

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 7 December 2010

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair after election of Office Bearers), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Jim Finnie, Hugh Moffatt, David Baxter, Cllr Tim Brett, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Wg Cdr P O'Donnell

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Ron Caird, Joyce Edmonston	
3. Approval of minutes 02.11.10 Section 5b: Charges for the new community centre are £8/hour half hall; £15/hour whole hall. Leuchars Drama Group have moved in the new community centre (not The Hive). Section 7c: delete words '...until their licence ends next year.' Otherwise minutes approved by JF; seconded by HM.	
4. RAF issues: Because of the recent unexpected news that RAF Leuchars is under threat of closure, this part of the meeting was given over to Wg Cdr O'Donnell who gave the background as to why Leuchars is being considered for closure. There was much further discussion and speculation in the group. With an announcement due in early 2011 there is little time to mount an effective campaign, however, an online petition has been launched (www.saverafleuchars.org.uk) and, despite the bad weather, members of the CC have been out canvassing support from local businesses. CF expressed gratitude that Sir Menzies Campbell (MP) and Iain Smith (MSP) are 'fighting our corner' and the CC have every confidence they will make a strong case for keeping Leuchars open and will work with them both accordingly.	
5. Police Issues: a. CF reported that a young girl had recently been hit by a car. Speed cameras have been out, and a request to have the 20mph speed limit extended all the way through the village has been made.	
6. Matters arising: a. <u>Doocot Field Development</u> : no further update. b. <u>Meadow Road</u> : double yellow lines still to be painted. c. <u>Balmullo pharmacy application</u> : decision due on 14.12.10 as to whether the Balmullo surgery will be able to dispense (NB dispensing for Balmullo residents only.) d. <u>Mears Court</u> : Cllr Brett to check whether the number of industrial-size bins outside the lounge window had been removed/reduced. e. <u>Feature Wall</u> : Plans to be sent to Clark Mercer. JF to speak to Bill Mudie again. f. <u>Defective manhole cover, Main St</u> : Scottish Water have to liaise	JF

with transportation before rectifying. g. <u>Flag at Station</u> : Cllr Taylor was investigating an alternative source of funding. Cllr Brett will speak to her regarding progress. h. <u>Lock up garage</u> : CF to contact the headteacher at the school as she may be able to help with storage space. MS reported that he was unsuccessful with getting funding for the water bowser. Hanging baskets to remain on lamp posts for now.	TB CF
Community Council Priorities List Overgrown area between Aitken Place and the Station: KH [or Fiona Mitchell] still to meet with I Barbour, CF and MS. MS will contact P Howden (Fife Council allotments) for any interest. Cllr Brett to give MS A Melville's tel number to see if Community Payback can help with clearance.	TB
7. Fife Council issues and action points a. New school in St Andrews: Cllr Brett to send TG an online link on the progress of the school. TG to forward to everyone. b. Grit bins: still awaiting additional grit bins as demand has been high. CF asked Cllr Brett if he could ask S Wilson to call her regarding location of the additional bins. c. Public toilets demolition: no further update. d. Pitcairn Park/Norman View: Cllr Brett to speak to D Smeaton again regarding repair of pavements at the same time as the planned road resurfacing. e. Tree roots will be removed from the blocked drain (end of Norman View). f. Rosebank Park: Cllr Brett reported that the site owner maintains the residents must pay the amenities charge, while Scottish Water maintain residents must pay the water charge. A copy of the contract has been sent to the site own with a letter disputing the charge - awaiting response. There has been no response from Scottish Water regarding the bore size of the main water pipe. The site owner has agreed to fix the steps to one of the homes. g. Rosebank Park bins: Only some of the bin lorries can get around Rosebank, Cllr Brett will ask P McPherson to contact HM regarding this issue. h. 'Have your say': Cllr Brett informed the CC of www.fifedirect.org.uk/haveyoursay where everyone can find and comment on all ongoing consultations. TG to provide feedback on 'A New Local Plan for Fife' consultation (ends 12.02.11) via this website. i. Meadow Road playpark: equipment will be replaced. j. Core Path Network: this is still ongoing. k. <u>Action Point 48</u> : Golf Club Road: the necessary machinery has been sold. Cllr Brett will see if funding can be found to fix the large potholes. <u>Action Point 43</u> : Additional lamp standard. Application form for this to be completed.	TB/TG TB TB TB TG TB TG
Correspondence: 1. Survey on local development planning in Fife, notification that a survey is to be sent to all community councils in due course. Letter from Bill Lindsay 26.10.10 2. Fife's draft Community Plan 2011-2020 available for feedback by 9.01.11. Go to www.fifedirect.org/2020vision . Letter from Cllr Peter Grant, Chair Fife Partnership Board	

<p>3. Winter Gritting & Snow Clearing Service 2010/11. Booklet from Transportation Services.</p> <p>4. Letter to Fife Council from Jim Finnie regarding giving up the lock up garage 21.11.10</p> <p>5. Doocot Field Development – likely to be delays as developers are seeking partnership. E-mail from Cllr Brett 23.11.10.</p> <p>6. Advertising childcare services in community newsletters. E-mail from Scott McClymont Team Leader Childcare Services NE Fife. 24.11.10.</p> <p>7. Save RAF Leuchars e-petition. E-mail from Cllr Brett 24.11.10.</p> <p>8. Community safety form. E-mail from Fiona Mitchell 26.11.10.</p> <p>9. Pharmacies receiving subsidies. E-mail from Alan Kennedy 26.11.10.</p> <p>10. Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Guidance for feedback by 14.01.11. Go to: www.fifedirect.org.uk/windenergy . E-mail from Michael Westwater 26.11.10.</p> <p>11. Delay to resurfacing in Norman View/Pitcairn Park owing to adverse weather conditions. E-mail from Cllr Brett 29.11.10.</p> <p>12. Common Good Assets. E-mail from Tom Minogue (Dunfermline) 1.12.10.</p>	
<p>AOCB</p> <p>1. CF: suggested that a small charge for advertising on the Leuchars website be made to businesses. This was discussed and a charge of £30 per year was agreed. TG to contact all businesses on the website about this.</p> <p>2. DB: reported there had been a recent bus accident and that Stagecoach are consulting passengers regarding the no 99 bus with the aim of making it more reliable.</p> <p>3. JF: reiterated his disappointment that Fife Council were unable to help with storage for the CC's garden equipment. Cllr Brett reminded everyone that the headteacher might be able to help.</p> <p>4. TG: reported the westbound exit off the newly-rerouted Tay Bridge road ramp going into Dundee was causing problems: traffic in two lanes at the lights immediately turn right onto three lanes with the result that traffic in the Perth lane move across to the centre lane, badly cutting up drivers in the city centre lanes.</p>	TG

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 February 2011 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre**

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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