

TIM BRETT'S REPORT
TAYPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 05 June 2017

I. Matters Arising

- a. **New Madras College** – I attended the drop-in event for the new school at Kilrymont Road in St Andrews on 1st June and which was also held at Tayport Primary School on 2nd June. There will be further drop-in events at the end of August on Wednesday 23rd August at Kilrymont Road between 2pm and 8pm and Thursday 24th August at Tayport Primary School also from 2pm to 8pm.

There was also discussion about the planning of the new school at the Madras Parent Council Meeting when the Rector raised concerns that the school should have sufficient capacity to offer the same range of curriculum as it does at present .

b.

A number of **issues were raised at the last meeting** and Kevin Smith has responded as follows in relation to roads issues :

- i. "There is a large surface erosion area on Castle Street but this is not at an intervention level at this time. Castle Street is on a monthly inspection."
- ii. "Grey Street has a poor surface for the majority of its length. No safety defects observed at this time. Last programmed inspection carried out on 28th April and an ad hoc inspection on 31st May."
- iii. Concerns about a wall on the right hand side of Castle Terrace – "photographs have been taken and passed to the Structures team who are going to carry out a site visit and repairs as necessary."
- iv. The blocked drain in Golf Road at the corner of Scotsraig Golf Club – the gulley outside the Clubhouse is blocked. A report has been passed to the Drainage Technician. There are normally cars parked at this location that would hinder cleaning. I have suggested that the Club could put out bollards so that access is maintained for the Council vehicle to clean out the drain.
- v. Weeds on roads and footpaths in Tayport – Iain Barbour has advised that his Service carry out weed spraying as part of their Service Level Agreement for Transportation Services. He commented that there is more weed growth this year due to the mild winter and he has asked if a locally based squad will look at the Tayport streets and see if there are any hotspots that need urgent attention.
- vi. Red Weed in profusion throughout the cemetery – Liz Murphy has got back to me and has advised that she will pass this on to the cemetery squad to attend to.
- vii. Litter on the streets. Andrew Baillie from the Safer Communities Team has advised that there will be patrols of the streets that were identified where there was extra litter. I've also asked Alan White if the litter bins could be emptied more frequently.
- viii. Tayview Medical Practice – following the discussion at the last meeting and also at the Newport & Wormit Community Council meeting I've arranged to meet David Ramsay the Practice Manager on Friday 16th June.

2. **Police Scotland Message to Communities** – I will distribute a message from Steve Johnson, Assistant Chief Constable, following the terrorist attack in London on 3rd June.
3. **Tay Road Bridge Traffic** – following concerns about traffic lights delaying the free movement of traffic at Slessor Gardens in Dundee, I contacted the Bridge Manager, Alan Hutchison about this. He has advised that the traffic lights are being manually controlled to keep traffic moving off the bridge during peak morning rush hour. This has improved the flow of traffic.
4. **Cyclofun in Tentsmuir** – I understand that the Rotary event in Tayport was well supported with approximately 150 people taking part. I understand that everyone enjoyed themselves with the range of activities that were available.
5. **New Local Community Planning Budget Form** – I've received a copy of the new form that should be used for applications for Local Community Planning funding. There are no specific deadlines for applications.
6. **Investigation at former Scotsraig Mill at Golf Crescent/Ogilvy Street** – I've been advised that environmental consultants are carrying out investigations at the above site and whilst there are no immediate concerns some limited soil sampling has been recommended in order to gain further data on ground conditions. Blair Falconer from the Councils Environmental Team has advised me that they are finalising access arrangements including liaising with residents for additional works to be carried out. I've asked to be kept informed of progress in relation to this.
7. **Serious road traffic collision near Drumoig 31st May** Sergeant Johnston of the police has provided details of the above accident which is believed to have been caused by driver error.

Items for Information

- A. **Moffat & Williamson Bus Services** – if residents are experiencing the late running of particular services they should contact Moffat & Williamson on 01382 541159.
- B. **I've received a copy of the Fife Carers Centre Newsletter.**
- C. **I've received details of the Fife Youth Music Initiative Performances.**
- D. **The Newport Festival** will take place on Saturday 17th June from 9am to late.
- E. **I've received a copy of the June Eden Estuary Newsletter.**
- F. **I have a copy of the COINEF newsletter** regarding Community initiatives for improved Broadband speed in North East Fife.
- G. **The Council's Community Learning Development Team** will be holding an Adult Basic Education evening class at County Buildings in Cupar on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm. Anyone interested should contact Nathalie Sleigh the ABA group tutor on 07515 289947.
- H **Tentsmuir National nature reserve** June newsletter including details of a proposed Education Pavilion
- I **June Kinship Care** newsletter

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