

**TIM BRETT'S REPORT**  
**LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday 7 November 2017**

**I. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 3 October**

- a. Aircraft Noise – Following receipt of information from the Station Staff Officer, I have distributed a leaflet – Military Low Flying in the United Kingdom to Local Community Councils. Members of the public can make complaints to the Low Flying Complaints and Enquiries Unit, RAF Wittering, Peterborough, PA8 6HB. Tel: 01780 417558. E-mail: [swk-lowflying@mod.uk](mailto:swk-lowflying@mod.uk). I can provide copies of the leaflet for anyone who would like to see it.
- b. Nature Trail –Ranald Strachan informs me that the Tutor Wood path is not part of the Coastal path but he is waiting to hear from the base if it should be part of the Coastal path. It was cleared earlier this year to enable public access but the status of the path needs to be agreed.
- c. St Michaels Issues – I am continuing to follow up a number of outstanding issues in relation to concerns regarding speeding at St Michaels raised by local residents. There was a further meeting with a resident on the Balmullo side of the crossroads on 4 October on the A914. This was attended by the Police Camera Safety Partnership and Transportation officials. I have asked Sgt. Neil Johnston if the speed of traffic can be monitored by our Community Police Officers, residents were interested in resurrecting the local community speed watch and Transportation would look to install countdown signs and road markings in the next financial year. Colin Stirling also agreed to make contact with street lighting to progress plans to install lighting on the footpath in this area.
- d. Earlshall Road – Kevin Smith has advised me that there were 50 defects picked up on Earshall Road when this was inspected in August. An engineer's report was requested and Earlshall Road will be considered as part of next year's Area Transportation Works Programme.
- e. Commemorative Benches – Alan White will link with Marianne Donaldson re the installation of the benches once they have been constructed.
- f. Drainage Issues, Main Street, Leuchars – I have written to a number of residents with an update on drainage issues in this area.
- g. Pharmacy Update – A reminder that Dr Frances Elliot, Medical Director of NHS Fife will be attending the meeting of Balmullo Community Council on 13 November in the Burnside Hall and members of the public can attend.
- h. Parking in Aitken Place and St Bunyan's Place – Gordon Hughes from Traffic Management replied on 5 October to say that there are 26 on street parking places in St Bunyan's Place as well as 3 off street and 19 lock-ups. During a survey that was undertaken the maximum number of vehicles parked on the street were 17 and the average number over the survey period was 13. These numbers indicate that there are no issues identified in relation to available parking or inappropriate parking being observed.  
In Aitken Place there are 8 on street parking spaces available and, in addition, there are 16 off street spaces. During the survey the maximum number of vehicles recorded was 6. These numbers indicate that there are no issues identified in relation to available parking or inappropriate parking being observed.

## New Issues

1. St Michaels Speed Survey – Colin Stirling has advised of the results of the speed survey that was undertaken in September 2017. The mean average speed for northbound traffic is 36mph (40mph in 2013) and the mean average speed for southbound traffic is 34 mph (37mph in 2013). The average traffic volume is 1,927 vehicles per day. Mr Stirling advised that “these speeds at a speed limit entrance are not uncommon and fairly typical of what we find at most towns/village entrances. It is encouraging that the average speeds have dropped by 4mph northbound and 3mph southbound.” A new vehicle actuated speed sign is to be provided at St Michaels and this should help to further lower the speeds for vehicles entering the more built up part of St Michaels on the Tayport leg.
  2. Just Bin It Campaign – A new campaign to tackle littering and dog poo has begun in Tayport and Newport. Would Leuchars be interested in this coming to your area?
  3. Bus Services – In North East Fife bus services will be re-tendered in the New Year and there could be further changes after that.
  4. Police Items – Since the last meeting the police have received 27 calls from the Leuchars area, 3 of which were emergency 999 calls and this resulted in 8 crimes being recorded. Of these calls 4 were traffic related, 3 thefts, 2 assaults, 2 damage and 4 nuisance calls. The rest were miscellaneous.  
The Local Police Plan 2017 – 2020 has now been published.
  5. Madras College – A planning application has been submitted by the St Andrews West LLP for a roundabout and new road from the A91 that will provide access to the Langlands site.
- would like it to come to Leuchars*

## Items for Information

- A. Fife Council's Down Your Street Tenant's Newsletter has been received.
- B. Tayplan – Scottish Ministers have approved second Tayplan Strategic Development Plan on the 11 October. It can be viewed at <http://www.tayplan-sdpa.gov.uk/publications>.
- C. Fife Health and Well Being Alliance October Report.
- D. What's New in Adult Support and Protection October 2017?
- E. Invasive Non Native Species – I have received a copy of a briefing from Richard Smith covering giant hogweed; Japanese knotweed; Himalayan Balsam and American Minx.
- F. The Monthly Equalities Bulletin for October.
- G. Grants of up to £500 are available from the Ross and Liddle Community Bursary.
- H. Eden Estuary October and November News Letters.
- I. I attended a Police Briefing on 3 October with Detective Superintendent Gary Ogilvie who set out arrangements in Fife for Crime Management (Crime and Public Protection).
- J. Zero Waste Scotland – A new initiative to encourage organisations to take action to reduce litter.
- K. A Consultation on Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones – The consultation sets out the proposed arrangements and options to deliver a consistent approach to designing, building and managing low emission zones (LEZ's) in Scotland.
- L. IT Provision in Schools – Councillor Jonny Tepp has drawn attention to safety concerns over smart boards in schools which he has drawn to the attention of the Council's Head of IT.

- M. Electoral Register Canvas 2017 – 180,000 household enquiry forms were issued on 7 August. Across Fife, the return rate has reached 68% as of 20 October. In the Taybridgehead Ward, only Leuchars is in the bottom ten for return rates. The ERO must send two reminders and carry out a door knock for each household that does not respond. The Canvassers are now working on this.
- N. Financial Capability Week Participation Pack – Elected Members have been asked to promote the above week which is set for 13 – 19 November. This is to promote ways that organisations can help people to develop financial skills and change their money mind-set. Ideas might be sharing money saving tips, celebrating and promoting good money management to review how local schools are helping pupils to learn about money.
- O. Community Payback Scheme – are continuing to look for community work projects.
- P. Allotment Sites - The Council now has a team who maintain the allotment sites and also assist in creating new sites. The Council has revised the terms and conditions of let, the allotment sites have all been graded as per facilities and all allotment plots have been measured in square metres.
- Q. Generations Working Together – The next meeting will be in the Burgh Chambers, Tayport on 29 January 9.30am – 11.30am.
- R. Taybridgehead Council Meeting – A meeting of the group was held on 2 November in the Burgh Chambers in Tayport. Representatives from all six Community Councils in the Ward attended and the next meeting has been arranged for Balmullo in the New Year.
- S. 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Safe Drive Stay Alive – VIP Day, Wednesday 8 November at 1200 hours. I would be pleased to provide information to anyone who would like to attend tomorrow's presentation in the Rothes Halls, Glenrothes.

**Councillor Tim Brett**  
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