

TIM BRETT'S REPORT
GUARDBRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2017

1. **Madras College** - The Council's Executive agreed to recommend that a site at Langlands next to the University's sports facilities should be the preferred site for the new school. An educational consultation is now about to commence regarding this and there will be public meetings on 28th March at Kilrymont from 6.00-7.30 pm and on 26th April in Tayport Primary School from 6.00–7.30 pm.
2. **Leuchars Station Open Day** – 3rd June, 11.00 am–4.00 pm - There will be a reduced admission charge for Guardbridge residents. Discussions are still taking place about where Guardbridge residents can obtain tickets.
3. **Additional Funding for Leisure and Sports Facilities** - At the budget meeting on 16th February a sum of £10m over the next 5 years was approved for renewing and improving leisure and sports facilities in local communities. At this week's Executive Committee meeting, it was agreed that £0.5M would be allocated to each of the seven areas for them to decide on local priorities. Much of the remaining funding has already been allocated to other specific projects in Fife but there is a balance of just over £1.5M still available.
4. **Leuchars Station Car Park** – The contract for the expansion of the station car park will start on 10 April for eight weeks. The successful contractor was Newlay Civil Engineering Ltd. A Transport Regulation Order (TRO) will be published, affecting no parking on Station Road.
5. **New Police Officers** – The new Chief Inspector for North East Fife is Stevie Hamilton and the new Inspector is John Docherty.
6. **Pupil Equity Fund** – I attended a briefing session on the above Fund. Guardbridge Primary School will receive an additional £8,400.
7. **Fife Educational Trust** – At a meeting on 17th March it was agreed that the primary school would receive £420 for educational excursions.
8. **Tay Cities Deal** – Councillors received a briefing on this after yesterday's North East Fife Area Committee. The deal covers North East Fife and Dundee, Angus and Perth and Kinross. The deal proposes investment of £1.84b of which £826m or 45% would come from the Scottish and UK Government. Projects of particular interest in Guardbridge are funding to develop the Eden Mill site and a feasibility on the Leuchars to St Andrews railway.
9. **Leuchars Station Community Forum** met on the 10th February. Discussions included the possibility of pipe band instruction, the carol concert on the 13th December in Holy Trinity Church, St Andrews, a community Easter egg hunt on 16th April from 12.00 – 2.00 pm, the Open Day, the MOD basing review and the release of 100 MOD properties in Leuchars on short-term leasing.
10. **Proposal of Application Notice, Seggie Farm** - There will be a public consultation on 24th May from 4.00 – 8.00 pm in Guardbridge Primary School. I have written to

Persimmon Homes, the developer and suggested that they might like to come to a future Community Council meeting.

11. **Toll Road Speed Limits** - Colin Stirling has provided me with an update. He expects the report to go to the new North East Fife Area Committee in June. It is likely that the speed limit on Pusk Road will remain at 40 mph to the existing 30 mph limit and on Station Road to its junction with the 50 mph limit on the A919. Transportation Service believe this will provide a more rational arrangement in the area. When I have received further information I will share it with the Community Council.
12. The sign at Eden Mansion overhanging the pavement has now been removed.
13. **Accident on Cupar Road** – I had a meeting with Fife Council staff who are dealing with the above accident which occurred on 14th January. I would be happy to assist any residents who have been affected by this.
14. **War Memorial** - I have had correspondence with the Chair about this and would welcome the Community Council's views.
15. **Cupar Road Traffic Speed** - Transportation have advised me that they are proposing to erect a VSS speed sign on the downhill section of the main road after the speed limit has been entered. They also advised that additional measures are being considered and I will share these with the Community Council when I receive them.
16. **Guardbridge Park** - Alan Bissett has confirmed that the goalposts will be moved as part of the construction of the new play area.
17. **Local Paths in Guardbridge** - I understand a meeting on site was held involving the Chair and Ranald Strachan, the Ranger.
18. **School Garden** - Are the Community Council considering doing any work on the above?
19. **The Council** are introducing a new pay by phone cashless parking arrangement offering a more flexible method of paying for parking within town centres. I assume that this will also be available for the new parking charges at the railway station car park.
20. **Director of Public Health Annual Report** - Dr Margaret Hannah presented her Annual Report at the February meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee.
21. **Fife Cultural Trust** who are responsible for libraries and theatres in Fife also presented their Report to the February meeting of the Area Committee.
22. **Social Security Experience Panels** - I have received information on work being undertaken by the Scottish Government around setting up experience panels to give those who have lived experience of the current social security system the opportunity to be involved in shaping the new Scottish arrangements. If anyone would like further information on this I would be happy to provide it.
23. **Rotary Cyclo Fun** - The above event will be taking place in Tentsmuir Forest starting at Tayport Football Club on Sunday 28th May from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm.

24. **Fife Plan Supplementary Guidance** - The Council are consulting on four statutory supplementary guidance planning documents. These cover planning obligations, making Fife's places, affordable housing and minerals.
25. I have received a copy of the Eden Estuary March Report.
26. **Nuisance Telephone Calls** - BT are promoting a new service to protect people from annoying nuisance calls. Anyone who would like to sign up for this and who is a BT customer can call 1572.
27. **Action on Elder Abuse in Scotland** have set up a new helpline 08088088141. The free helpline is available from Monday – Friday from 9.00 am – 5.00 pm and supplements a Fife dedicated adult protection line, the number is 01383 602200. Adult protection includes harm that may be financial, physical, emotional neglect or sexual harm.
28. **Kingdom Housing Small Repairs Service** - Homeowners over the age of 60 and any homeowner over the age of 50 who is registered disabled and in receipt of certain benefits can apply to use the Fife Care and Repair Service. Contact Kingdom Housing on 01592 632592.
29. **Planning Application from Tayside Property Developments Ltd** – I noticed in the press that a planning application will be lodged for six new homes in Innerbridge Street, Guardbridge. I do not have any further details of this but the statement says “The proposed town houses have been designed and orientated to make full use of the sites attributes, to protect the privacy and amenity of occupiers and neighbouring householders and the adjacent primary school”.
30. **Leuchars Train Station Car Park Contractors Compound** – I have been advised that, as part of Network Rail's IEP Gauging Project, Network Rail propose the re-decking of the overbridge at Clayton Road, Dairsie. The Intercity Electrification Programme is needed for the impending roll out of new trains across Scotland's railways. The trains are larger in length and height than the existing ones so gauging work is required on platforms and some overbridges. As a result Network Rail have requested the use of 10 car parking spaces within Leuchars train station car park from Wednesday 22 to Sunday 26 March.

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