

CLLR JONNY TEPP'S REPORT

GUARDBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 27 September 2018

1. Matters arising from last CC minutes of June

- a. **School parking restrictions** – see 2i
- b. **Dilapidated houses** – see 2e
- c. **Flooding** – see 2l

2. Guardbridge news

- a. **Community access** – we have asked the Director of Special Projects at the University to give a more detailed explanation of what facilities might be available for community use. The first internal meeting to discuss the functionality and management of the new staff building and facilities is scheduled towards the end of October. Community use will be on the agenda but it will be some time before the details are available.
- b. **Cupar Road bollards** – I asked whether this bollard fulfilled a purpose and if not could it be removed. I was informed that a works order was now in place although this was not considered to be a high priority. The officer was unable to inform me why the bollard was located here in the first place.
- c. **Cycling** – I have asked the Planners and transportation department to explore any opportunities that the current property for sale at the end of **Inner Bridge Street** might afford for a **route to School**. I have also requested tree work where trees on the cycle path at the back of Main Street are interfering with landlines. There is some confusion over ownership and responsibilities which I continue to pursue.
- d. **Dog poo bins** – Thanks to Nick Bailey for a comprehensive survey of local bins which I forwarded to the responsible officer. The officer assessment was that whilst failed or bins in need of repair could be replaced those in reasonable condition would not be. The officer advised me that there were no resources available at present to add to the stock of existing bins. General bins can be used for dog poo waste.
- e. **Empty properties** - the empty property officer will contact the owners of any suspected empty property to check their status. Where properties have been unoccupied for greater than 12 months, extra rate charges apply.
- f. **Historic Bridges** – A contract for work on the Old Footbridge including the removal of vegetation is being negotiated. The hope is that work will be completed in October/November
- g. **Just bin it** – The Safer Communities team run this campaign in local communities working with Schools to raise awareness and provide an intensive number of patrols over a period of weeks. The campaign moves around Fife and I have asked that Guardbridge be added to the prospective list for this.
- h. **Parks** – The broken wire fencing in the **playpark** in place whilst the hedge grows has been repaired. The gate in **Bird-Hide park** was removed because it was broken and the officers assessed that it had no real purpose. In response to concerns raised at the last meeting I would be happy to pursue a meeting in situ with officers if there is a strong feeling that this is necessary.

- i. **Parking** – following the last meeting I have asked that consideration be given to the designation of the **Main Street layby** opposite the local shop as short-stay parking. I have also requested an update on the **Inner Bridge Street** School No Parking road markings and have been advised that a work instruction has not yet been issued due to a backlog of work.
- j. **Pedestrian crossing** – following the approval of a planning application at **Clayton Caravan Park** for an enhanced leisure facility some concerns have been raised over the perceived impact on traffic to the site and the need for a crossing has been suggested. The planners assessment is that the anticipated slight increase in traffic would **not** be sufficient to justify a crossing
- k. **School playground** – following removal of the Balmullo chip from the playground area I have requested the Estates manager to advise on options for replacing the chip with a more suitable material.
- l. **Water** - the issue of water coming off farm land onto Cupar Road has been reported.

3. **Tay Bridgehead matters**

- a. **Buses** – Stagecoach have recently ‘rezoned’ their tickets in response to their assessment of customer demand. The St Andrews + zone now covers the whole of NE Fife. This appears to have impacted negatively with some residents in the ward reporting significant fare increases. Please let us know if you have been adversely affected.
- b. **Transportation spreadsheets** – We have requested a list of spreadsheets setting out work orders registered in Tay Bridgehead and their current status.

4. **Fife matters**

- a. **Adopt a Street** – This scheme is open to anyone who wants to participate in keeping a place they care about clean and tidy. If this is of interest please let me know.
- b. **Food waste bags** – The allocation of Free bags that are no longer being delivered will be available from community centres and community use schools from 22nd October.
- c. **Freestyle Libre** – The NHS Fife Trust has taken the decision to roll out the new diabetic treatment making managing the condition more straightforward. If you are diabetic, ask your GP about this at your next appointment.
- d. **Roads appointment** – Sara Wilson has been appointed to replace Kevin Smith as Lead Consultant – Network Condition

5. **Other matters / news**

- a. **Eden Estuary Nature Reserve** – 40th Birthday Party 30th September, 1-4pm, in the Main Street, Guardbridge Park. Fun day for all the family!

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CALLS TO THE POLICE

Since the last meeting, Police received 2 calls, from Guardbridge which

0 were emergency 999 calls.

This resulted in 0 crimes being recorded.

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

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Received/Validated applications 30/8/2018-27/9/2018

None

Decided applications

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 WITHDRAWN