

The May meeting of the Community Council received a very informative presentation from Lorraine Mullen (Fife Council, Community Worker). Lorraine spoke enthusiastically about her commitment to support the whole community across the town. They have established a youth club in the Lochgelly Centre and are looking to expand this to more age groups and on more days of the week. Lorraine also highlighted the need to increase access to community education programmes which can help people back into employment. Lorraine spoke about the exciting developments across the town and was looking forward to working with the new Gala committee developing this years celebrations.

Community Councillors asked what action could be taken to deal with the increase in anti-social behaviour in the Public Park, particularly on Saturday evenings. Lorraine responded that this type of problem was all too prevalent across many communities. Unfortunately there isn't an easy solution, that said they will be looking at re-establishing the blue light disco's and working with the local Police Officers to tackle the problem of under-age drinking.

The Community Council's park improvement group have been driving forward changes in the park. Stevie Murray advised "The work on the Community garden is progressing slower than anticipated, we have been provided with expert advice on timing of planting and turfing the area. The new trees have now been planted and paths around the garden have been completed. Work on the raised flower beds will progress during May. The wild flower beds have been prepared for planting and work is still scheduled to commence on the new skate park over the summer.

Redeveloping the industrial units in the town is still high on the Community Council's priority list. Community Councillor Jimmy Mann said "Since raising the need to regenerate this areawe appreciate that progress has been made behind the scenes, but with all of the great work going on around about these buildings, it is frustrating that they continue to be a complete eyesore!"

Community Councillors noted that Fife Council had approved plans for a new 18 hole golf course next to the Loch. Highlighting that in 2014, the Community Council objected to the proposals based on the fact that there are already four golf clubs in the immediate area. It was highlighted that although there have been changes in the Community Councillors since then, this fact still remains the same. Access to the plans are available on the Community Council website www.lochgellycc.org.uk.

The next meeting of the Community Council is scheduled for 12th June 2017, 6.30pm in the 385 Social Club. Members of the public are welcome to attend.