

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 1 April 2014

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Bill Connor, Wg Cdr N Clayton, FS Simon Mitchell, Dave Baxter Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Jean Nicoll and 1 member of the public

Item	Action Point
<b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> Chair welcomed all those present	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Maggie Taylor, Jillian Russell, Mark Sharp	
<b>3. Approval of minutes 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014</b> Wg Cdr Clayton queried the wording of 4d dealing with health care in the Army. With the change agreed, approval of the minutes was proposed by Carroll Finnie and seconded by Joyce Edmonston.	
<b>4. RAF/Army issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. NC confirmed that ministerial approval had been received to approach the Trade Union Congress to consult on possible redundancies for 120 civil servants and 12 firemen.</li> <li>b. SM gave details of flying for the next month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Joint Warrior exercise is ongoing for the next two weeks</li> <li>ii. 7-11/04 will see 16 helicopters visit from Benson and Odiham</li> <li>iii. There will be night flying, possibly up to midnight, from 28/04 to 02/05/14</li> <li>iv. 58 Squadron will return from Afghanistan and will receive the Freedom of St Andrews on Saturday 10/05/14.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. NC queried if the local community had put any funds into the building of the community centre. It was agreed that any funds were from the taxpayers budget.</li> <li>d. Cllr Brett asked for comment on the press report of a near miss at RAF Leuchars. NC explained that Leuchars has a very close link with Dundee and Edinburgh airports and at times within certain areas some movements eg. gliders do not appear on radar.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Police issues</b> None	
<b>6. Matters arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For the extended car park at Leuchars Station Fife Council has applied for funding from Transport Scotland, which could mean that ownership transfers to Network Rail. A 3 months update will be issued.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Fife Council issues and action points</b> Cllr Connor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Citizens Advice Pop-up Events were both very successful. CA is now considering making these regular events as there would appear to be an ongoing need.</li> <li>b. The Council will soon be submitting detailed applications for the erection of wind turbines at some of their premises.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Fife Policing Plan has now been issued.</li> <li>d. Guardbridge Mill – consultation date has not yet been arranged.</li> </ul> <p><u>Cllr Brett</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Consideration is being given to the idea of co-opting S4-6 pupils onto Community Councils.</li> <li>b. Information on Fife Environmental Trust and Leader grants available.</li> <li>c. Fife Council will undertake a study to gauge the impact on Fife of the opening of the V&amp;A Museum in Dundee.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Correspondence:</b> Montgomery Forgan Associates proposals for development at Drumoig.</p>	
<p><b>9. Farewell Gala 17/05/14</b> There was considerable discussion on specific parts of the gala:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. CC donation of £50 was agreed</li> <li>b. Help with stewarding will be requested from other CC's</li> <li>c. BC confirmed that marquees will be available from Tayport CC.</li> <li>d. A request will be made to Jillian Russell to arrange the use of a trailer as a stage</li> <li>e. JF suggested that the bar and BBQ should be put out to private companies/groups.</li> <li>f. £1000 donation from R&amp;A is to be a donation to RAF Benevolent Fund.</li> <li>g. Of Fife Council's donation of £1000, £320 has been committed to the hire of toilets.</li> <li>h. ISF has withdrawn from contracting due to pressure of work.</li> </ul>	DB
<p><b>A.O.C.B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mr Davidson reported that there is a manhole cover on Main Street sinking. He is unsure if it has been repaired and will contact Kevin Smith of Fife Council for further information.</li> <li>b. Buses and heavy lorries are still speeding in to the village from the St Michaels Gateway – Colin Stirling of Fife Council Road Safety will be conducting a further study of the traffic in this area.</li> <li>c. JE reported a leaking manhole at Pitlithie Road</li> <li>d. JE asked what Fife Council's approach is to the maintenance of donated benches. The Aitken bench at Pitlithie Road is desperately in need of TLC.</li> <li>e. JE reported that the community council notice board has been removed from the gable end of the Coachhouse Centre. The glass was broken and was posing a danger to passers by and /or parked cars.</li> <li>f. CF advised that salad vegetables will be included in the planting in the big tubs on Station Road.</li> <li>g. TB was congratulated on his selection as Lib Dem candidate to stand for Parliament in the next election, following the retiral of Sir Menzies Campbell.</li> <li>h. <u>May meeting will start at 7.30pm to allow for the earlier meeting of the RAF Forum.</u></li> </ul>	<p>BC</p> <p>BC</p>

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.30pm in The Community Centre**  
**Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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