

# North Glenrothes Community Council. Newsletter August 2018.

#### **A92 Glenrothes Campaign**

NGCC has been campaigning for a major update/improvement to the A92 for several years.

Reports on the Balfarg and Cadham junctions are expected from Transport Scotland at the end of the summer. And we expect a visit from the new Transport Minister.

Please continue to follow our campaign on Facebook and get more information via our home page.

#### **Fun Day 2018**

This year's Fun Day in Gilvenbank Park proved to be one of the most successful ever, with an attendance of around 5,000 people taking the advantage of good weather.

The fairground was as popular as ever, accompanied by a good variety of stalls, and also food and drink.

Thanks to the organiser Morris Brown for negotiating a wealth of free activities for children.

#### New for Gilvenbank Park.

A new wheelchair-friendly picnic table is coming to the family play area in the north of the park.

The bouncy area at the children's playpark is at last to be replaced.

#### Defibrillator Stolen.

The defibrillator placed at Collydean was recently stolen. This could be a disaster for someone with a heart attack in the area. The NGCC will be able to replace it via its insurance - although there is an excess of £100 to pay. An incredible, useless and thoughtless act.

# What is the future of the Glenrothes Hospital?



Five years ago the Fife NHS Board sought to close the GP and Out of Hours service based in Glenrothes hospital. Now the new Fife Health and Social Care Partnership is seeking closure on the basis of the shortage of GPs.

The NGCC is supporting the Glenrothes Futures Group and the local MSP Jenny Gilruth in the new fight for the service to remain for the people in and around Glenrothes. *Watch the local media and support the campaign*.



# **Community Council Elections: 2018**



#### Elections are taking place for all community councils in Fife.

Nomination forms and packs are now available - and must be returned by 6<sup>th</sup> September.

New members of the NGCC are sought - especially west of Western Avenue. As one of the biggest and most active in Fife, NGCC can have 19 councillors. Elections will take place if more than 19 people are nominated. If there are vacancies after  $8^{th}$  October, the NGCC can co-opt members who wish to make a positive difference to the community.

NGCC covers Glenrothes north of the river Leven - i.e. Whinneyknowe, Balgeddie, Pitcairn, Coul and Collydean on the west of Western Avenue and Cadham, Pitcoudie, Balfarg, Leslie Parks and Forresters Lodge and Forresters Grove. Around 5000 houses and/or 15,000 people.

## Be active and helpful to your community!

Anyone in north Glenrothes from the age of 16 and on the electoral roll is eligible to stand for election to the North Glenrothes Community Council

Apply by yourself. Nominate a relation, neighbour or friend.

## NGCC Challenges for 2018 onwards:

- <u>Developments at the RWE energy plant.</u> 10 gas generators. Noise and air pollution are the local concerns.
- <u>Large new housing development at the old Tullis Russell site</u> possibly c.850 houses. Services such as education and health and recreation are still to be discussed and negotiated. The NGCC will be involved.
- OOH Emergency GP help campaign to save the Glenrothes service has now begun.
- More community events, such as the Fun Day and Christmas Fayre. (Suggestions are always welcome.)

#### **NGCC Successes:**

- Fun Day in Gilvenbank Park.
- Christmas Fayre in Cadham Neighbourhood Centre.
- Children's Play Area in Gilvenbank Park facilities for for all ages.
- The MUGA at Gilvenbank Park. (Multi Games Area) Open all hours and free to everyone!
- Open Air Gym in Gilvenbank Park 24 hours & 7 days per week and free.
- Defibrillators; in Cadham and Collydean.
- Liaison with Fife Council re. parks, green areas, paths, etc
- Liaison with Fife Community Police.
- Liaison with MSP Jenny Gilruth.

#### **Current Members of NGCC:**

Ron Page (Chairperson); Margaret Simpson (Secretary); Brian Lumsden (Treasurer); Liam Mason (Vice Chair); Morris Brown (Vice Chair); Andrew Barker; Catriona Barker; Hugh Bowie; Andrew Crumpton; Shaun Jackson; Mark Priessman; Lindsay Roy; Michael Thornton; Brian Turner; Barbara Walker; Denise Wallace; Mary Wallace.

There are normally 8 meetings of your Community Council per year - 2nd Thursday in the evening. These are held at either Cadham Neighbourhood Centre or Collydean Community Centre.

#### <u>Find out more:</u>

Visit the website.

Visit a meeting.

Contact one of the NGCC members

**Support your Community Council!** 



An outstanding success this year, with an estimated 5,000 people there.

Lots of freebies were provided by the NGCC, from face painting to the sedgways.

A great way to get the community together.



# **Health and Social Care Survey.**

Fife NHS is carrying out a survey. It is very important that as many people as possible complete it. Your future Fife Health Service could be based on the results.

## Access to the questionnaire is by:

- 1. Website: www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/joiningupcare.
- 2. Get a printed one and a freepost envelope by calling 01592 226 859 or 01592 740189.
- 3. Attend a meeting. The Fife Health & Care Partnership has promised a series of public meetings. Read the local papers for info or watch Fife Council's Facebook or Twitter. Topics will be the suggested Health & Wellbeing Hubs, OOH Urgent Care Redesign, community Hospital Care Bed Redesign.

<u>STOP PRESS.</u> Consultation Workshop by Fife Health & Social partnership in (a) CISWO on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 6.45-8.30.

(b) Fife House on Wednesday 12th September, 11.15-1.00.

(Others elsewhere in Fife.) For further info visit as above.