

Appendix 2

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

- Armed Forces Community Covenant. There have been no significant developments since the last meeting on either the AFCC or any of its associated Grants Schemes.
- Rhu (Ardenconnel) Playing Fields – Proposed 3G Artificial Pitch. I understand that Councillors have been advised that the associated bid for funding had failed, unexpectedly. There is a consequent delay, of unknown length, to this project while alternative funding streams are identified.
- Three Yearly Review and Reissue of the Public Information Leaflet in the Locality of HMNB Clyde. As forewarned at the last meeting, the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPPIR) leaflets were distributed within the local community, as required by the above, at the end of July.
- Major Nuclear Exercises. Ex EVENING STAR 2016 is a routine annual test of the Site Operator's Nuclear Emergency Plan. It will be undertaken on Thu 1 Sep 16. Although the main focus of the exercise will lie within the Base at Faslane, there will be heightened activity evident in the vicinity of the Clyde Off-Site Centre during the day.
- Major Naval Exercises. The start of Exercise JOINT WARRIOR 162, which has already been given a high profile in the national press under titles such as "The Drone Exercise", will now coincide with the next (Wednesday 12 October) meeting of the Rhu & Shandon Community Council.
- St Andrew's School Site. Investigations continue into the incursions made onto MOD land on the St Andrew's School site. MOD Police patrols have been increased, as has the frequency of MOD's Health & Safety related checks of the real estate, especially the perimeter fence and the external doors and window shutters of the actual house.
- Helensburgh's Submarine Museum. The National Museum of 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 Mr Brian Keating's stated aim to have it feature as the centre-piece of a state of the art digital museum created as a memorial to submariners from around the world. Work is currently progressing with a view to meeting a delivery date of 18 Aug 16. Further details will doubtless become available in due course.