

## TIM BRETT'S REPORT

### LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 6 March 2018

#### I. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 6 February

- a. Information from Heart Start – Following discussion at the last meeting, I contacted Dr Hamish Tait of Heart Start in St Andrews. He has indicated that they would be willing to undertake a further training session and has also provided a link to the Heart Start website which provides more information on the use of defibrillators. <http://heartstart.org/how-to.htm>.
- b. Bikeability – I understand that Leuchars Nursery run a “play on pedals” course for the nursery children. I hope that it will be possible for volunteers to come forward so that Bikeability classes can be introduced for the P6/7 children.

#### New Items

2. Rosebank Park Homes – Has recently been inspected as part of the sites licence renewal process. A number of fire safety issues have been raised with the site owner who, in turn, is discussing these with the residents through the Rosebank Park Homes Association.
3. Police Report – Since the last meeting there have been 22 calls but no 999 calls. No crimes were recorded and of the calls received, three were traffic related, four were cause for concern and three were nuisance calls. Our Community Sgt. has been replaced by Sgt. Paula Poolman and our Community Inspector, John Docherty is leaving and will be replaced by Inspector Jane Coombe.
4. Visit to Warwick Close with Kingdom Housing Association – This was a useful and helpful visit with officers from Kingdom Housing Association. They advised that Kingdom were responsible for 38 houses in Warwick Close. In 2017/18 kitchens have been replaced as have entrance doors. In 2018/19 there are plans for bathroom replacements and some rear fences are to be removed.
5. The Loose 30mph Signs at the entrance to Leuchars from St Michaels have been replaced.
6. Dog Fouling – Following comments from a number of residents in Pitcairn Park and Norman View, I asked the Council's dog fouling team to visit the small park in Pitcairn Park and also Station Park. They have confirmed that these areas are a problem and they will be regularly patrolled.
7. Pedestrian Access to Leuchars Railway Station - I have received a request for consideration to be given to a lift at the railway station, Network Rail have advised that there is a waiting list for access improvements to railway stations across Scotland but this request will be added to the list.



8. Severe Weather Updates – I have provided the Secretary with copies of the daily severe weather update information that the Council have put out. I would welcome any comments from members of the Community Council or the wider community on issues that need addressing following the severe conditions we have experienced over the last few days. It was disappointing that schools did not reopen yesterday, 5 March.
9. Reporting Road Defects – I am concerned that potholes on the main road between Leuchars and Guardbridge have not been fixed. I will be following this up again. To report what potholes or other road faults, this can be done on line through Fife Direct <https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/lagan/roadfault/index.cfm?>
10. Fife Council Budget was agreed on 22 February - As part of this there will be a 3% rise in the Council Tax for 2018/19 and a number of other savings proposals were agreed across different services.
11. Taybridgehead Forum Community Council Event 24 March – More information is awaited.
12. Planning – A reminder that the Community Council can ask to be treated as a “statutory consultee” by requesting this within seven working days of a planning application being notified to them. If this is done, then the application will come to the North East Fife Planning Committee. The Community Council does not have to list its concerns or objections within seven working days. It only has to request that it wants to be treated as a statutory consultee for that application.
13. Leuchars Railway Station – I understand that a new drop off area at the entrance to the car park has been created. I have also been advised that discussions are still continuing about transfer of the ownership of the bridge from Fife Council to Network Rail. I hope that this will be completed in the near future.

**Items for Information – I can provide more information or copies of any of the following.**

- A. School Mock Court Project – Open to P6 and P7 and to S3 and S6 students.
- B. Implementation of the Carers Scotland Act 2-16 from April 2018 – I have received a briefing note.
- C. Healthy Ageing in Scotland, A Pilot Survey – The HAGIS study is a longitudinal survey of ageing.
- D. Housing Tenants and Customer Satisfaction Survey – will be undertaken by the Knowledge Partnership between 9 March and 30 April. This will involve Fife Council tenants and homeless households.
- E. Consultation of Revision of Community Council Election Rules
- F. Welfare Reform Assistance are at the Dolphin Centre in Tayport on Wednesdays from 1400 to 1600 hours. During January there were 85 participants at job clubs in North East Fife. A full report is available.

- G. COINEF has been forced to abandon its community broadband project.
- H. Helen Wilkie is replacing Gavin Smith as the North East Fife Housing Manager.
- I. Conduit Scotland provides an alternative to high cost, short term lenders such as pay day loan providers. Conduit have shops in Kirkcaldy or Dunfermline or can be contacted on [www.conduitscotland.com](http://www.conduitscotland.com) or on 03001110559.
- J. Self Directed Support – SDS Options February Newsletter.
- K. The Fife Coast and Countryside Trust Winter Newsletter.
- L. Tay Plan Strategic Development Plan Action Programme.
- M. Scottish Fire Service Transformation – The SFRS are holding a 90 day public consultation. View their website – [www.firescotland.gov.uk/transformation/public-consultation.aspx](http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/transformation/public-consultation.aspx). If you know of anyone who would like a fire safety visit or who would like a smoke alarm fitted, please contact the Scottish Fire Service.
- N. Fife Music Activities February Newsletter.
- O. Fife Childcare Services Annual Report.
- P. Fife Environment Trust – Funding available.
- Q. Fife Council Annual Performance Report is available on Fife Direct.  
[http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64\\_ScrutinyPPRFullReportFINAL.pdf](http://publications.fifedirect.org.uk/c64_ScrutinyPPRFullReportFINAL.pdf)
- R. NHS Fife – The Director of Public Health's Annual Report is available.
- S. Eden Estuary March Newsletter from Ranaid Strachan.
- T. Scottish Water Shaping the Future – Scottish Water are consulting on their plans for six months from 28 February. View the consultation at [www.yourwater.scot](http://www.yourwater.scot).

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