

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars 1 March 2016

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Jim Finnie, Jill Russell, Veronica Taylor, Steve Simpson, Trish Downie, Samantha Cullen, Alisdair Gilbert, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Martin Kinsey (Staff Station Officer), Lucy Jess (Headteacher, Leuchars Primary School), WPC Suzy Martin, Members of the Public: Jean Nicoll, Athole Stewart, Wilma Henderson

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor, Mark Sharp, Joyce Edmonston, Dave Baxter	
3. Approval of minutes of 1 December 2015 5a. PC McIntosh has not replaced WPC Martin. Both are community police officers for Taybridgehead. JR approved the minutes; CF seconded them.	
4. Army issues: a. MK confirmed that businesses can be run from DIO (Defence Infrastructure Organisation) houses. b. Army events: an Easter extravaganza for children/young people will be held 27.03.16. There will be an Open Day in September (date to be confirmed). Bonfire night celebrations on 3.11.16. Joint carol service in St Andrews (date to be confirmed). c. MK confirmed the contract for providing tea/coffee in the community centre is only up until 14.00. Thereafter, only cold vending is available. MK has asked ISS to look at the possibility of providing hot drinks after 14.00.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. Dog fouling is on the increase and is being reported on the Army blog. MK receives 2-3 complaints about this a month. Army families have been advised to pick up dog waste. There is a warning notice in the park. Cllr Brett is working with Anne Scobie, Enforcement Officer on this matter. WPC Martin is working with the schoolchildren to produce posters for the village. AG thinks it may be dogs on the loose. <u>Reminder</u>: bagged dog waste can be put in any public bin, not just dog waste bins. e. TD reported that Army personnel have been speeding through the village. The villager who witnessed this gave the registration number to the Army but was told there was not much it could. MK confirmed that the Army does have the ability to do something. WPC Martin advised that the villager should e-mail the reg. number to the community police. Cllr Brett confirmed that money for extra speed guns is available. f. DIO houses, particularly in Hampden Close, are in a poor state. MK confirmed that the houses are classed as 'maintenance only' and is aware of the state of the walls, sheds and any vandalism. g. Youths have been hanging around empty married quarters. MK said he is asking Army welfare if it is possible to bring forward the opening date of the Youth Club. 	
<p>5. Police issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. WPC Martin gave statistics on driving offences since the Guardbridge closure: 110 drivers have had warnings for speeding; 47 fixed penalty tickets for speeding have been issued; 7 tickets for failing to obey the one way system at Toll/Pusk Road; and 3 for drivers using their mobile phone. The police are monitoring the area, in particular Toll/Pusk Road as many drivers are not heeding the one-way system. b. Cllr Brett confirmed Fife Council are looking at a temporary re-siting of the bus stop on Cupar Road at Guardbridge. c. MK believes there is a problem with hold ups at St Michael's junction (traffic coming from Cupar), with Army personnel arriving late to work. Cllr Brett will give MK Rod Cox's telephone so MK can report this. d. WPC Martin spoke of a minor road traffic accident, where the Guardbridge closure had exacerbated matters. Cllr Brett advised WPC Martin to speak with Rod Cox about this. e. There are problems with the change in bus service. J Nicoll reported that, today, a 99 bus went straight past several people waiting at the bus stop on Station Road (by Mears Court). Cllr Brett will pass this information on. Some members of the CC believe the university should supply a shuttle bus service as was originally planned. f. A Facebook page has been set up by to comment on the Guardbridge closure. This is in addition to the university's Green Energy Facebook page. g. CF reported problems at the junction of the road alongside the station and Toll Road. White lines are needed as it is not clear who has right of way. Cllr Brett will look into this. 	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Double yellow lines at the junction of School Hill/Pitlethie Road. A works order has been issued; completion date 28.02.16. This could 	

<p>not be confirmed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. War Memorial: potential removal to Junction Gardens. Contact with FC conservation officer to be made. c. Overgrowth on fences in Aitken Place: Cllr Brett will look into this. d. Rail bridge by playing field: area needs to be tidied. Cllr Brett is progressing this. e. Raw sewage on the nature trail. MK confirmed that Fife Council has started work on rectifying this. a. Guardbridge biomass plant: The university have undertaken to monitor emissions at street level (rather than chimney level) and will need to engage an expert for this. Cllr Brett is expecting to hear something from Fife Director of Public Health next week. A Stewart gave CF Steve Bargeton's (university) eight-point presentation. Vital (the company installing the biomass plant) have had local primary school children on site and had them pose 'thumbs up' for a photograph in the newspaper. In AS's opinion this is manipulative and unethical. He also believes the parents were not advised of the children's visit to the site. b. 'The Cakery' café is not going ahead as the (estate agent) premises could not be secured for this purpose. Alternative premises are being sought. c. Junction Gardens: AG is waiting to hear from Air Officer Scotland about his availability for an opening ceremony (after the planting is completed). 	<p>TG</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Brett:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fife Council budget has been set. £1m has been taken out of road maintenance. b. Car park extension at railway station: this may now be in the autumn rather than the summer. c. St Michael's Golf Club: Liz Murphy (Fife Council cemeteries) is looking into the matter of responsibility for repair of the road. d. St Athernase regeneration: Cllr Connor would like to see what the completed project will look like. CF will e-mail him C Petrie's contact details. e. Rosebank Park: Cllr Brett has written to the new owner about the electricity overcharge to residents. f. Potholes: Cllr Brett urged everyone to report these. The Council aims to fill in potholes within 5 days. g. With this year's Council budget being very tight, unadopted roads are unlikely to be maintained. h. Broadband: Leuchars is considered to be a good broadband area. i. Tentsmuir newsletter (March) is now available. <p>Cllr Connor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> j. The new Principal of St Andrew's University is Prof Sally Mapstone. k. Scottish Government is launching a new Land Fund programme in the spring. l. NE Fife Adult Planning Group is funding 20 places on the SCMA's childminding induction training programme (normal cost £100/place). 	<p>CF</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>Contact Karen Scott, CLD on 03451 555555 ext 445317 or June Lyall, SCMA on 01592 756986.</p> <p>m. Roderick Campbell MSP constituency surgery: will be held 4.3.16 in Burgh Chambers, Tayport. For an appointment, call 01334 844971.</p>	
8.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beautiful Fife 2016 application forms. To be submitted by 4.4.16. 2. Road report. Email from Cllr Connor via CF 4.2.16 3. State of DHE houses. Response to CF's query from M Kinsey 5.2.16 4. Suggestion to install a coffee machine in the Community Centre. Email from CF to M Kinsey 5.2.16 5. Sewage on the Nature Trail. Being dealt with 8.2.16. Email from J McLachlan via Cllr Brett. 5.5.16 6. April CC meeting will be 12.04.16, not 5.4.16. Email from CF 6.2.16 7. Dog fouling in the community. Email from Cllr Brett to Leuchars PS headteacher 8.2.16 8. Data protection registration due for renewal. Email from ICO 9.2.16 9. Possible shared responsibility of Cemetery Road (Golf Club/Fife Council). Email from Liz Murphy 15.2.16 10. People's Health Trust Healthgift Funding Programme. Email K Jackson 17.02.16 11. Fife Cultural Consortium February newsletter. Email 18.02.16 12. Question about businesses being run from occupants of DHE housing. Email from CF to M Kinsey 19.2.16 13. Edinburgh Airport as a source of funding for local initiatives that support health and wellbeing. Now extended to whole of Fife. Email from K Jackson 22.02.16. 14. Beautiful Scotland and It's Your Neighbourhood February newsletter and Review. Email K Jackson 23.02.16. 15. Guardbridge biomass plant emissions: St Andrews University's have committed to investigating the issue of air quality. Email from A Stewart via CF 26.02.16 	
	<p>A.O.C.B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CF asked for all members of the CC to respond to e-mails she sends that require a response. b. AS is concerned that open access to the Doocot field will be closed off as an area of weeds has been bulldozed by the Commercial Arms and a kissing gate is to be installed. AS has been in contact with Fife Council about this. c. Beautiful Fife competition: CF asked for volunteers to help with the planting and maintenance of the planters/hanging baskets. J Nicoll will do the barrels. L Jess will get the schoolchildren involved. AG will be able to help. d. The donor of the heritage pear trees on Junction Gardens would like to come and see how the trees are doing. Cllr Connor will let the donor know where they are. f. Money given to the Community Council by Fife Council for distribution to the needy has been stopped. One member of the CC thinks this money was part of a Trust. Cllr Brett will investigate this. e. L Jess gave an update on activities at the school: the SCMA childminding induction training programme will be promoted to parents. If there is any relevant/important community news, LJ can e-mail the parents. The school's ICT has recently been upgraded. The low roof at the school is being replaced. The school alarm went off at the weekend; it was a false alarm. P7 pupils are currently on a 	<p>All CC members</p> <p>BC</p> <p>TB</p>

residential trip. f. The next meeting will be Tuesday, 12 April 2016. The Fire & Rescue Service will be presenting at the next meeting..	
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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 12 April 2016 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre.
Members of the public are welcome to attend

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