

# Guardbridge Community Council

## MINUTES

THURSDAY

Monday 28 January 2016 at 7.30pm  
Guardbridge Primary School

**Apologies:** Cllr M Taylor.

**Sederunt:** E Paterson (Chair), M Duncan, J Frearson, M Paterson, Z Rogers, Cllr T Brett, Cllr B Connor

**In Attendance:** Representatives of University of St Andrews and VitalEnergy, Ms C Finnie (Chair Leuchars CC), Mr A Stewart of Leuchars

Who?

### 1. Minutes The minutes were circulated and approved.

- 1.1. **Matters arising:** There was a heated discussion over whether or not minutes should be published on the website before they had been approved. EP quoted section 9.4 of the constitution which stated that "Minutes ... shall be signed at the next ordinary meeting of the Community Council... Thereafter minutes shall be available for inspection...". TB said that this was not the case and they could be made available. This would be clarified.

### 2. Financial Report Balance of £1054.73.

### 3. Standing Items

#### 3.1. Correspondence

#### 3.2. Planning

#### 3.3. Transportation TB reported that the proposal for increasing parking at the railway station was at last moving forward.

Ep asked if there had been any response to the request that the bollards on the road bridge be repaired and if there were any plans to paint the railings which were rusting quite badly in places.

TB reported that there were plans to replace around 30 crushed kerbs. Speed was once more identified as an issue. TB advised that Community Speed-watch was still operating in Fife and took the names of those who might like to take part.

### 4. Referred Items

#### 4.1. Councillors

TB advised that the council budget would be set at the meeting on 11 February.

TB reported that the Tentsmuir car park was now open again. The decision regarding Madras College was expected soon.

BC Nothing to add.

**4.2. School** No report

**4.3. University of St Andrews** SB reported that 1400 leaflets had been distributed, and drop in sessions had been held in the Eden Brewery. It was proposed that advertorials would be carried in the local newspapers and local radio stations were going to carry information.

Arrangements had been agreed with Stagecoach over bus times. School buses were leaving about 15 minutes earlier than normal. EP asked if he knew what was happening to the Moffat and Williamson buses.

When asked about parking in Cupar road for other residents SB replied that they had been unsuccessful in identifying suitable areas for alternative car parking other than the public car parks on the mill site. SB explained that a park and cycle scheme had been set up: this was available for anyone who wished to use their own bike. A number of bikes were available for use primarily for University members.

**4.4. Leuchars Forum** The next meeting will be 10 February 2016.

**4.5. Police** TB announced that a new Inspector, Jim Davenport and a new Community PC Ewan McIntosh had been appointed.

The main policing areas were crimes of dishonesty, antisocial behaviour, and poor driver behaviour

**5. Toll Road Development** Nothing new. It was agreed that this item be removed from the agenda

**6. Pipeline** TB asked if the work was weather dependent. VitalEnergi replied that it was up to a point.

CF asked if any arrangements were in place to move vehicles in the event of a breakdown. It was stated that there would be plenty of heavy vehicles capable of moving anything out of the way

**7. AOCB**

**7.1. Make up of Community Council** ZR proposed that Oli Walker be appointed to act as Webmaster. JF pointed out that the CC was already at its maximum number of non-elected members. Neither nominated members or co-opted members should make up more than one fourth of the CC (Paras 7.1.c and 7.1.d). EP explained that there was a way round this. ZR had been co-opted onto the CC since she had not been nominated at the time of the last election: it would be possible to invite her to fill one of the current casual vacancies thereby freeing up a space for co-opting someone else. TB challenged the truth of the limits and stated that we should accept anyone prepared to serve on the CC. ZR then asked who would be interested in serving. 4 members of the public expressed interest. JF then proposed that each of them make a presentation to the next meeting. TB said this was unnecessary and a decision be taken. When the Chair asked for names, one person withdrew. It was then proposed by the Chair that Zoe Rogers, Linda Scott, Oli Walker and Bill Wilson be invited to take up the current vacancies. This was approved by three votes to nil with two abstentions.

**7.2. Graffiti** This had become a problem again. EP reported a case at the new houses in David Finlay VC Place. It was suggested that this might be a case of a temporary sigh on which the ink had run.

**7.3. Homeshare Scheme** TB advised that this scheme, whereby spare rooms were provided in exchange for help about the property, was up and running in Fife.

**7.4. Community Event** An event, hosted by Fife Council and involving the University and the Community Council, was planned for the morning of Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. More details later.

**8. Date of next meeting** 25 February 2016