

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 1 December 2009 The Hive, Leuchars**

**Present:** Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Wing Commander Patrick O'Donnell (OC Base), Susan Budd (Community Development Officer), Cllr Tim Brett, one member of the public

Item	Action point
<b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Jim Finnie, Joyce Edmonston, Kayleigh Lewis (Community Policewoman), Cllr Ron Caird, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager)	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes of 03.11.09</b> Section 7 Action points 43 and 44 have been transposed, otherwise CF proposed as accurate; TG seconded	
<b>4. RAF issues:</b> a) Susan Budd's title is Community Development Officer. Keith Wardlaw has been replaced by Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell as RAF representative on the Community Council. b) <u>Rugby Club:</u> Extra police patrols have been put on. PO'D confirmed that the Rugby Club opening hours cannot be extended. An ongoing educative approach is being taken. c) <u>Community Centre/The Hive:</u> Usage of The Hive once the new Community Centre is completed is still to be decided. No traffic problems are anticipated with the new Community Centre. d) <u>Brackets for lamp posts:</u> Owing to budgetary constraints the RAF will no longer be able to supply brackets to the community council. e) <u>Flying:</u> nothing to report. f) <u>Park &amp; Ride for next Airshow:</u> There will more Park & Ride spaces which will be mandated for next year. PO'D will keep the CC updated about his plans. g) <u>Polytunnel at Primary School:</u> This is now in place. CF thanked PO'D for the RAF's help with erection of the tunnel. h) <u>Hampden Close houses:</u> TG asked if there was any truth in the rumour that a number of RAF houses in Hampden Close were being prepared for private sale. PO'D said that this is not the case as far as he is aware.	
<b>5. Police issues:</b> Nothing to report.	
<b>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</b> a) <u>Doocot field development:</u> No further update. b) <u>General improvements:</u> No further update c) <u>Local and Structure Plans:</u> Deadline for comments is 24.12.09. The CC do not have any comments to make. d) <u>Road signs:</u> No further update e) <u>Exit from Meadow Road:</u> No further update. Changes to be made when 20mph improvements are made f) <u>Pharmacy application:</u> CC members conducted a survey of over 400 Leuchars and Balmullo residents between 20-27 Nov 2009. The results of this survey have been submitted to NHS Fife Primary Care Manager (Joyce Kelly) in support of the GPs' appeal against the	

<p>decision to site a pharmacy in the Post Office. The person who had advised the CC on how to conduct the survey did not want payment and has suggested a donation be made to charity. CF suggested CC members donate £10 each to the Leuchars Community Drama Group and this was agreed. It is understood the National Appeals Panel will be visiting the Post Office on 15.12.09 as part of the Appeal process. CF reported that Allan Kennedy of SODS (Save Our Dispensing Surgeries) had appeared on TV and had encouraged viewers to protest at the time of the NAP's visit. CF felt that everything that could be done had been done regarding support of the GPs' appeal and that a protest might be considered intimidatory by the NAP. Everyone agreed that Leuchars CC should not support such a protest.</p> <p>g) <u>CC Action Plan</u>: Kate Hughes will guide the CC on this in due course.</p> <p>h) <u>Comfort stop scheme</u>: Hendies still to respond. No further update</p> <p>i) <u>Buses outside Madras (Kilrymont)</u>: No further update. TG to check with member of the public who had raised this problem.</p> <p>j) <u>Main Street vibrations</u>: Cllr Brett has had confirmation that it is not the road surface contributing to the vibrations, although there is 'slight ponding'.</p> <p>k) <u>Garage lock up</u>: Cllr Caird understands the necessary forms have now been dealt with.</p> <p>l) <u>Leuchars Community Drama Group</u>: Cllr Caird has reported that a plea for funding had received a favourable opinion. KL will deal with MS directly regarding this.</p> <p>m) <u>St Bunyan's Place depression in pavement</u>: This is being looked into.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>KL/MS</p> <p>TB</p>
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <p><u>Action pt 53</u>: Vacant/unsightly areas Meadow Road entrance: KH is organising an onsite meeting with Planning and Transportation to see how to resolve.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48</u>: KH is investigating costs for patching of the road approaching the Club. The expectation is the Golf Club will make a proportional payment. No further update</p> <p><u>Action pt 43</u>: Additional lamp standard: It is not known whether planning permission was granted. Cllr Caird to check the outcome of this.</p> <p><u>Action pts 44</u>: School Hill bench: JF's sketch of the new location for the bench has been passed to KH.</p>	<p>KH</p> <p>KH</p> <p>RC</p> <p>KH</p>
<p><b>8. Correspondence</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of Glenrothes submission for Britain in Bloom. E-mail from TB 11.11.09. CF called for comments/suggestions</li> <li>2. Black Watch Homecoming Parade in Dunfermline &amp; Kirkcaldy 11.12.09.</li> <li>3. Fife Green Space Strategy Development Conference 27.1.10 at Glen Pavilion, Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline. E-mailed to all 30.11.09.</li> <li>4. Digital Switchover Nov 09 newsletter and community outreach pack</li> <li>5. Association for the Protection of Rural Scotland. Information about the this organization.</li> <li>6. Queen Margaret and Victoria Hospital developments newsletter Issue 2 Winter 09</li> <li>7. Planning Aid for Scotland leaflets 20.11.09</li> <li>8. 'Connect' Scottish Health Council newsletter Issue 5 Autumn 09</li> <li>9. Waterwatch Scotland. Flooding in Fife meeting 25.11.09 County Buildings Cupar. 4.11.09</li> </ol>	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Household waste trial comes to an end in January.</li> <li>2. Complaint from resident of 64 Main St regarding noise coming from the Commercial Arms: The resident has been asked to keep a diary. CF has passed information to Cllr Brett regarding the resident's difficulty in crossing the road with a disabled child.</li> <li>3. Residents of 30 Main St had written to CF with a complaint about the overgrown</li> </ol>	<p>TB</p>

<p>trees outside their house which are blocking out the street lighting because of their height, and that the area is being used as a toilet by local youths. They have requested the trees be removed/hard pruned. Cllr Brett reported that the fir trees are to be cut down and the bare areas planted with shrubs.</p> <p>4. The member of the public attending the meeting reported that the streetlight down the lane from 11 Pitlithie Road is also being blocked by overgrown trees, and that the lamp post itself has lost all its coating and is becoming rusty and weak. Cllr Brett will take this up with Arthur Hailey.</p> <p>5. CF reported that NHS Fife was holding its annual general meeting in January which is open to the public. She intends to go and question the Health Board on matters surrounding the pharmacy application.</p> <p>6. Cllr Brett will look into whether houses in Hampden Close are going to be sold off.</p> <p>7. Leuchars Primary School is holding a Christmas Fete 4.12.09 ,3.00-4.00pm</p> <p>8. Minutes from CC meetings will be signed off in future.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 2 February 2010 at 7.00pm in The Hive (There is no meeting in January)**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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