

TIM BRETT'S REPORT
TAYPORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 04 September 2017

I. Matters Arising from Meeting on 3 July

- a. Pothole at the Entrance to the Caravan Park – This is the responsibility of Community Services and they are making arrangements for it to be filled.
- b. Shrubs Overgrowing the Footpath at the top of Ogilvie Street – I have reported this to Kevin Smith.
- c. A Section of Willows at the Common – Iain Barbour advised that these had been killed by weed killer but replanting would take place in November.
- d. Pavement at No. 7 Nelson Street – Kevin Smith has advised that, whilst the surface is starting to strip, at this stage it doesn't meet the criteria for a safety repair and does not constitute a hazard. He will however arrange for it to be re-inspected and will keep a check on the area.
- e. Old Forgan Kirk – Liz Murphy, Bereavement Services Manager has advised that they will look to cut back the ivy on the ruined Kirk but it will probably be as winter work and that it may require scaffolding. She will price up the work and this may require the use of an external contractor.
- f. Fence at the Footpath from the Common at the Foot of Nelson Street – There has been difficulty in identifying the location of this.
- g. Rose Bed at Golf Crescent - Mary Blair, Housing Management Officer has advised that the residents in Golf Crescent should not be using the area for parking their cars and she is not prepared to consider removing the flower bed. She will arrange for the area to be tidied up.
- h. Skip on the Grass at the Foot of Scotsraig Drive – I am not sure whether this is still in situ but I have asked for further information on this.
- i. Lamp Post at the Harbour has been Knocked Over – I think this has been repaired.
- j. Lamp Post Next to the Toilet Block is Flickering – this has been repaired.
- k. Cracks in the Wall at Castle Terrace – Kevin Smith has visited the area and Murray Scott, Lead Professional for Structures, has advised that he intends to include repairs to the wall in a contract that will be let this month.
- l. Morton Lochs – Concern regarding Algae – Tom Cunningham from Scottish Natural Heritage has advised that this problem is caused by nutrient enrichment due to farm land fertilizer run off.

2. Police matters

- a. The Police are asking if people would complete the survey for the current year at <https://scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts>
- b. Coffee with Cops in the Harbour Café on 8 September and 6 October from 10.30am to 11.30am.

3 Madras College – Further consultation has taken place in Tayport Primary School regarding the proposals for the new school. I have sent details of the plans to George Beat.

At the most recent Madras Parent Council meeting, the Rector shared details of the school's SQA results for August 2017 which are very impressive. I have again sent details to George Beat.

4 Tayport Community Trust Hub – As I hope members will be aware, the North East Fife Area Committee on 19 July awarded the Trust funding of £250,000.

A further request for an additional £250,000 will be considered by the Council's Policy and Coordinating Committee this month.

5 Cycle Path Closure – I have been notified that the cycle path from the road bridge to Tayport will be closed from 25 to 29 September so that repairs can be carried out. At the same time, the overgrowing vegetation on the path will be cut back.

6 Order of the Legion of Honour – As members may have seen, Mr Irvine Rae of Victoria Road, Tayport, was awarded the Legion of Honour by the French Consul General in recognition of his service in World War II.

7 Improved Street Lighting has been installed at 35 Scott Crescent.

8 Electric Vehicle Charging Point – Following a request by Cllr Tepp for a charging point to be considered at the harbour area. Council Officers have advised that funding for electric charging points is controlled by Transport Scotland. Dundee City Council have submitted a proposal for a charging point on the south side of the Road Bridge in the car park.

9 Double Yellow Lines, Scotsraig Drive Junction with Garvie Brae will be considered at a future North East Fife Area Committee.

10 Speed Survey on the B946 – Colin Stirling from Transportation has provided me with details of the above survey on the approach to Tayport on the B946. This showed that vehicle speeds at both locations (40mph at the cemetery and within 30mph east of the cemetery) were quite good and did not flag up any particular or significant concerns.

The two way traffic volume on the road is around 4,500 vehicles per day. There have been no road traffic crashes in the last five years at this location and it would not therefore be considered a high priority for any further intervention measures at this time.

11 Two of the Old Metal Skate Ramps at the Cross Green Park are to be removed due to health and safety concerns. As members will be aware, the Tayport Top Park Group are fundraising to replace the skate park facilities.

12 Fire in Tayport - Members will be aware of the fatality at a fire in Banknowe Drive in April. The Fire Service have advised that this was caused by cooking equipment.

13 Iain Barbour, the Team Manager for Parks and Open Spaces has taken early retirement and has been replaced by John Haskell.

14 Access to Tentsmuir -The three local Councillors attended a meeting on 18 August to discuss issues regarding access to Tentsmuir from Tayport. The Council's Access Officer will be following this up with further discussions with the land owner and will put him in touch with Richard Tough from the Community Trust.

15 Parks, Street and Open Spaces - At the August meeting of the North East Fife Area Committee, a report on the above Service was submitted. This showed that

performance was good in terms of the statutory performance indicators although there had been a small decline over the previous three years. The top three areas of concern in North East Fife were dog fouling, fly tipping and the provision of litter bins. There were only four formal complaints in 2016/17 in North East Fife.

16 Polling Station Review – A review of polling station arrangements are being undertaken by the Council. I am not aware of any issues in Tayport.

17 North Fife Cycling – An inaugural meeting to set up a hub for all matters to do with cycling in North Fife was held recently. A second meeting has been arranged for Monday 18 September at 7.00pm in Manna Café in Newport.

18 Madras College Student Community Council Representatives – I attended 5th and 6th year assemblies at the school recently. One student from Tayport expressed an interest in joining the Community Council and I am waiting to hear from her.

19 Tay Road Bridge – New bridge smart cameras are being installed on the bridge at a cost of £130,000 and will be used for traffic and incident management. The Bridge Manager has also advised that a tidy up will be undertaken on the Fife side of the bridge following comments from local residents.

20 Scouts and Guides – A special meeting is being arranged on Monday 25 September in the Scout Hall at 7.30pm to explore forming a scout troop in Tayport. It is hoped that parents or anyone with an interest in this community initiative will attend.

21 Old Clinic Building – Mrs Holmes, Head Teacher at the Primary School has raised with me a problem of school pupils and other young people gaining access to the old clinic building at the back of the school playground. This is a hazard and steps are being taken to identify the owner of the building with a view to it being knocked down.

22 Dog Fouling – A reminder that dog fouling can be reported by telephone on 03451 55 00 22 or online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/dogfouling or by e-mail to safercommunities.officers@fife.gov.uk.

23 A New Respite Service for Young Carers in Fife is being introduced. Further information can be obtained from Fife Disabilities on 01592 203993.

Other Information

- A. Fife Health and Well Being – August Update.
- B. Eden Estuary Newsletter September 2017.
- C. What's New in Adult Support and Protection July and August updates.
- D. Youth First Training Opportunities.
- E. Fife Carers Newsletter.
- F. Primary School Menus – A briefing from the Council on 22 August.
- G. Eden Estuary Advisory Group – Cllr Brett and Cllr Connor are members of the group.
- H. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust Summer Newsletter.
- I. Kinship Care Newsletter.
- J. First Steps a free course for anyone looking for work. The course will be held in Cupar starting on 4 September for ten weeks.

K. Down Your Street Tenants Newsletter

I would be happy to provide copies of any item to anyone who would like to see it.

Councillor Tim Brett
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