

CLLR JONNY TEPP'S REPORT

GUARDBRIDGE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 26 April 2018

1. Matters arising from last CC minutes of March – see below

2. Police matters – See Appendix

- a. **Shed-breaking** – a man has been charged with 70 offences following the spate of recent shed-breaking incidents that took place over Christmas and the New Year – see [here](#)

3. Consultations

- a. **Scottish Government consultations** – can be accessed [here](#) . Current consultation with closing dates in the next month include 'Tackling social isolation and loneliness', 'Adults with Incapacity Reform', 'Draft Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2018', 'Fixed penalty notices for road traffic offences'.
- b. **Fife Council consultations** - can be accessed [here](#). Current consultation with closing dates in the next month include, 'Surviving Christmas and the new year evaluation'.

4. Education matters

- a. **Madras College** – The NE Fife Planning Committee has now approved the construction of a new roundabout and linkroad to service the proposed St Andrews SDA to facilitate the new Madras College and housing development
- b. **Achievement and attainment** – Fife Councillors received a report on achievement and attainment in NE Fife primary and secondary Schools on 28 March – see [here](#). The main focus at the meeting was on secondary schools. CLlrs requested a separate meeting to discuss just local primary Schools. This meeting was held last week with 3 Head Teachers, an Education Officer, and 3 Local Councillors in attendance. External reporting on our Schools are positive.

5. Planning matters for Guardbridge Community Council District


- a. **Seggie Field development** - I have written to senior planner to request a fuller and more persuasive explanation as to why a representative from the planning team feels unable, owing to planning protocols, to attend a meeting of the community council whilst this planning application is live.

RECEIVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS

[Proposed single storey extension to rear of property with balcony and internal alterations..](#) 

7 Old St Andrews Road Guardbridge St Andrews Fife KY16 0UD

Ref. No: 18/00938/FULL | Received: Tue 10 Apr 2018 | Validated: Thu 12 Apr 2018 | Status: Registered

[Change of use of former social club \(class 11\) to form 2 dwellinghouses \(Class 9\) with associated parking and external alterations](#) 

Neiview Innerbridge Street Guardbridge St Andrews Fife KY16 0UZ

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6. Roads & Traffic matters

- a. **Road closures** – I publish weekly reports on my Facebook blog highlighting road closures in Tay Bridghead. You can also see where there are road closures more widely on the Transport Scotland site [here](#)
- b. **Road usage** – I requested some information on NE Fife Road usage. There are 15 permanent counters in NE Fife set on strategic routes to monitor traffic flow. The A91 Guardbridge to St Andrews comes top with an average daily traffic flow of 14,000 vehicles see the map [here](#)

- c. **Road signs** – I am developing a record of Fife’s fallen roadsigns [here](#). Feel free to bring to my attention any that I have not yet got! I have also submitted a series of questions to the upcoming meeting of Fife Council around the number of street name signs, and the number of other road signs that require repair or reinstatement across the Kingdom
- d. **Adoption of David Findlay VC Place** – I was advised this was imminent on 31st March but haven’t yet received final confirmation
- e. **Road drainage** – I reported concern over some drainage issues on the A919 opposite the path up to Seggie fields some time ago. The roads team have contacted the local farmer to discuss run-off and have agreed to monitor the location. However, any pictures of heavy flooding would be helpful as whenever it has been checked there has not been a problem.

7. Parks streets and open spaces

- a. **Wildflower meadow in Motray Park** – The Biodiversity coordinator Johanna Willi has confirmed that she will be arranging some weeding sessions in May with Community Paynack and hopefully thereafter undertake some meadow management with the Primary School. The poor weather has pushed this back somewhat.
- b. **Parking on grass** – near Dan’s shop on Main Street. The issue has been reported to the roads team. The land ownership appears to be complex with the University having title but the Council having a lease from GB Papers Ltd that has not been ended. The Council needs to either take a decision to continue or end the lease and if they end it maintenance responsibility would fall to the University. Options could be taken to prevent parking, a fence or bollards. I have reported the situation to the University and Council Officers and pointed out that the parking would be useful to residents.

8. Other matters / news

- a. **Child Car Seat Safety Checks** – It’s important that these seats are safe and properly fitted to do the most good. A free checking service will be available at the Dolphin Centre Tayport on Monday 28th May between 1-3pm. It only takes a few minutes to be safe!
- b. **Tayport Tuesday lunch club** – open to any elderly person in Tay Bridgehead is recruiting. Transport is available contact Margaret Redpath on 01382 552981 or Jeanette on 01382 552287.
- c. **Overnight primary care emergency service contingency measures** – From 9th April there has been no overnight service at St Andrews Community Hospital owing to staff shortages. Patients will now go to Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy and the situation will be reviewed in 3 months – see [here](#)
- d. **Respite care for any carers aged 60 plus** – a new respite service for older carers is now available offering a free 2 hour break – see [here](#)
- e. **Funding Information for Voluntary Groups April 2018** from Karen Scott.
- f. **Eden Estuary** April Report.
- g. **Food with Dignity** – A resource provided by Nourish Scotland and the Poverty Truth Commission for community food providers.
- h. **Native Minority Languages.** A training event on 22nd May.
- i. **Fife Cultural Trust** - I receive weekly updates on activities undertaken by FCT.
- j. **New Carers Act** came into effect this month. I have information on “Making an Emergency Plan” and “Making an Adult Carer Support Plan”.

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Please contact me if you want any more information on issues raised above or any other issues.

Also if you cannot access any of the links in this report – I have tested them on my PC but sometimes these links do not work for all.

POLICE REPORT

