

## CLLR JONNY TEPP'S REPORT

### GUARDBRIDGE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 29 November 2018

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

See below for relevant items

#### 2. Gaurdbridge news

- a. **Advertising signage** – enforcement officers were asked to investigate whether there were any issues with advertising signs in the vicinity of the main roundabout
- b. **Cycle path trees** – housing officers agreed to obtain a price for this work and subsequently confirmed that a job for necessary works had been put through, including crowning some trees and cutting back the footpath where necessary.
- c. **Cyclepath** – Persimmon have agreed to make a contribution to a footpath link between their Seggie site and the School. Discussions between the planners and the developers at the Motray Park site to link their development are ongoing.
- d. **Development trust** – I attended a meeting of the trust by invitation and was asked to clarify the existing status of the agreement between the Community Council, the University and Five Voluntary Action and the process that still needed to be completed in order to allow for a new agreement between the Trust and the University to be signed.
- e. **Empty properties** – where properties have been reported as possibly empty for long periods of time these have been reported to the empty homes officer who is tasked to work with owners to bring empty properties back into use.
- f. **Lay-by Parking** – council officers have agreed to arrange a parking survey to assess whether vehicles are using the lay-by all day or short-term and to assess the capacity and demand for parking around the shop.
- g. **Men's shed** – some members of the Trust have expressed an interest in the potential for developing a men's shed in Guardbridge. If you think you might be interested in a men's shed let me know – I am happy to pass on your details to the trust. There needs to be demand for a shed and if you want to find out more check out the Scottish Men's Sheds Association at the link in the footnote. <sup>1</sup>
- h. **Motray park developer** – we have requested sight of the planning application and a discussion with the developer as soon as detailed plans are available
- i. **New Motray Bridge** – Marine Scotland have submitted a consultation to Fife Council on bridge refurbishment on the A91 new Guardbridge. Details are available online at the link in the footnote. <sup>2</sup> Any comments requested within 21 days of 28 Nov. The works are proposed from Mar-Sept 2019 and we have asked how the works might affect traffic.
- j. **Power source** – a request has been made for advice on potential source of power for the proposed defibrillator

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<sup>1</sup> <https://scottishmsa.org.uk/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://marine.gov.scot/ml/06800-bridge-refurbishment-works-a91-new-guardbridge-guardbridge-fife>

- k. **Speed limits and traffic management** - a new resident requested that speeding in the approach to the roundabout was looked up and officers have agreed to arrange a speed survey to gather evidence on the extent of any problem.

### 3. North East Fife news

- a. **Alzheimer's support** – A craft group is now meeting on Monday's lunch time in St Andrews, a Gardening Group in Tayport on Wednesday morning, and a monthly Social group as advertised in Wormit. Contact Anne Haskell Community Activities Organiser | Fife Services | 01592 204 541 | 07979 950887
- b. **Private (unadopted) roads** are not the responsibility of Fife Council but historically a small budget was allocated to help with the worst safety problems. This budget was stopped but has recently been reintroduced. North East Fife Area Committee recently agreed the allocation of money. If you are aware of any private road that should be considered for a share of the very limited budget please let me know.
- c. **Road conditions** – If you can report a road fault (aka potholes) using the online form please do so. I am happy to hear from you if you think a dangerous fault is not being treated seriously.
- d. **Road signs** – There is no council road sign database and I cannot obtain a list of signs that have been reported as requiring attention. Transportation are operating in responsive mode only here. If you see a problem, report it. I am happy to hear from you too.

### 4. Fife news

- a. **Brown bin collections** – moves to once per month over the winter period
- b. **Community resilience – An autumn/winter newsletter** was sent to the Chair and Secretary of all Community Councils in early November. I can provide a copy on request.
- c. **Fife Council budget** – This year the Council must find £9.4 million of savings on top of savings made in previous years. If there are areas where you think the Council could make savings I would be pleased to hear from you.
- d. **Teachers in Fife Classrooms unsafe** – nearly 1000 physical incidents involving School staff were reported last year – a 45% increase. I have requested a briefing on this worrying trend.

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## Appendix 2 Planning Report

18/03302/FULL | Proposed replacement and reinstatement of retaining walls, fencing, barriers and associated works at land to the north of the former Curtis Fine Papers Mill, Main Street, Guardbridge. | This Site Address Is Still To Be Recorded On Our Property Database (Temporary Address Used) Fife

## Appendix 1 Police Report



### GUARDBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

#### CALLS TO THE POLICE

Since the last meeting, Police received **16** calls, from Guardbridge which

**0** were emergency 999 calls.

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

#### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

#### LOCAL INITIATIVES

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** Due to clocks going back on the 28<sup>th</sup> October Community Speedwatch has ceased for the winter months. We are still seeking applicants for next year.

### **KEEPING PEOPLE SAFE**

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