

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 3 June 2014

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Jillian Russell, Jean Nicoll, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Bill Connor, Wg Cdr Neville Clayton, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Gordon Bruce (Drawdown Chief of Staff), WO1 Alan O'Loughlin, SSgt Jason Green.

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor, Mark Sharp, Dave Baxter	
3. Approval of minutes 6 May 2014 a. Raf/Army Issues 4f: should read '4-5 Army families...' not '4-5 Army officers'. b. Farewell gala 9d: Shaun X to supply hamburgers, not JF c. Trauma centre 7c (Cllr Brett): delete word 'new'. d. AOCB (d) McIntyre, not Martin	
4. RAF/Army issues: Gordon Bruce (Drawdown Chief of Staff):: a. Still no progress on size or scope of the proposed diversion airfield. b. No 6 Force Protection Wing and No 58 Sqn RAF Regiment are now disbanded. c. No 6 Sqn start move to Lossiemouth 9-20 Jun 2014. d. By March 2015 the forecast is that there will be approx.70 personnel either to leave the service or move elsewhere, with 70 others remaining (Univ Air Sqn; No 612 (Aeromed. Evacuation), RAAF, Military Provost Guard Service. Wg Cdr Clayton: e. Confirmed that all families with school-age children had been offered housing in answer to JF's question about whether all families had been offered housing. f. RAF Leuchars is in readiness (including flypasts) for the commonwealth games. g. Thanks were expressed to the CC for arranging the farewell gala. CF read out a letter of thanks from Air Cdr Gerry Mayhew. Flt Sgt Mitchell h. Expected flying: KC10 tanker aircraft 5-9.06.14; Spitfire flypast: arrives 6.6.14, flypast 7.6.14, departs 8.6.14. WO1 O'Loughlin i. The Army will take over RAF Leuchars 1.4.15 with advance parties arriving before that date. Both the main units will be in place by	

<p>15.09.14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> j. The Leuchars Transition Team (Army) currently comprises 3 senior personnel representative of REME, RMP and Scots DG, with a major from the Scots DG expected to join in July. k. A sub unit of 2 Close Support Bn REME and 11 Field Coy will arrive March 2015. 11 Fd Coy will consist of approx 85 service personnel of which there will be 40 families (size and make up yet to be disclosed). 	
<p>5. Police issues None</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The station car park report is now delayed until August. Fife Council will be making a bid to Transport Scotland for funding to improve the station. The issue of Network Rail possibly taking over ownership has been resolved. b. Colin Stirling (Fife Council) has confirmed a speed survey has already been carried out in Leuchars following the recent road repairs. c. Drumoig development. The developers have amended their plans following the recent drop in event. A planning application is going in at the end of July 2014. d. Cllr Brett believes the sinking manhole cover on Main Street has been repaired. e. Handrail for near 28-40 Main St: this is being addressed but expect a delay. f. Olde Hotel falling brickwork: Cllr Brett has followed this up. g. Potential community orchard by Henderson Terr: Site visit 2.6.14 to discuss establishing a community orchard or giving over to allotments. N McIntyre will work with the CC, school and wider community. However, CF explained that with the commitment to Junction Gardens and very few CC members she felt the CC could not commit to another project. All CC members agreed with her. Cllr Brett will report this back to FC. Cllr Connor said that Tayport had set up allotments and that this could be a possibility for Leuchars. h. Henderson Terrace dip in road: ongoing, still needs to be repaired. i. CF thanked everyone for their hard work with organising the Farewell Gala on 17.5.14. 	TB
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points <u>Cllr Connor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Commonwealth Games baton: Cllr Connor and Wg Clayton will be speaking with Dundee City Council to see if the route for the baton can include the main gate. The baton route includes Tayport Harbour (27.6.14 at 08.00). The Provost is expected. <p><u>Cllr Brett</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Madras school: detailed planning application committee meeting in Sep 2014. b. Eden Brewery will be part of Open Door Day (7.9.14) c. TAYPlan: nothing major for the Leuchars. d. I Barbour confirmed Fife Council does not provide free compost, however JF confirmed that this is not the case as the CC is having 2 tons delivered from elsewhere (Dunfermline?) on Thursday. Neil 	<p>BC</p> <p>TB</p>

	<p>Walker is the FC contact for this. Cllr Brett will report this back to I Barbour.</p> <p>e. Heavy lorries on School Hill: a vehicle classification survey is to be carried out.</p> <p>f. Local Community Plan – community consultation: Referring to the NE Fife Local Community Plan handout showing the draft Vision for identified priority areas, Cllr Brett asked if the CC had any further areas it would like added. CF suggested foodbanks (Priority Area 1). JN suggested adding dementia (Priority Area 3). A general discussion followed, during which the status of Mears Court as sheltered housing was questioned as there is no live-in warden. Cllr Brett will check whether Mears Court is still classed as sheltered housing.</p>	TB
8.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fife Voluntary Action: Training & Learning Update 7.5.14; Fife Third Sector Conference 27.05.14; Brief update on key opportunities 13.05.14; 2. BBC Radio Scotland wanting information on the history of RAF Leuchars. Email 8.8.14 3. Street lighting replacement programme. Email Cllr Brett 10.5.14 4. Temporary road closure 26-30 May Pusk Road. Email Cllr Brett 09.5.14 5. Comment for St Andrews Citizen submitted by Mark Sharp. Email 14.05.14 6. Speed survey. Email Colin Stirling to Cllr Brett 14.05.14: too soon for a further speed survey. 7. Proposed works near Burnside Cottages at St Michaels. Email Cllr Brett 16.05.14 8. Path maintenance action day 21.06.14, The Pitcairn Centre, Glenrothes. Email W Welsh 26.05.14 9. Review of antisocial behaviour noise regime: call for evidence. Email W Welsh 26.05.14. 10. New community woodlands initiative, survey. Email Sophie Deas CWA Research Intern 27.05.14 11. Fife's cultural roadshow 14.06.14, 1.00-5.00pm, Rothes Hall, Glenrothes. Email Karen Taylor 29.05.14 	
	<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>a. JE confirmed that the strip of grass by the stone wall at Rosebank Park is a dam midden and that she believes it is Fife Council property. Cllr Brett will speak with I Barbour about this as it needs tidying.</p> <p>b. CF spoke on behalf of DB: for personal reasons he is unable to commit to the same level of maintenance of Junction Gardens. There was some discussion about how to maintain the area in the future. The CC would like Fife Council to help if possible. Cllr Brett will enquire. The community payback team is a possibility but the team is not available on a regular basis. CF thanked DB for all his hard work. All agreed with this acknowledging that he has been the real stalwart.</p> <p>c. JF suggested permanently moving the half barrels at the Old Hotel across the road. All agreed with this.</p> <p>d. CF asked TG to write to Allana Hughes, War Memorial Conservation Officer about having the monument re-sited in the village (possibly Junction Gardens).</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TG</p>

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1st July 2014 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend