

**TIM BRETT'S REPORT
GUARDBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 28 JULY 2016**

1. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 30 June 2016

(2.2)

I have spoken to Ross Walker in Transportation about the road surface in Motray Crescent/Miltonbank Crescent. The roads here are of a concrete construction and are unusual in NE Fife, but not in other parts of Fife. Mr. Walker advises that they are structurally sound and have been treated with a thin proprietary surface layer, which is now wearing away. He acknowledges that this gives a poor impression, but he states that this does not affect "the ride quality" and due to the current financial restrictions on the Transportation Service, it will not be repaired at present.

(2.3) Sinking Road.

Kevin Smith from Transportation advised in June that they were pursuing two separate contractors to deal with this. I have asked for an update.

(2.5) Old bridge issues.

These have been reported and Murray Scott from Transportation advises that they are part of a contract which has been let and that the bollards will be removed. This has been issued for work to be done in the next month or so.

(2.7) Issues at the bird hide.

The Chair has spoken to Geoff Morris from St. Andrews University about this.

(4.2) Playpark.

I have spoken to Alan Bissett about this and hope to also speak to Geoff Morris from the University before tonight's meeting.

(5.2) Faded school sign.

This has been reported.

(5.3) Crossing at the bottom of Inner Bridge Street.

There are proposals to carry out a speed survey at this location, to assess the suitability of a pedestrian crossing, but see item below on SID.

(6.1)

New bus timetables will come into effect in the middle of August.

Leuchars station car park – I am awaiting a further update on when work on the expansion of the car park will start. I have asked Kevin Smith in Transportation if the pavement from David Findlay VC Place can be extended towards the station.

(8.2)

I have obtained further information on a possible sign for the bowling club from Transportation and have passed this to Barbara Mitchell.

(9.3) Clayton Caravan Park.

Both the Chair and I have written to Dairsie Community Council, suggesting that there would be merit in the community council boundaries being changed.

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I have asked for the goalposts in the park to be repainted.

Madras

The discussions are continuing about possible alternative sites for the new school.

2. Other items.

(2) A speed indicating display (SID) was requested some time ago, to be located on the A919 near Inner Bridge Street. There have been procurement difficulties with this, but it is still planned to install this. I will keep the community advised.

(3) There is also a proposal for a SID on the A91 Cupar Road for vehicles entering Guardbridge from Cupar. A survey is required before a decision on this is taken.

(4) At a recent NE Fife Area Committee meeting, it was agreed to propose that the speed limit between Guardbridge and St. Andrews be reduced to 50 mph (from 60 mph) and to extend the 40 mph section further east to the Strathkinness Junction.

(5) NHS Fife have turned down the application for a pharmacy at the surgery in Balmullo, saying that there is adequate pharmacy provision in the area. I believe that an appeal has been submitted.

(6) An order for repairs to defects on the cycle path between Guardbridge and St. Andrews has been issued. The work is to be done by the end of September.

(7) Tay Road Bridge 50th Anniversary celebrations – I will attach details of events planned for the 21 August.

(8) I asked for road markings at the junction of Motray Park and River Terrace to be relined (now completed).

(9) Adult protection/community safety – I have received details of three initiatives to increase community safety and awareness.

(a) Reducing and preventing doorstep crime. Police Scotland are co-ordinating a campaign to alert vulnerable groups to doorstep crime, called 'Operation Monarda'. The Police want to make contact with groups to talk about the campaign and raise awareness of how to stay safe. If you would like someone to come and talk to a group about this, contact Sgt. John Graham from Police Scotland on 0131 311 3378 or email john.graham2@scotland.pnn.police.uk

(b) 'Scambassador' campaign – Trading Standards are urging people to report scams and attempted scams to the authorities in response to figures that suggest that 95% of such crimes go unreported. To report a scam, contact ActionFraud on 03001 232 040 or visit actionfraud.police.uk

(c) Adult protection – Fife Adult Support & Protection Team are available to talk to community groups about adult protection, raising awareness of how to report harm

and the easy read resources that are available. For further information, please contact Shona McEwan on 03451 555 555 ext. 442 134.

(10) The new NE Fife Housing Manager is Gavin Smith.

(11) The new acting Director of Education is Shelagh MacLean.

(12) Director of Sustainability Fife. I have become a director of the new ALEO (Arm's Length External Organisation) that provides waste treatment and disposal services to Fife Council.

(13) Sea eagles at Tentsmuir. Guided walks will take place at Tentsmuir National Nature Reserve on Saturday 6 August and Saturday 27 August. To book a place, call 01738 630 783 or email perth.admin@rspb.org.uk

Councillor Tim Brett
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