

# Guardbridge Community Council

## MINUTES

**Thursday 25 February 2016 at 7.30pm**  
**Guardbridge Bowling Club**

**Apologies:** O Walker, Cllr M Taylor.

**Sederunt:** E Paterson (Chair), M Duncan, M Paterson, Z Rogers, L Scott, B Wilson, Cllr T Brett, Cllr B Connor

**In Attendance:** Representatives of University of St Andrews and VitalEnergi, PS Pierce from Police Scotland

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be named*

- **Minutes** The minutes were circulated and approved.
- **Matters arising:** EP had taken advice on the Publication of minutes prior to approval. Both interpretations were correct: standing orders do say that they should be approved before public presentation, but Fife Council would have no objection should a CC wish to do so as long as they were identified as subject to approval.
- The decision of the appeal concerning Madras should be known by Easter.
- The names of Speedwatch volunteers had been passed to Inspector Turner. *- Tom*
- **Financial Report** Balance of £1034.73.

### • Standing Items

### • Correspondence

Fife Voluntary Action newsletters (9)

Broxap street furniture (7)

Wickstead (4)

Creative Play

Scotplay (2)

Plantscape (4)

T Brett

re

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Graffiti

Speed sign

Fife Cares newsletter

Scottish Community Alliance

re

Local People Leading (5)

Fife Centre for Equalities eBulletin (3)

Tayplan  
Fifeplan update  
W Welsh

re DigiCC workshop report  
re Climate change fund  
re PKD festival in July

- **Planning**

There had been no new planning developments

- **Transportation** TB reported that there were 6 roads-men working solely on pothole repair in NE Fife. It was pointed out that Toll Road had still not been repaired, but that it might be a good time to tackle the A919 between Leuchars and Guardbridge while the road was so quiet

TB advised that the bollards on the road bridge are scheduled for repair during the 2016/7 financial year.

EP asked why the CC had not been consulted on the addition to the locality signs, particularly when a member of the community has asked the CC to look at possible descriptor additions to these signs.

ZR asked if the maintenance of the lighting to the rear of Innerbridge Street be investigated as bulbs were needing replaced. Questions were raised from the public about the "Leuchars and Guardbridge open" signs. VITALEnergi would look at the positioning of these signs.

TB reported that Fife Council would not be repairing any unadopted roads. He also advised that Community Path grants were available.

TB advised that the Police had investigated the red car but it was not there when they attended.

- **Referred Items**

- **Councillors**

BC advised that the council budget had just been set and there would be cuts, including the need for voluntary redundancies.

BC provided a written report (attached)

TB advised that there had been an increase in dog fouling in the area. The fine for allowing fouling had been doubled to £80. It was pointed out that there had been a severe increase in fouling in all areas of Guardbridge

- **School No report**

- **University of St Andrews** A written report was submitted from the University in response to a question from ZR. (Response attached). It was emphasised that

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- **Leuchars Forum** The meeting had taken place on 10 February 2016, but minutes had not yet been released. EP reported that the about 80% of the personnel had now arrived.
- **Police** PS Pierce reported that the police were actively addressing problems with roads on a daily basis: a car was patrolling and ward officers were operating in the area whenever possible. 110 drivers had been warned for speeding and 47 fixed penalty notices had been issued including 7 for failing to obey the one way system. There followed a discussion on the impact of the road diversions on Balmullo with complaints being raised by Balmullo residents.
- **Pipeline** Nothing not covered elsewhere
- **AOCB**
- **Place-names** A message had been received via the website asking that the CC give consideration to the addition of descriptive information attached to the locality signs. EP pointed out that this was the responsibility of Transportation Services and it was unlikely that this would be viewed favourably given that "David Finlay" signs had recently been erected.
- It was reported that the pedestrian footbridge had bushes growing out of it. There were also gardens with shrubbery overgrowing the footpaths. BC undertook to investigate.
- The location of the proposed noticeboard was raised. It was advised that this was undergoing consultation between the various departments of Fife Council.
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