

RHU AND SHANDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Wednesday 12th August 2015

Rhu Village Hall
7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES**
- 2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:**
- 3. GUEST SPEAKERS:**
 - a: **Representative of Police Scotland :**
 - b: **Cdr James Leatherby:**
- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10th 2015.**
- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA:**
- 6. PLANNING MATTERS:**
 - a: **Helensburgh Wind farm:**
 - b: **Lochside Care Home:**
- 7. OTHER MATTERS:**
 - a. **Knotweed Update :**
 - b. **Broadband Update:**
 - c. **Conservation Area and Key Environmental Features:**
 - d. **Tree Protection across the Community:**
 - e. **Feedback on Community Engagement needs**
 - f. **Bowling Club future**
 - g. **Art Work” on new Council Building**
- 8. • CONSULTATIONS:**
 - a. **Historic Environmental Strategy**
 - b. **Ward Boundaries**
- 9. OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK:**
- 10. TREASURER’S REPORT:**
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 12. WEBSITE AND RELATED ISSUES:**
- 13. MEMBERS REPORTS:**
- 14. AOB**

AS ALWAYS, THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING AND ANY RHU OR SHANDON RESIDENT IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Papers for this meeting and the minute of the June meeting are posted on the website
www.rhuandshandoncommunity.org

GUEST SPEAKER 2 – CDR JAMES LEATHERBY (JL) – REPORT

JL provided the following report ahead of the meeting:

- **Armed Forces Covenant.** The new format for the AFC Community Grant is due to be launched on 13 August 2015. A more detailed brief about this can be obtained via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fund/the-covenant-fund-time-to-get-started> Although there will now be 2 levels of funding, the first up to £20,000 and the second up to £500,000, there remain still a number of unknowns. However, there will be a new application form and a procedure which allows applicants to send the bid straight to MOD Whitehall. Notwithstanding the above, it is strongly recommended that any prospective applicant should:
 - a. Engage with AVA early and;
 - b. Provide a copy of their bid to the local board (via AVA) for the latter's awareness and in order to obtain advice/help in how to optimise the pitching of the bid.While the bids are to be submitted to London, it is understood that the Regional Command (Army 51Bde in Stirling) will be asked to rule on Scottish bids and that they are expected to want to come back to local boards for advice. If the local board (co-chaired by Base BXO and Cllr Maurice Corry) don't know about the bid then, naturally, they will find it challenging to help.
- **Exercise EVENING STAR 2015 (ES15).** The next major (3 yearly – Level 2) but routine Nuclear Reactor Emergency Response Exercise to be held on the Clyde, aimed at satisfying the REPPiR [Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001] requirements that appropriate on-site and off-site Plans are in place, will be held jointly with Argyll & Bute Council on Wednesday 2 September 2015. The resultant off-site element of the scenario will undoubtedly generate increased use of the Clyde Off-Site Centre in Rhu and the Base Broadcast will be used (and therefore heard locally) throughout the day.
- **Exercise JOINT WARRIOR.** The next such exercise (JW152) will involve the Base over the period 1 -19 October 2015 and will include up to 35 NATO and Allied participants. However, many vessels will be berthed/anchored elsewhere than Faslane, although an unusually large proportion will return to the Clyde for the wash up at the end (16-17 October).
- **Rhu (Ardenconnel) Playing Fields.** While no final decisions have yet been made as to its future, a useful site meeting was held between the Captain HMS NEPTUNE (with some of his staff) and a cross-section of Rhu & Shandon Community Councillors on Monday 13 July 2015.
- **Supersession of Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland (FOSNI).** Rear Admiral J R H CLINK OBE was relieved by Rear Admiral J (Jon) WEALE OBE as FOSNI on Tuesday 21 July 2015.

