

**RHU & SHANDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL (R&SCC) – WED 8 FEB 17 MEETING**

**GUEST SPEAKER 3 – CDR JAMES LEATHERBY (JL) – REPORT**

- Armed Forces Community Covenant. The successes of Argyll & Bute Council (ABC) in winning grants for the LIBOR funded Covenant Grants continue to influence a number of local projects beneficially - and look likely to continue to do so in the future.
- Rhu (Ardenconnel) Playing Fields – Proposed 3G Artificial Pitch. The Base is continuing to consider its options and the development of the MOD pitch at Rhu remains a possible solution to the RN's requirement for local sports facilities.
- Major Nuclear Emergency Exercises. The next major, externally assessed, Nuclear Emergency exercise is planned to take place in September 2017.
- Clyde Local Liaison Committee. This year's annual meeting will take place at the Clyde Off-Site Centre in Rhu at 1400 on Wed 29 March 2017. Arrangements are in hand for community invitations to be coordinated via ABC's Civil Contingencies team.
- Major Naval Exercises. The next major exercise to involve HMNB Clyde will be Exercise JOINT WARRIOR 171 in the middle of March. Heightened naval activity in can be expected in the local area from 9-13 and then again from 23-27 March 2017.
- The SDDF Initiative. The Strategic Delivery and Development Framework is a mandate between ABC and HMNB Clyde that is being designed to optimize the integration between the 2 organisations in the local community. It is based upon a number of strands which include: Education, Accommodation, Economy & Regeneration, Community Facilities, Infrastructure & Transport and Communications & Engagement. The SDDF is due to be signed in Helensburgh on Monday 27 February 2017.
- Damage to Ancient Trees on the St Andrew's School Site. This issue was brought to the attention of the Naval Base Commander at the end of January. At the time of writing, the consequent investigation into the damage caused and the remedies required continues.
- The Role of the Ministry of Defence Police in the Local Community. This issue is to be addressed separately through MDP representation at the next Community Council meeting.