service container is available at each recycling centre. Householders are asked to take up to

three rolls of bags every twelve months. I assume for Leuchars residents, this will mean visiting the recycling centre in Cupar or St Andrews.

There is also a trial taking place of distributing bags from the Town House in Kirkcaldy which, if successful, could lead to this being rolled out to other customer services. I have pointed out that the Taybridgehead Ward does not have a customer service centre. These changes have been announced without any public consultation.

- 6 Unadopted Roads** – A paper setting out the way in which additional funding will be made available for basic repairs on unadopted roads was considered by the Council's Transportation Committee on 31 May. 25% of the allocation for North East Fife will be used for immediate "safety" repairs for potholes on unadopted roads. It is hoped that this will be undertaken by the jet patching method. The remaining 75% will be used to carry out additional repairs to unadopted roads and it is likely that a paper will be coming to the North East Fife Area Committee on this.
- 7 North East Fife Primary Care Out of Hours Service** – As members may be aware, the Integrated Joint Board have agreed to consult on only two options for the Out of Hours Service. This will be at the Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy and Queen Margaret Hospital in Dunfermline. There will be no Out of Hours Service available in North East Fife but residents will have the choice of going either to the Victoria Hospital or to Kings Cross Hospital in Dundee.
- 8 Madras College** – At the recent Parent Council meeting, details were given by the Rector of further maintenance work that will be carried out at both Kilrymont and South Street in addition to the £700,000 of work that has already been completed.

The Rector set out the likely financial challenges that the school will face over the next four years. Mr McClure also met with a number of local Members to provide further information on the school's performance.

With regard to the new school, a voluntary impact assessment has now been submitted.
- 9 Grit Bins** – Following discussion with Bill Liddell of the Transportation Service at the recent locality meeting, the Council are looking to reduce the number of grit bins by 50%. I would like to agree with the Community Council a process for reviewing grit bins in the town.
- 10 Fife Council Best Value Assurance Report** has now been published and will be presented to Fife Council later in June.
- 11 Street Sign Cleaning** – A pilot project will shortly be started to clean street signs in North East Fife.
- 12 Basic Income Pilot** – Fife is one of four areas in Scotland that will pilot the above in their areas.

13 Timetable for Fife Wide Community Council Elections on 4 October 2018 has been issued. Nomination papers need to be submitted by 6 September.

14 Tayport Day Centre for the Elderly – Margaret Redpath advises me that the organisation of the above service will, in future, be taken by Castle Enterprise Scotland.

15 Abandoned vehicle –a resident has informed me of a white vauxhall van registration SHO 20WJ which has been left in the car park next to the church on School Hill . DVLA at Swansea have been informed and will hopefully remove it .

Items for Information

- A. **Cosy Kingdom Leaflet** – Advertising free energy and money advice.
- B. **Council Tax Refunds** – Available for residents with severe mental impairment diagnosis. Many people are not claiming who could due to a lack of awareness.
- C. **Eden Estuary** May and June Newsletter.
- D. **Fife Cultural Trust** Weekly Newsletter available on request.
- E. **Funding Information on Voluntary Groups** April Newsletter.
- F. **Auld Kirk Tayport Arts and Crafts Weekend**, 15, 16 17 June.
- G. **Newport Festival** – 23 June
- H. **TADAMS** – Productions of “Hairspray” at the Blyth Hall 6 – 9 June with new comfortable seating.
- I. **Veterans Breakfast Club** – The first Wednesday of the month at Leuchars Army Station starting 6 June.
- J. **North East Fife Tenants and Residents Federation** - I attended their AGM and their Business Plan for 2018 – 2021 is available.
- K. **North Fife Cycling News**
- L. **Fife Coast and Countryside Trust** Spring Newsletter.
- M. **Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband Programme** Quarter three.
- N. **British Red Cross Community Connecting Project Fife** directed at lonely and socially isolated people over the age of 16. Referrals to connectfife@redcross.org.uk.
- O. **Welfare Support and Job Club North East Fife**. A summary of activity 1 March to 29 April.
- P. **Your Business Rates 2018/19** – A Guide to Business Rates.
- Q. **What's New** in Adult Support and Protection.
- R. **Self Directed Support Options**, May Newsletter.
- S. **Community Paediatric Clinic relocation**. A briefing on the above from Julie Paterson of the Health and Social Care Partnership.

Councillor Tim Brett

Tuesday 5 June