

Appendix 3: Late addition to minute of meeting held Wed 14 Aug 2013

RHU & SHANDON COMMUNITY COUNCIL **GUEST SPEAKER 2 – CDR JAMES LEATHERBY–**

:James Leatherby had previously rendered his apologies that he would be unable to attend on this occasion as he would be on leave. However, he provided briefs on the following:

- Both Captain Alistair Willis and Commander Ian Riches have been consolidating their respective newly formed relationships with the local community, including meeting Council Officers in Lochgilphead and a number of Helensburgh & Lomond forums
- In parallel, good work continues under the Armed Forces Community Covenant (AFCC) and the associated Grant Scheme (funded by Westminster) under the Awards Board jointly chaired by Councillor Corry and Commander Riches
- The Base has been involved with Argyll & Bute Council (ABC) in trying to reduce the potential chaos posed by the current closure of the Haul Road (the A817 – Lomondside to Whistlefield)
- The recent Anniversaries of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were marked by the Faslane Peace Camp but not to the detriment of the local community.
- Supplementary issues had arisen involving camping on ABC owned land lying within the Shandon School site wall, immediately adjacent to the Peace Camp, but resolution had been achieved without aggravation
- Work to commence on external improvements to Married Quarters at McKenzie Estate (aka Smugglers Way in Rhu) – reroofing and overcladding
- Success of HMS Neptune Volunteer Band at the annual Festival in Portsmouth. It had been judged Runner up as overall best band, best concert band and best soloist. Will continue close engagement with the Helensburgh and Lomond community
- JL had assisted Jim Duncan & Fiona Baker in their quest for authoritative information sources, in support of their Rhu Conservation Area Appraisal work, as it pertains to Rhu Narrows