

## CLLR JONNY TEPP'S REPORT

### GUARDBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 30 August 2018

#### 1. Matters arising from last CC minutes of June

#### 2. Guardbridge news

- a. **Cycling** – Transportation are continuing in discussion with Persimmon over the challenges of constructing the **Seggie cycle path**. particularly to the east of their site where there is a considerable level difference to tie into the existing cyclepath. **The cycle path behind Main Street** has some overhanging vegetation interfering with services and although this is the responsibility of the owner it has been reported to transportation for investigation.
- b. **Bridges** – The **Historic Motray Foot Bridge** is growing a lot of vegetation. We reported this to transportation services and were assured that removal of vegetation was included in an upcoming bridge maintenance contract tender.
- c. **Graffiti** – on a walk around Guardbridge we saw a number of areas of graffiti. These have been reported. SGN were very quick to repaint their asset box at the bridge junction but normally the response is much slower and requires monitoring. Anyone can report graffiti via Fife Direct 'graffiti form' or by contacting me.
- d. **Parks** – The broken gate in **Bird-hide park** was reported again and the Parks Area Officer promised to look at this in late July. He asked for it to be removed as it served no obvious purpose. Please let me know if this has caused any problems.
- e. **Planning** – Planning permission was granted on the **Neiview site (the old Community Hall)** by the most recent Planning Committee with 8 conditions. Cllrs raised the issue of access to Innerbridge Street through Main Street through the existing steps but were advised that no right of way existed and it was not possible to impose one. A **PAN for the Area to the West of Motray Park in Guardbridge** indicated that 42 private and 18 affordable 2 storey houses are proposed here. The developer Mr McCafferty hopes to submit a PPP in early September. The proposed layout was indicative only. We want to hear any concerns. (A previous PPP was submitted for this site and a contribution of £77k for Education was agreed and that there would be a contribution towards improving the junction of River Terrace/Inner Bridge Street with Main Street.)
- f. **Recycling point** – a dumped deep-fat fryer was reported and removed.
- g. **University facilities** – we have asked for some greater clarity over the facilities that will be available for community use.
- h. **War Memorials** – we have asked for the Brass plaque to be cleaned and are waiting on costings and finding a budget.

#### 3. Tay Bridgehead matters

- a. **Bridge closures** – Some are concerned that these closures appear to becoming longer and more frequent. The Bridge Management has recently published FAQs about their approach to the problem. These are available on the Bridge website.
- b. **Fly tipping** – fly-tipping should be reported using the online form available on Fife Direct – or please let me know. Dumping on private land will be investigated by the Council but I have been advised that responsibility for removal of rubbish may rest with the landowners. Dumping at **Pickeltillum and Morendy Woods** has been reported.

- c. **Grit bins** – We have asked Community Councils to review and feedback their views on the grit bins that have been listed ‘under threat of removal’. Not surprisingly the view in the majority of cases is that the grit bins are needed. We will feed these views back to the responsible officers and await their response
- d. **Hedges and trees** – occasionally obstruct roads and pavements. Landowners are responsible for ensuring this does not happen. The Council may write to request action if local residents cannot resolve this themselves. If no one takes responsibility the Council Officers have informed me that they may have to remove hedges in extreme cases as they can no longer afford to cut the hedges and pursue recalcitrant owners for recompense.
- e. **Joining up Care consultation** – The Health & Social Care Partnership are wanting to change the way they work in NE Fife. The consultation documents are online. Workshops are being held. We encourage everyone to get involved. Contact us if you need more details. The changes impact ‘Community Health & Wellbeing Teams’, ‘Out of Hours Services’, and ‘Community Hospital & Care Beds’.

#### 4. Fife matters

- a. **Road signs** – A programme of cleaning road signs has commenced across Fife following our work to seek funding and resources for this. This is obviously a big job. Many road signs and street names remain ‘missing in action’ for a period of time I find unacceptable. I have requested, via our Cllrs Ward meeting, a quarterly report providing detail of known issues, when they were reported and their status. When Road signs are being left where they fall for months running into years something is wrong in my view. It would be nice if the ‘Welcome to Fife’ sign on the B946 Bridge Access Road could look a little loved.
- b. **Roadworks** – Council Officers no longer send me local lists with reports on roadworks but have referred me to the Scottish Road Works website instead. This provides a map with roadwork locations that can be clicked for more details. This is not as good as the list in my view but it does free-up officer time for other duties.

#### 5. Other matters / news –

- a. **Council tax exemptions for young people leaving care** – these are intended to help children in care to transition but much of this benefit goes unclaimed.
- b. **Drivewise briefing** – An initiative to encourage safer driving. The Council officers are always interested in hearing about groups that would like to receive the briefing which is working to reduce road traffic casualties.
- c. **Electric blanket testing** – is being carried out in a number of NE Fife locations including St Andrews and Cupar but not in Tay Bridgehead. I have remonstrated about this to no effect as previous sessions were unattended I am told. If you are someone who would value such a check for safety reasons do let me know.
- d. **Free Style Libre – Flash GM devices** - the HSCP Board will consider advice received on this. A formal recommendation will be considered in the last quarter.
- e. **Friends of the Eden Nature Reserve** – I understand that a group exists with a tiny membership. If you might be interested, please contact me.
- f. **Funding portal** – The Funding Portal helps you to find grants on issues that you wish to pursue. If there are particular projects that you care about pursuing let me know and I will ask the team for any help that can offer by way of support using the portal and completing applications.
- g. **Police Fife Divisional Commander retirement** – Colin Gall will be replaced by Derek McEwan currently operations Superintendent

- h. **Recycling charter** – changes are being made to what you should put in what bin. A comprehensive communications campaign is planned

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## **GUARDBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

### **CALLS TO THE POLICE**

Since the last meeting, Police received **14** calls, from Guardbridge which

**0** were emergency 999 calls.

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

About midnight on the 27/08/18 Dans Goods was broken in to.

Any information in relation to this contact the Police on 101.

### **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING**

### **LOCAL INITIATIVES**

#### **Op Paramount**

Police Scotland's Operation Paramount is a campaign designed to target Road safety issues.

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

## **KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE**

**TaybridgeheadCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk**

**Website: www.scotland.police.uk**

**Tel: 101**

**Twitter: @NorthFifePol**

**Determined applications 25/6/2018-30/8/2018**

[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: Decided

[Change of use of former social club \(class 11\) including partial demolition to form 2 dwellinghouses with associated parking and external alterations to existing dwellinghouse](#)

Neiview Innerbridge Street Guardbridge St Andrews Fife KY16 0UZ

Ref. No: 18/00871/FULL | Received: Wed 04 Apr 2018 | Validated: Wed 04 Apr 2018 | Status: Decided

[Approval of matters required by condition 3 \(excluding 3f, 3g and 3p\) of 14/01933/PPP for refurbishment of former paper mill buildings 3, 17 and 26 to form new distillery, brewery and visitor centre and construction of new entrance block and associated parking and landscaping.](#)

Curtis Fine Papers Ltd Main Street Guardbridge St Andrews Fife KY16 0UU

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