

## Appendix 2 RSCC meeting 20161019

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

- **Armed Forces Community Covenant.** There have been no significant developments since the last meeting, although there has been increased engagement between HMNB Clyde and Argyll & Bute Council at several different working levels.
- **Rhu (Ardenconnel) Playing Fields – Proposed 3G Artificial Pitch.** Options continue to be considered and potential alternative/additional funding streams pursued.
- **Major Nuclear Exercises.** Ex EVENING STAR 2016 was held 1 Sep 16. It was a Level 1 on-site emergency response demonstration exercise which resulted in an overall assessment that it was adequate, with all 5 prerequisite objectives being achieved.
- **Major Naval Exercises.** Exercise JOINT WARRIOR 162 continues at the time of writing although the major of the vessels involved have now been and then gone. There were about 22 hulls in the local area over the weekend 7/9 Oct 16 from a number of different nations that included France, Spain, Germany, Norway, Belgium, Estonia Lithuania and USA. The foreign vessels are not expected to return to Faslane from the Western Isles on completion of the subsidiary event named Exercise UNMANNED WARRIOR.
- **Helensburgh's Submarine Museum.** As previously reported, the Royal Navy's post-Second World War midget submarine X51 (ex-Stickleback – 1954) is to be loaned to the Scottish Submarine Museum Trust for display in the converted Hall immediately adjacent to The Tower. It is currently awaiting installation and is being stored in the meantime, in 2 parts on separate trailers, within the perimeter of the Clyde Off-Site Centre in Rhu. Preparations are in hand to achieve this and further details will doubtless become available in due course.