

**TIM BRETT'S REPORT**  
**LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 5 December 2017**

**I. Matters Arising from the Meeting on 7 November 2017**

- a. Pharmacy Update – Andrew Peel attended the meeting of Balmullo Community Council on 13 November when Dr Francis Elliot, Medical Director of NHS Fife was in attendance. There were over 50 members of the public at the meeting and Dr Elliot gave an update on discussions she had had with the two pharmacies and also with the Medical Practice. Everyone had agreed to review the present situation and Dr Elliot was hopeful that it might be possible to find a way of opening a Pharmacy in the Surgery at Balmullo. She would include both Community Councils when proposals had been developed and it was hoped that there would be more information on this early in the New Year.
- b. Youth Activities – I have asked Karen Scott from Fife Council if she can provide an update on any activities that the detached youth work team have undertaken in the last month following the concerns that were raised at the last meeting.
- c. Polling Station – The Council's Policy and Coordinating Committee on the 23 November agreed to a change in Polling Station arrangements in Leuchars. This will no longer be the primary school but will be the Community Hall, Keith Crescent, part of the MOD estate.
- d. Participatory Budgeting in Fife – Paper on this went to the last Policy and Coordinating Committee on ways in which this would be taken forward. It was acknowledged that further work needed to be done on this and I will update the Community Council when further information is available. See below item on the locality budget.
- e. Christmas Lights – Congratulations to all those involved in fund raising for the Christmas lights and for the organisation of a very successful switch on event on Friday 1 December.
- f. I have again asked the Council's housing Service if No Parking signs can be erected at the back on Henderson Crescent. Lucy Jess has also included this in a notice from the school to parents.
- g. Earlshall Road – Resurfacing of all of Earlshall Road is likely to be included in the Area Transportation Works Programme in 2019/20.
- h. Junction Gardens – I have written to the Director of Madras College to enquire as to whether there are any pupils doing the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme who would be able to assist with this.

**New Items**

2. A replacement street name sign for Main Street should be erected by the end of January.
3. Four Drop Off/Pick Up Spaces are being created at the railway station car park – waiting limited to 20 mins and an additional two disabled parking places in the new car park will be created.
4. Renovation of St Athernase Church as members will have seen. Work on the renovation is going well and the Rev. John Duncan has indicated that they hope to

have a special songs of Praise evening at the new revamped Church in the Sprint to which the community and stake holders will be invited.

5. Vehicle Activated Speed Signs at St Michaels – It is likely that this will be installed in the next financial year 2018/19.
6. Tay Cities Deal – I was elected by the North East Fife Area Committee to be one of the Elected Members on the Overseeing Committee for the Tay City Deal. The first meeting is this Friday, 8 December.
7. Fife Health and Social Care Partnership Carers Representative Morna Fleming, who is the Carers representative on the H&SCP would be interested to hear from anyone who is a carer.
8. Food Waste Bags – Following a suggestion from Tayport Community Council, Simon James from Fife Resource Solutions has said that arrangements are being made for additional food waste bags to be sold from libraries starting in early February.
9. Unsafe Memorials and Headstones in Cemeteries – Liz Murphy has provided an update on the concerns that were raised about the above issue. It is estimated that it will cost in the region of £6M to tackle the issue. It is hoped that the headstone inspection work can be completed over the next five years and this will then become a five year rolling inspection programme.
10. North East Fife Local Area Policing Plan was issued for consultation at the end of November. There are five divisional policing priorities – the five p's are:-
  - Acquisitive Crime – Operation Principle
  - Anti-Social Behaviour – Operation Prevail
  - Violent Crime – Operation Path
  - Substance Misuse – Operation Prospect
  - Road Safety – Operation Paramount
11. Area Transportation Works Programme – As well as Earls Hall Road, it is likely that Toll Road to Leuchars will be included as a Category 2 Scheme in the Area Transportation Works Programme. In addition, Warwick Close is included for footway replacement, again as a Category 2 Scheme.
12. North East Fife Housing Component Replacement Programme – 321 Council properties in the Taybridge Ward are scheduled for planned improvements (heating replacement, doors, windows, bathrooms etc in the period 2018-2020). I have a list of all the properties and the work that will be undertaken.
13. Support for Community Organisations and Initiatives in the Taybridgehead Ward area – Some funding is still available in the Locality Plan Budget. The priorities are supporting older people, connectivity, business and tourism. If anyone has any proposals for use of this funding I would be grateful if they could contact myself or one of the other Councillors as soon as possible.

## Items for Information

- A. Universal Credit Information Sessions are taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> December at the Cosmos Centre in St Andrews from 1.00 – 2.00, on the 8<sup>th</sup> December in Cupar, County Buildings from 10.00 – 12.00 and 2.00 – 4.00 and 12<sup>th</sup> December in Cupar, County Buildings from 4.00 – 6.00. I have also received an additional briefing on the roll-out of Universal Credit from Fife Council.
- B. A number of constituents have contacted me regarding not being able to access the bin calendar programme. On checking with the Council I discovered that over 1250 complaints had been made to the Council Contact Centre about this.
- C. Eden Estuary December Newsletter.
- D. Fife Council Transport Connectivity Action Plan is available at [www.travelfife.com](http://www.travelfife.com)  
The website is designed to assist customers using public transport and act as a one-stop shop for travel information.
- E. North Fife Transport Staff – I have sent an updated contact list to the Secretary.
- F. Freedom Programme starting in January – A new two hour a week programme for 12 weeks will commence in Cupar on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January from 10.00 – 12.00 for women who have suffered abuse at home. For further information contact SAJE Scotland on 01592 786701.
- G. Fife Health and Wellbeing Alliance November Update.
- H. Fife's Third Sector – I attended a workshop on the Sector's strategic approach to tackling inequality and promoting fairness in Fife.
- I. Kinship Care Newsletter.
- J. Free Workshop for People Caring for a Family Member or Friend Living with Dementia – Contact Fife Carers Centre 01592 205472.
- K. Surviving Christmas and New Year – Booklet from Fife Adult Protection Service.
- L. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust Autumn Newsletter.
- M. Changes to the Deployment of Specially Trained Police Officers (STOs and Armed Response Vehicle Officers) (ARVs) in Scotland.
- N. North East Fife Health and Social Care Locality Planning Cupar, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1.00 pm - A workshop opened to community groups interested in Health and Social Care to discuss emerging North East Fife Locality Planning. Contact by email [heather.gibson-nhs@fife.gov.uk](mailto:heather.gibson-nhs@fife.gov.uk)
- O. Bringing Parental Involvement Alive in Fife, Rothes Halls, Glenrothes, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 10.00 am – This event will share information relating to parental engagement and provide opportunities to discuss recent developments in education nationally; the parental involvement strategy for Fife; and the ways that parents can be more involved – email [donna.cessford@fife.gov.uk](mailto:donna.cessford@fife.gov.uk).

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