

## Agenda Item 5 b

### RHU & SHANDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL Meeting – DEC 12th 2018

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- Captain HMS Neptune Captain Craig Mearns RN will attend the February meeting of the R&SCCC.
- CASD 50 2019 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RN taking on the Continuous at Sea Deterrent tasking. There will be a number of events commemorating the people who have been involved in the task, including a Families Day that will take place on Saturday 6 July at the Helensburgh Rugby Club. Over 1000 people attended this years' Neptune 50 event and similar (if not greater) numbers are expected next year. The date has been deconflicted from all known activities occurring locally.
- Ardenconnell Fields. The Naval Base would be happy to make the Ardenconnell Fields available for the Rhu Gala if so desired.
- New measures are being introduced by 10 Dec to alleviate the traffic congestion on the A814 in the mornings. Increasing the inbound gates to 3 (from 2) will require a new gate to be designated as the outbound gate. The Oil Fuel Depot Gate, previously the egress route, will become an inbound gate and should help Base employees living on the peninsula to gain quicker access to work. An externally provided 'Liftshare' scheme is also being trialled to reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles commuting to the Base, further reducing the problem.
- Talks are ongoing with Argyll & Bute (feasibility study in place) to determine whether opening a train station/stop at the North Gate could be safely achieved. There is a defunct platform there which can be recommissioned and there is scope to operate points at Craigendoran to split that line onto the northern line which passes to the east of Shandon. Similarly, options are being explored for a cycle path to be built along the waterfront from Rhu all the way up to the Base (rather than crossing in front of all the properties as it currently does).
- The Persimmon development at Rhu Road Higher has sold out off plans with several service personnel buying properties. The incidence of this is likely to increase as more and more service personnel move to Faslane over the coming years.