

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars 7 April 2015

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Jill Russell, Maj Kev McDowell, WO1 Alan O'Loughlin, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Maggie Taylor.

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Matthew Price, Conservation Officer, Fife Council. He spoke of his recent appraisal of the Doocot (owned by John Foster) which is an unusual style of Doocot within Fife. MP explained the two stages of a conservation appraisal, ie the first stage is to appraise the setting (trees etc). The second part is to deal with the policy and procedures which flags up any planning applications and results in a list of improvements. MP reported that a metal band has been added to the structure to provide stability. MP's role is to provide advice; he suggested a local heritage group might want to take on care of the Doocot.	
2. Apologies: Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Dave Baxter, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Cllr Tim Brett.	
3. Approval of minutes of 3 March 2015 Approval of minutes of 3.2.15: 'Leuchars Consultation Area' should read 'Leuchars Conservation Area'. Item 4g: The RAF donated the final £100 for the speaker system in the Church not the whole amount. Item 7b Cllr Brett: '...on the path from the Church. Item 7c Cllr Brett: 'Open Doors Day (not Doors Open Day). Otherwise minutes were proposed as accurate by JF; seconded by CF.	
4. Army issues: Maj. K McDowell <ol style="list-style-type: none"> KMcD spoke of the flag changing ceremony on 31.03.15 and how everyone felt it had been a fitting tribute. One hundred and thirty Army personnel are now based in Leuchars. CF spoke of reports of younger children being bullied by older teenagers at the playpark near Beaufort Place. A boy of about 10 years old and a girl of 6 years have been assaulted there. KMcD will ask for the RMPs to get an update from the local police. AO'L suggested the 30mph zone from the bus stop to the main gate be reduced to 20mph as there have been several 'near miss' accidents. 	
5. Police issues Nothing to report. The police will attend the CC meetings periodically.	

<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. War Memorial potential removal to Junction Gardens: awaiting application. b. Possible closure of The Leng and St Davids Resources Centres. No further news. c. Possible compulsory purchase order for land by the station. No further news. d. Heartstart defibrillator situated outside of the GP surgery is now being checked once a week. JR said her husband would check the defibrillator light is flashing on behalf of CF. e. Fergus Ewing has met with local businesses. Only two businesses are eligible to apply for a rate reduction. No cash injection will be made, however a letter will be sent again. f. A handrail is needed at 28-32 Main Street, not at the Church. M Cook (Fife Council) is going to look at this. g. Floral enhancements: the hanging baskets/plants have been ordered from Falkland in Bloom. JF has ordered enough compost. Ten older, small hanging baskets have been given to Guardbridge CC. h. RAF stone: KMcD will keep one of the stones for the CC. The quarry will cut the stone as necessary and the Payback team will install it in Junction Gardens in due course. 	JR
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Connor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leaflets were issued showing the timetable of Fife Council's Dial-A-Ride service. This service is for those who are unable to use public transport. <p>Cllr Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. The handrail for 30-34 Main Street is now in the transportation order. c. Leuchars to Guardbridge 40mph speed limit is in place. As the CC had not been informed about this, it was agreed that a letter should be sent to Colin Stirling, Fife Council asking that the CC be kept informed. d. CF asked about whether newspaper could be used instead of the biodegradable bags issued by Fife Council. Cllr Taylor confirmed this was the case. CF requested that Fife Council advertise this information as it is not widely known. 	TG
<p>8. Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FIFEPlan Planning Obligations Guidance March 2015. Email from Jenni Whittle 3.3.15 2. Police Control Room and Service Centre Integration/Transition of Glenrothes Area Control Room and Service Centre to Edinburgh. Email from Chris Mutter 6.3.15 3. Community Empowerment Conference 10.6.15, COSLA Conference Centre, Edinburgh. Email from CF 11.3.15 4. Fife Pilgrim Way Consultation Dates for Community Councils. Email from Craig Gilbert 19.03.15 5. Fife Access Forum Evening Seminar Event, Broxburn 'Knowing Path Structures' 	

<p>22.04.15. Email from Craig Gilbert 19.03.15</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The Open 2015 public meeting 25.03.15, 18.00 at The Gateway. Email from CF 19.03.15 7. A985 Kincardine Bridge works update. Email from Findlay Robertson 22.03.15 8. FIFEPlan, Customer Feedback and LDP Exchange Event 30.04.15, Rothies Halls and Customer Survey on the consultation arrangements. Confirm attendance by 20.04.15. Email from Jenni Whittle 23.03.15 9. Proposed traffic calming works A914 St Michaels. Problems with rumble strips e-mail exchange between St Michaels resident and Fife Council. Email from CF 23.03.15 10. Fife Council Planning Consultation – Making Fife’s Places Supplementary Guidance. Email from Fife DevPlan 25.03.15 11. 70th Anniversary VE Day Commemorations 8-10 May 2015. Ideas for commemoration. Email from J Hawkes 26.03.15 12. Temporary road closure C25, Toll Road, Guardbridge 6-10.04.15. Email from Cllr Brett 27.03.15 13. Fife Cares newsletter. Email Jane Imrie 30.03.15 14. Update of Notification Periods – Planning Applications. Email from Mary Bennett 30.03.15 15. Motor Cycle Run for Disabled Horse Riding notification. Proposed number of vehicles 200 split into groups. Leuchars is part of the route. Email from Karen Hunter 3.4.15. <p>Agenda and papers for the Meeting of the North East Planning Committee 11.3.15, 25.03.15</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CF attended a recent school meeting. As at 29.03.15 there are 129 pupils. Lucy Jess the headteacher has enrolled all the Army children on a visit to Germany. Twenty laptops have been bought using some funding from the RAF. Suggestions for a suitable memorial to the RAF in the school are being considered, e.g. a photograph or mugs. JR felt that with all the concern for the Army children, sometimes the local children can get overlooked. JR reported that the floor tiling depicting an RAF aircraft at the main entrance to the school is to be removed. b. JE: asked for the pavement by the circle (opposite Ye Old Hotel) turning onto Main Street could be fixed as it is potholed and in a poor state. Cllr Connor will take this up. <p>JF: paving slabs in the lock-up. The CC will ask if 71 Eng will help lay these.</p>	<p>BC</p>

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 5 May 2015 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend