

CLLR JONNY TEPP'S REPORT

GUARDBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 22 February 2018

1. **Matters arising from last CC minutes of January – reported on below**
2. **Police matters** – Since the last meeting, Police received 7 calls, from Guardbridge which 0 were emergency 999 calls. This resulted in 1 crime being recorded. Of these calls 1 Traffic related, 2 Concern for person, 3 miscellaneous calls, 1 Theft by House Breaking. Between 06/02/2018 & 09/02/2018 a lockup was broken into in Riverside Road, Guardbridge where a hot tub and pumps for same were stolen. If you have any information please contact the Police on 101
 - a. **Performance** – some useful infographics were posted on Fife Police Division facebook page. I think this is a good way of providing information – see [here](#) but needs to be more localized to be meaningful for North East Fife.
 - b. **Drink driving** – During the 2017 Festive campaign 1228 people were breathalyzed in Fife. 30 have been reported to the procurator fiscal – 1 in 41, As a comparison the national average in 2016 was 1 in 35. Only 2 of the 30 were in NE Fife – for a fuller report see [here](#)
 - c. **Coffee with Cops** –
3. **Consultations**
 - a. **Carers** In April 2018 the Scottish Government will implement the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and in Fife is developing a carers' strategy to align with this. Please have your say by 5th March [here](#)
 - b. **Fife Forum** are looking for volunteers– over 70s- in our area. User Panels are small groups of older people who have an opportunity to influence the way services are planned and provided at local level. Read all about it [here](#) and contact Wilma if you're interested Tel: 01592 643743 E: Wilma@fifeforum.org.uk
4. **Education matters**
 - a. **Bikeability training** – Neither Guardbridge nor Leuchars PS have been able to offer courses to our young people as these programmes rely on trained volunteers. There is a FREE course to train volunteers on 31 March at St Andrews. Sign-up [here](#)
 - b. **New head Teacher** - I hope to meet with the new Head Teacher in the next few weeks
5. **Planning matters** – No new applications have been received or validated since the last meeting
 - a. **Cycle Path access to Guardbridge PS from Seggie Field** – we have raised this issue with the planners and asked them to explore this with Persimmon. This is ongoing
6. **Roads & Traffic matters**
 - a. **A91 FROM GUARDBRIDGE ROUNDABOUT TO C4 JUNCTION** - Dismembered street signs - reported using online tool and received the following on 15/2/2018 which suggested that an order had been issued for a 5 day repair. However, nothing seems to have been one yet.
 - b. **A919 FROM GUARDBRIDGE ROUNDABOUT TO C3 JUNCTION** - Dismembered 30/40 speed signs -again reported using online tool with a similar response
 - c. **A919 drainage issue** – reported and I was advised it would be kept under observation although any problems were likely to require action from local landowners
 - d. **Cupar to Guardbridge Cycle Path** – The desire is for a 3m shared path along the frontage of the development on the A91. The developers are aware and a feasibility study has been in prep for some time now following the receipt of some funding £5k for this from Sustrans. Regular requests for updates have been met with the response that land ownership is being determined. As soon as a final feasibility report is available we will seek a meeting

with Jane Findlay, the Lead Professional on Climate Change/Carbon Reduction within the Roads dept.

- e. **Grit bins** – Grit bins have been removed across the ward where they were located on a primary gritting route – a saving in last year's budget of £125k. We have been working hard to get them returned where we receive messages of concern from residents
- f. **Street Nameplates** – 17 Street Nameplates are being replaced within the Ward before the end of the financial year. These include 2 Cupar Road signs in Guardbridge. Where signs do need replacing there is likely to be a long wait. Each sign costs between £2-400 to produce and fit. A new list is now beginning to build up.
- g. **Street signs – Requests were made regarding signage for 27-41 Toll Road and David Findlay Place and Main Street (some hard to find numbers)** The Lead Officer responsible indicated that in his view the roads were adequately signed, and the Council had fulfilled its responsibility. He declined a meeting but suggested that if the residents had an acceptable proposal and were willing to meet the cost this could be progressed
- h. **Questions to the Lead Traffic Management Professional** – "A crossing can be installed within a 40mph speed limit and there are a few examples throughout Fife. The 20mph limit in Strathkinness was installed through the same rationale as every other 20mph speed limit in fife. Over 10 years ago we began rolling out 20mph speed limits to cover all residential streets in Fife."

7. Fife Resource solutions – Waste management

- a. **Visit to recycling centre near Dunfermline** – I recently made a visit to one of our two main Waste Resource Centres to try and understand the challenges we face – I blogged about it [here](#)

8. Other matters / news

- a. **Autism Academy UK** - are offering in partnership with British Science Week the parents of autistic children the chance to engage in a mindfulness workshop – see [here](#)
- b. **Budget** – the Fife Council budget meeting is set to take place on 22nd Feb. The Council have to make £20 Million of savings in 2018/9. The max permissible Council Tax increase of 3% would raise just over £4 million. Services have drawn up proposals.
- c. **Community group grants** - Karen Scott, Community Education Officer, sent me a useful Bulleting summarizing grants that might be of interest to local groups. Ask me if you would like to receive a copy.
- d. **Conduit Scotland** - This is an initiative which Fife Council along with two other Local Authorities have recently established to provide affordable loans to individuals who otherwise might be attracted to loan sharks or other pay day loan companies. They are on Fb [here](#) can also be contacted on direct dial 07490 098441
- e. **Fife Coastal walk in ITV Top 100 walks** – good to see our costal walk [here](#)
- f. **Fife Council Annual Performance Report** is now available on Fife Direct [here](#)
- g. **Fire and Rescue Service Report** a report on April-September 17 was received at the most recent NEF Area Committee [here](#) (page 11). Anyone who would like a **Fire Safety Visit** can request one and in particular have a smoke alarm installed see [here](#) or call **0800 0731 999**
- h. **Fossil fuel investments** – Fife Council has millions invested in fossil fuel companies. Many pension funds are now divesting and I have asked Fife Council to plan to do so [here](#)
- i. **NHS Fife** –the Director of Public Health's Annual report is now available [here](#)
- j. **Tay Bridgehead Forum of Community Councils** - A networking development event is to be held on 24 March, venue TBC, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. All Community Council members are invited to attend. Further information will be provided via our Facebook page
- k. **War memorial** - Met with Chair and other local Cllrs on 5th Feb to discuss options for locating the War Memorial and related matters

Items for information

1. Meetings and events highlights since last meeting
2. Briefings highlights since last meeting
3. Newsletters from organisations

I publish matters of interest on my Facebook blog and have linked to some of these above.

If you want any more information on any topic that you think I might be able to help with please contact me – I will respond as quickly as I can.

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