

TIM BRETT'S REPORT
TAYPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 15 May 2017

I. Matters Arising

- a. **Foodbank Report** – I attended a meeting of the Taybridgehead Foodbank Management Committee on 30 April. Following the resignation of Rhona Anderson, the Foodbank Manager who is moving to Dundee. The new Foodbank Manager is Mrs Gina Angus.
- b. **New Madras College** – I attended the public meeting on Wednesday 26 April at Tayport Primary School when a presentation was given on the proposed move of the school to a site at Langlands. The meeting was not particularly well attended but a number of important issues were raised.

A second planning consultation has also now been announced. A Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) has been issued regarding the planning of the new school. There will be an event on Thursday 1 June at Kilrymount Road Campus, St Andrews from 2pm – 8pm and a second event will take place the following day, 2 June, at Tayport Primary School, also from 2pm to 8pm. This will deal with planning issues and I hope that members will drop in to see this.

2. **Traffic Issues in William Street** – I have been approached by two residents regarding parking issues and traffic flow on William Street. One resident has highlighted the difficulty he has of getting out of his drive safely and others have commented on problems that buses and other large vehicles have on getting through William Street. There are particular issues when there is a car boot sale taking place on a Sunday. I would like to ask Colin Stirling from Transportation if he will undertake a review of the issues and provide a report back to the Community Council given that this is the main thoroughfare through the town.
3. **Rotary Clean Up** – I understand that the event on 29 April was well supported and that Dr Clare Maynard was very grateful for the help that was provided.
4. The first meeting of the new Fife Council is this Thursday 18 May. Composition of the Council by Political Grouping is SNP 29, Labour 24, Conservative 15, and Liberal Democrats 7. In North East Fife the split is as follows – Liberal Democrat 6, SNP, 5 Conservative 4, Labour 1. There will be a further meeting of the Council on 25 May when decisions on the Committee Structure and senior Councillor positions should be made.
5. **Castle Terrace** – The wall on the right hand side of Castle Terrace at its junction with Victoria Road needs attention as some stones have come out of the wall. I have reported this to the Transportation Service.

6. **Tayport Community Trust** – held a successful thank you event on Saturday 14 May to update members of the community of the successful achievement of £1.2M from the big lottery. There is a lot of additional work that now needs to be done to secure the balance of £1M funding by April 2018. The Trust are interested to hear from anyone who may be able to assist with a wide range of different activities.
7. **North East Fife Bus Service Review** – Fife Council spend over £2.1M on supported bus services for North East Fife. The Council are consulting from Monday 8 May until Friday 30 June on the services. The Council are looking for feedback on which subsidised bus services operating in North East Fife are most important to local residents. I hope that everyone will take the time to look at this and to respond.
8. I have been contacted by a resident of Castle Street who is concerned that access to dropped kerbs for wheelchair users is being blocked by parked cars. I have spoken to Transportation about this and it would be possible to paint white courtesy lines at the dropped kerbs but I wanted to highlight this to the Community Council.
9. **Fire in Banknowe Drive** – Members will be aware of the recent death of a lady in Banknowe Drive following a fire in her property. I have asked the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service if they can let me have information on the cause of the fire and have been advised at the present time that the specialist fire investigation team are continuing to look into this. I can however confirm that local fire crews supported by prevention and protection personnel are offering reassurance and advice to local residents. A number of neighbours did not have any form of smoke detection and this was quickly rectified by the crews. Over the coming weeks, local crews will be targeting all properties in the vicinity to offer home safety advice.
10. **Speeding on the Newport Road, the B946** – I have received a report from Colin Stirling, Traffic Management Lead Profession for North Fife that he has received the speed survey results on the above road. This did not flag up any significant concerns from a road safety perspective. The results are “encouraging for 40pmh and 30mph speed limits in a rural area with no built up development. The average speeds in a 40mph limit were 39mph eastbound and 38mph westbound.”

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11. I have requested that the pedestrian crossing outside Tayport Primary school should be re-painted along with associated white lines as they are getting very faded.
12. I have asked the Housing Service if they will inspect the railings outside properties in Glebe Place and Glebe Gardens as the paint is peeling off and this could be potentially dangerous
13. Tayview Medical Practice Cyber attack . I am pleased to say that the practice were not affected by last Friday’s international cyber attack that affected other NHS organisations in the UK .The practice has asked people to be patient as the computer systems may be running slow over the next few days

Items for Information

- a. **Fife Coast and Countryside Spring 2017 Newsletter** – has been received.
- b. **Leuchars Railway Station Car Park** – Work has now commenced on creating an additional 150 spaces at the car park and this should be ready by early June when £1 per day charge will be introduced.
- c. **New Police Divisional Commander for Fife** – is Chief Superintendent Colin Gall.
- d. **Forgan Arts Centre** – I attended the AGM on 18 April and committee members advised that the centre is flourishing with increased opening periods, more activity, attendances and income being generated.
- e. **Changes to the Benefit Cap/Welfare Reform** – I have received a briefing on the above changes which I would be happy to forward to anyone who is interested.
- f. **Creating Healthy Communities** – The Fife Health and Social Care Partnership held a Locality and Cluster Planning event in Cupar on Monday 8 May which I attended. This was to begin the process of developing a Health and Social Care Locality Plan for North East Fife.
- g. **Young Carers Newsletter** – I have received a copy of the Spring Newsletter.

Councillor Tim Brett
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