

TIM BRETT'S REPORT

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 1 May 2018

- I. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 6 March (there was no meeting on 3 April)
 - a. A 'no parking' sign has now been ordered for the access road leading to the garages at the back of Henderson Terrace opposite the primary school.
 - b. Railway Station Bridge Deterioration – I am continuing to press Council Officers who are liaising with Network Rail regarding the transfer of the bridge to Network Rail who I hope will then carry out repairs to the bridge.
 - c. Leuchars/Balmullo Pharmacy – I am still awaiting information from NHS Fife's Medical Director regarding proposals from the two Pharmacists involved with this.

New Items

2. Police Report – Since the last meeting the Police received 21 calls from the Leuchars/St Michaels area of which 2 were emergency 999 calls. This resulted in 2 crimes. At about 16.55 hours on 16 April a vehicle had its rear window smashed as it was driving along Main Street in Leuchars.
3. Madras College – The North East Fife Planning Committee approved the construction of a new roundabout and link road to service the proposed St Andrews Strategic Development Area to facilitate the new Madras College and housing development. It is expected that the road's construction will start in September.

A list of remediation works at both South Street and Kilrymont has now been carried out at a cost of nearly £700,000.

4. Achievement and Attainment – Fife Councillors received a report on achievement and attainment in North East Fife primary and secondary Schools on 28 March. The main focus at the meeting was on secondary schools. Councillors requested a separate meeting to discuss just local primary Schools. This meeting was held last week with 3 Headteachers, an Education Officer, and 3 Local Councillors in attendance. External reporting on our Schools are positive.
5. Play Parks in Leuchars – Following a decision of the North East Fife Area Committee in December an audit has been carried out on all play parks and skate parks in North East Fife. In the Tay Bridgehead Ward in Leuchars it is proposed that the Pitcairn park play area should have its equipment removed at the end of its life cycle and the Henderson Terrace play area will also be removed as it is within walking distance of the new Army base play area that has public access. I would welcome any comments on this from the Community Council.
6. Out of Hours Primary Care Service – From 9 April there has been no overnight (12 midnight to 8.00 am service) at St Andrews Community Hospital owing to staff shortages. Patients who contact NHS 24 will now be offered appointments at either Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy or at the Out of Hours Centre at Kings Cross

Hospital in Dundee(for NE Fife residents). The situation will be reviewed after 3 months.

7. Road Signs – Cllr Jonny Tepp has been collecting information on North East Fife road signs. He has asked if anyone sees a road sign that needs replacing that they should contact him. He is asking a question at this week's Fife Council meeting about the number of street name signs and other road signs that require repair or reinstatement.
8. Road Usage – Cllr Tepp requested information on North East Fife road usage. There are 15 permanent counters in North East Fife set on strategic routes to monitor traffic flow. The A919 through Leuchars is the second busiest route in North East Fife.
9. Tayport Tuesday Lunch Club - Is open to any elderly person in the Tay Bridgehead Ward. The club are looking for new attendees. Transport is available and anyone who knows of someone who might like to attend should contact Margaret Redpath on 01382 552981 or Janette on 01382 552287.

Items for Information

- A. Scottish Government Consultations – Current consultations with closing dates in the next month include 'Tackling social isolation and loneliness', 'Adults with Incapacity Reform', 'Draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2018', 'Fixed penalty notices for road traffic offences'.
- B. Fife Council Consultations - Current consultations with closing dates in the next month include, 'Surviving Christmas and the new year evaluation'.
- C. Child Car Seat Safety Checks – It is important that seats are safe and properly fitted to cars. A free checking service will be available at the Dolphin Centre Tayport on Monday 28 May between 1-3pm.
- D. Respite Care – Respite care for any carers aged 60 plus – a new respite service for older carers is now available offering a free 2 hour break.
- E. Funding Information for Voluntary Groups April 2018 from Karen Scott.
- F. Eden Estuary April and May Report.
- G. Food with Dignity – A resource provided by Nourish Scotland and the Poverty Truth Commission for community food providers.
- H. Native Minority Languages. A training event on 22 May.
- I. Fife Cultural Trust - I receive weekly updates on activities undertaken by FCT.
- J. New Carers Act came into effect this month. I have information on "Making an Emergency Plan" and "Making an Adult Carer Support Plan".
- K. Down Your Street – Tenants magazine.
- L. I attended a Medicines Waste Workshop as part of my role on the Health and Social Care Partnership. New efforts will be made to reduce medicines waste and savings of up to £½m will hopefully be achieved.
- M. Scotrail's Promotional Fare – The Fife Fiver - a new off-peak day return ticket for travel from Fife to Edinburgh or Dundee costing £5. It will be available from Monday 16 April until Friday 15 June.

Councillor Tim Brett
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