

CLLR JONNY TEPP'S REPORT

GUARDBRIDGE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 28th June 2018

1. **Matters arising from last CC minutes of the last meeting – any matters arising that I was asked to act on should be included in the report below**
2. **Police matters – See Appendix 1**
 - a. **Fife 72 reports** – I have been receiving reports giving me information on key police statistics every 72 hours. These are interesting and I am happy to share these but the stats are Fife-wide so not telling us as much as Appendix 1 (Thanks to our local community officers for this!)
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 'Welfare Foods, meeting the needs of children and families', and 'Early learning and childcare service model for 2020'. A number of other surveys are available.
 - b. **Fife Council consultations** - can be accessed [here](#). Current consultations with closing dates in the next month that might be of interest include 'Draft Low Carbon Fife Supplementary Guidance'. A number of surveys are ongoing.
 - c. **Out of hours service** – The Council / Health Service Joint Board has ruled out consulting the public on keeping St Andrews open as a realistic option. Cllr Brett was the only Cllr on the Joint Board (there are 8 Cllrs on the Board) that voted to include keeping St Andrews as an option in any consultation exercise. We will continue to press for this. The NE Fife Area Committee also supported this.
 - d. **Grit bins** – the grit bin team are now looking to implement the savings that were put on hold last year. This means more grit bins will go – probably 2 or 3 of the 7 in Guardbridge. Please read the note in **Appendix 2** for context. I would like to invite the community council Chair and another committee member to visit the bins that are being targeted for removal with me to give their views. We may be able to save 1 of these bins but if we try to save them all the service have indicated they would 'take back control'.
4. **Planning matters for Guardbridge Community Council District**
18/01600/FULL | Erection of Gas Governor Facility and connection to existing surface network; associated internal road access and swale; timber fence, landscaping and ancillary works | Guardbridge Paper Mill Main Street
Guardbridge St Andrews Fife KY16 0UU
5. **Roads, Traffic and Transportation matters**
 - a. **Guardbridge to Clayton Shared Use Path** – A feasibility study has now been completed and costed at around £750k. The amount needed will be reduced by any amount of path constructed by Persimmon. A bid to Sustrans will be made when the detailed costs are available.
 - b. **Road signs and street names** – I have a considerable amount of correspondence with officers regarding these many involve chasing up reports and requests for progress. Budget savings and restructuring is making this more and more difficult. I have asked

for a quarterly report of signs that have been reported for action, for any work orders that have been issued and for completion dates so that communities can be confident that these issues are not being overlooked, and raise concerns and questions when there are excessive delays.

- c. **Road sign cleaning** – A project to offer training and volunteering work experience has recently commenced in NE Fife. The Locality Response Team will be cleaning and making the first inventory of road signs as a starting point for future maintenance. For more information on the project read the Courier article [here](#)

6. Safer Communities

- a. **Community payback scheme**– this scheme is a way for offenders to payback to the community. A recent example was the work on wildflowers in Guard bridge park. I would be happy to provide information on the type of projects that might be eligible and to put forward any eligible schemes that have community council backing.
- b. **Graffiti** – There has been an explosion of graffiti in part of the ward – and particularly on road signs between the bridge and Guardbridge. I have reported these to the specialist graffiti team and the police. No culprits have yet been identified.
- c. **Severe weather lessons learned** - councilors received a debrief report in early June which I am happy to share on request. An action plan with 15 key actions was produced.

7. Parks streets and open spaces

- a. **Invasive Non-Native Species** – It's the time of year when Giant Hogweed and Japanese Knotweed are out and causing concern to householders. I have received a number of reports of plants on the Nature Trail, and Wormit Hill. Where the Council is landowner they have a responsibility to control and treat this – but treatment can take many years. I am seeking guidance from officers on where reports should be sent for land not in their ownership (please let me know if you have any concerns about e.g. Japanese Knotweed or Giant Hogweed).

8. Recycling and Waste management

- a. **Food Waste Bags** – we have submitted a written question to the next meeting of Fife Council asking why the delivery of free bags was replaced with new arrangements without consultation.

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CALLS TO THE POLICE

Since the last meeting, Police received **15** calls, from Guardbridge which

0 were emergency 999 calls.

This resulted in **2** crimes being recorded.

On 30/04/18 a window was smashed on Main Street, Guardbridge. If anyone has any information please contact 101.

Since the last meeting a male has been charged with theft and attempted housebreaking in the Taybridgehead area.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

There is a High Risk Missing Person from the St Andrews area – Duncan Sim, a 19yr old student from St Andrews University who was last seen about 2315hrs 14/03/18. If anyone was in the St Andrews area at this time and has any information please contact Police on 101.

Your view counts on line survey are where members of the public can have their say on what is important to them in their community. It can be accessed via the links below

Your View Counts Online

Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CXH85XJ>

<https://scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts>

KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE

LOCAL INITIATIVES

BIKEABILITY training Primary School Pupils safe cycling.

The **UNIPAR** speed gun and **POP up BOB** have also been out and about:

COMMUNITY

SPEEDWATCH Will be starting soon if you want to become involved in the scheme contact the team for information to help target speeding in your villages

TaybridgeheadCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk

Website: www.scotland.police.uk

Tel: 101

Twitter: [@NorthFifePol](https://twitter.com/NorthFifePol)

June APPENDIX 2

Grit Bins consultation

Subject: Grit bin consultation – please contact me if you want me to email you the list of grit bins in Wormit and Newport or check my facebook page if you are on social media.

Last winter a plan to reduce the number of grit bins in Fife by half was halted after complaints from councillors and residents on this issue.

The service responsible is now looking at this again and plan to reduce the number of bins before the coming winter.

The argument they make for this saving is that there is an overprovision relative to other local authorities - with their presumption being that this means they are unnecessary.

They also argue that bus routes are regularly gritted and in the main this means that bins are not required on primary routes.

We have been provided with a list of bin locations which I am sharing with community councils. The bins in red, yellow AND green have been earmarked by the service for removal.

Because the gritting service plan to make this saving come what may - and because the budget saving has been agreed by the administration (the majority grouping of councillors) that means that we only have an opportunity to influence where the savings are made - not to prevent them.

The red, yellow and green bins which have been highlighted by the service account for about 50% of all bins - this is on top of the bins that have already been withdrawn on gritting routes in some places (before this removal was paused).

The red bins are on a primary gritting route, the yellow bins are on a secondary route, and the green bins are ones located 'near' another bin.

If you want to write to us with your views on any of the bins highlighted we will note any specific bins that members of the community wish to remain and then take this list to the community councils for their views.

We believe this is all we can do at present. We do not support the removal of these grit bins but that decision and the decision to make savings was not our decision.

Please do email us (and of course any other councillor). Any comments you send to us will be collated and presented to community councils and we will feedback the outcome of this consultation to you.

Please send us your comments as soon as possible so that we can collate them over July!

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