

TIM BRETT'S REPORT
LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 05 September 2017

1. Matters Arising from Meeting on 1 August

- a. MOD Properties in Hampden Close – I am checking whether Fife Council have received a response from the DIO asking whether housing associations in Fife can be considered for the use of the properties.
- b. Madras College – Further consultation took place at Kilrymount and at Tayport Primary School on 23 and 24 August. I have sent details of the plans to the Community Council Secretary.
At the most recent Madras Parent Council meeting the Rector shared details of the school's SQA results for August 2017 which are very impressive. I have again sent details to the secretary.
- c. Condition of the Railway Bridge at Leuchars Railway Station – Murray Scott from Fife Council advises me that he understands that discussions with Network Rail are progressing smoothly. The transfer of ownership is being progressed by the Council's Estate Team with Network Rail on the basis of the agreement that was reached earlier this year. I will continue to monitor the situation.
- d. Leuchars Railway Station Car Park – There has been further correspondence with Transportation regarding a possible drop off area. The latest proposal is that two parking bays should be used for this purpose.
- e. Dog Fouling – A reminder that dog fouling can be reported by telephone on 03451 55 00 22 or online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/dogfouling or by e-mail to safercommunities.officers@fife.gov.uk.

2. Police Matters

- a. I have asked the police if they will be attending tonight's meeting or if they can send a report.
- b. The police are asking if people would complete the survey for the current year at <https://scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts>.

3. Speeding Concerns St Michaels – There has been extensive correspondence with Colin Stirling of Fife Council's Transportation Service following the discussion at the last Community Council meeting. As a result of this the following has been agreed:-

- i Mr Stirling is arranging for a Works Order to be issued for a "Your Speed" similar to those on the other three legs of the St Michaels junction to be installed on the Tayport leg. It is hoped that this will be completed in the current financial year.
- ii In relation to overgrown vegetation, Mr Stirling has asked the Roads Network Team that this should be trimmed back. I understand that the Parks Service has been asked to do this.
- iii Regarding the 30mph speed limit signs, this has been checked and the large advance direction sign does indeed obscure the speed limit commencement. Mr Stirling proposes pulling these signs forward by around 90 metres to allow clear forward visibility. The Welcome to St Michaels sign would be retained at its current position. Still on this item, all of this information has

been passed to the St Michaels Residents who attended the last Community Council meeting.

4. **Parking Aitken Place and St Bunyan's Place**— Colin Stirling replied to me regarding this on 3 August. And stated "This is something we need to monitor and perhaps have a survey undertaken. The difficulty is that these streets are public roads. The majority of residential properties in Aitken Place have off street parking with less of street parking in St Bunyan's Place. Any vehicle is entitled to park on a public road provided it is not causing a road safety hazard or an obstruction". Mr Stirling suggests that they will have a look at this once the schools are back after the summer holidays. He goes on to state that "that at this stage, they would only consider intervention if the problem is severe". I will continue to follow this up.

5. **Speeding issues on the Balmullo leg at St Michaels.**

Another St Michaels resident contacted me about speed on the Balmullo section of the A914. I have had correspondence with the Camera Safety Partnership and a meeting has been arranged to discuss this on 4 October.

6. **Issues raised by the Acting Community Council Secretary** on 14 August. George Player has got back to me in regard to these and has responded as follows:-

1. Water gathering on the road outside 46-48 Main Street. This will be discussed with Ross Walker when he returns from a period of sick leave.
2. Vegetation south of the bus stop. A request has been issued to the Parks Service to cut this back.
3. Ponding on the footway near to the car park entrance at Ye Olde Inn. This is not meeting intervention levels but will be discussed with Ross Walker on his return.
4. Opposite 54 Main Street the slow running gully will require CCTV work to identify the restriction under the roundabout which Mr Player says he will look at but this may cause major traffic disruption to the outfall location.

7. **Leuchars St Athernase Church** – I have received an update from Carol Petrie confirming that construction work at the church began on 4 July and is anticipated to end on 22 December though this is weather dependent. When the restoration is finished all the outside features will be upgraded with a new roof, new rainwater disposal and drainage systems and the bell tower completely overhauled. The Church will also be re-pointed and new stone skewers will be in place.

It has also been agreed that the balance of funding from the Development Officer post will be used to enhance the flood lighting of the Church by installing LED lighting.

8. **Iain Barbour, the Team Manager for Parks and Open Spaces** has taken early retirement and has been replaced by John Haskell.
9. **Parks, Street and Open Spaces** - At the August meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee, a report on the above Service was submitted. This showed that performance was good in terms of the statutory performance indicators although there had been a small decline over the previous three years. The top three areas

of concern in North East Fife were dog fouling, fly tipping and the provision of litter bins. There were only four formal complaints in 2016/17 in North East Fife.

10. **Polling Station Review** – A review of polling arrangements is being undertaken by the Council. I am not aware of any issues in Leuchars though there has been previous discussion about the possible transfer of the polling station from the primary school.
11. **Madras College Student Community Council Representatives** – I attended 5th and 6th year assemblies at the school recently. There was interest from one Leuchars student but I am waiting for her to contact me to see if she would be interested in coming to the Community Council.
12. **Tay Road Bridge** – New bridge smart cameras are being installed on the bridge at a cost of £130,000 and will be used for traffic and incident management. The Bridge Manager has also advised that a tidy up will be undertaken on the Fife side of the bridge following comments from local residents.
13. **A New Respite Service for Young Carers in Fife** is being introduced. Further information can be obtained from Fife Disabilities on 01592 203993.

Items for Information

- A. Fife Health and Well Being – August Update.
- B. Eden Estuary Newsletter September 2017.
- C. What's New in Adult Support and Protection July and August updates.
- D. Youth First Training Opportunities.
- E. Fife Carers Newsletter.
- F. Primary School Menus – A briefing from the Council on 22 August.
- G. Eden Estuary Advisory Group – Cllr Brett and Cllr Connor are members of the group.
- H. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust Summer Newsletter.
- I. Kinship Care Newsletter.
- J. First Steps free course for anyone looking for work in Cupar starting on 4 September for ten weeks.
- K. Down Your Street Tenants Newsletter

I would be happy to provide copies of any item to anyone who would like to see it.

Councillor Tim Brett
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