

CLLR JONNY TEPP'S REPORT

GUARDBRIDGE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 31 May 2018

1. Matters arising from last CC minutes of March – see below

2. Police matters – See Appendix

- a. **Phone scams and fraudster door steppers** – Fife police are warning residents in NE Fife to be vigilant considering recent reported scams. If you receive a phone call out of the blue asking for money, personal information or offers to help with computer issues and banking problems think very carefully. For the full post see [here](#)

3. Consultations

- a. **Scottish Government consultations** – can be accessed [here](#) . Current consultations with closing dates in the next month that might be of interest include 'Proposal to ban the manufacture and sale of plastic cotton buds', 'Updating the Licensing procedure regulations', 'Proposals for reviewing the current landlord registration fee structure and expanding the range of prescribed information applicants must supply to local authorities'.
- b. **Fife Council consultations** - can be accessed [here](#). Current consultations with closing dates in the next month that might be of interest include 'Complaints to Fife Council customer feedback survey', 'Place Survey 2018', 'Assessor Service Valuation Roll survey'.
- c. **Out of hours service** – our bid to ensure that keeping St Andrews open was an option in the upcoming consultation failed see [here](#)

4. Education matters

- a. **Achievement and attainment** – Councillors received a report on achievement and attainment in North East Fife Primary and Secondary schools on the 28th of March. The main focus at the meeting was on Secondary schools. A separate meeting to discuss local Primary schools was held on the 24th of April with three Head teachers, an Education Officer, and the three local Councillors in attendance. External reporting on our schools are positive
- b. **Balmullo PS investment** - The School was officially labeled as being in 'poor' condition last year. After seeking action on this we have received assurance that £190k will be spent on the roof and solar panels this financial year. This should bring the School up to a 'good' condition using the Government approved methodology for rating school buildings.

5. Planning matters for Guardbridge Community Council District

- a. **Invitation to Planners turned down** – we formally invited the planners to attend a community council meeting to discuss the Persimmon development. We were turned down and appealed this to the service manager who refused our appeal.

RECEIVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

[Proposal of Application Notice for proposed residential development, associated car parking, landscaping, drainage and formation of a new access onto Motray Park](#)

Development Site At Motray Park Guardbridge Fife

Ref. No: 18/01425/PAN | Received: Fri 18 May 2018 | Validated: Fri 18 May 2018 | Status: Registered

[Installation of dormer extension to rear of dwellinghouse](#) 

26 River Terrace Guardbridge St Andrews Fife KY16 0XA

Ref. No: 18/01203/FULL | Received: Wed 02 May 2018 | Validated: Wed 02 May 2018 | Status: Registered

6. Roads, Traffic and Transportation matters

- a. **David Finlay VC Place adopted** – After querying the status of this road with officers we can confirm that work has been completed for the road to be formally adopted meaning that Fife Council has accepted ongoing responsibility for maintenance.
- b. **A919 drainage issue** – The drainage technician has been informed and the issue of camber explained and has said that he will monitor this. A picture of the road in flood would be helpful, however.
- c. **Road signs** – I raised a question at Full Council about the number of broken or damaged road and name plate signs in different parts of Fife. I have been pushing for damaged signs to be replaced or if they are not needed taken away. I have obtained a list of reported signs and have shared those on the list for Guardbridge with the Chair to check for completeness. As well as falling down, signs are getting increasingly dirty and we have been calling for something to be done. The Locality Response Team has now accepted this as one of their projects.

7. Parks streets and open spaces

- a. **Wildflowers** – The Biodiversity officer arranged two weeding and sowing days at Guardbridge Park with community payback on 17th & 23rd May. Hopefully this will allow the wildflowers to thrive again although the Biodiversity Officer stresses that this will be a 'natural meadow with native wildflowers and will not be the same as the 'pictorial' type non-native flower mixes you see on some road verges'.

8. Other matters / news – Guardbridge May 2018

- a. **Connecting Communities** - a new service provided by the Red Cross for anyone feeling isolated or alone. Contact Elaine Meakin on 07922584616 or connectfife@redcross.org.uk
- b. **Cosy Kingdom Leaflet** - advertising free energy and money advice see [here](#)
- c. **Council Tax Refunds** – Available for residents with severe mental impairment diagnoses see [here](#) – many are not claiming
- d. **Eden Estuary** May Newsletter see [here](#).
- e. **Fife Cultural Trust** Weekly Newsletter – available on request.
- f. **Funding Information for Voluntary Groups** April Newsletter – available on request.
- g. **Out of Hours** – A consultation will not include an option of retaining evening, overnight and weekend cover at St Andrews despite our efforts see [here](#)
- h. **TADAMS** – Production of 'C'Hairspray' at the Blyth Hall, Newport on 6-9th June with new comfy seats see [here](#)
- i. **Veteran's Breakfast Club** – First Wednesday at Leuchars Army Station starting 6th June see [here](#)

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