

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 5 Aug 2014

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Jean Nicoll, Wg Cdr Neville Clayton, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Cllr Bill Connor, Gordon Bruce (Drawdown Chief of Staff), Maj Kev McDowell, WO1 AM O'Loughlin, Cllr Tim Brett.

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies: Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Dave Baxter, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Cllr Bill Connor	
3. Approval of minutes of 1 July 2014 The minutes were Approved by Carroll Finnie and seconded by Jim Finnie following one amendment: The sinking manhole cover in Main Street has not yet been repaired. It has been looked at but not repaired.	
4. RAF/Army issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wg Cdr Neville advised that he would attend the Forum meeting on 6th Aug in lieu of Air Commodore Mayhew who will be attending the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. b. 6 Sqn departure went well – one more group to leave in September. c. The Drawdown Plan continues – There will be inevitable redundancies among civilian staff. Trade Union support for those affected continues. d. No comments will be released regarding the operation of the Quick Response Aircraft. e. The future use of the airfield is re-iterated as diversionary. f. Flt Sgt Mitchell gave flying news: 4Sqn Hawks will have 6 planes flying between 6 – 15 August. There will be flypasts on 5, 13 and 16 for the Edinburgh Tattoo. g. Gordon Bruce confirmed that Dundee does not rely on Leuchars Radar. ATC will continue to off them use of the radar facilities. h. Kev McDowell confirmed that the transition team of 4 is now in place and living in the community. Everything is moving along on track for what they want to achieve, namely the transition from Germany with the least amount of anxiety. This is truly a “coming home” for the army as they have been in Germany since the 1960's. i. KMCD also confirmed that training areas are still being examined but there are no answers as yet. 	
5. Police issues None	
6. Matters arising:	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 4e - Carroll Finnie (chair) and Lyall Smith of the Church Regeneration Team would work together to write to the Station Commander about funding for the church. b. 6e & f – Both jobs now completed c. 6h – CC Secretary to be reminded to emphasise the original move of the war memorial from the centre of the village when dealing with the War Memorial Conservation Officer. d. 7a – Cllr Connor confirmed the Commonwealth Games Baton had made a quick journey through Tayport but did not call at Leuchars as had been requested. e. 7b – The matter of Madras College replacement school will hopefully go before Fife Council in September. f. 7c – Weight restriction survey to be completed on Schoolhill during the first week in August 	TG
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cllr Connor spoke on the Community Safety Briefing b. Cllr Connor advised the opening times of Citizens Advice Office in Newport and Tayport – these are both well attended. c. Cllr Brett distributed a telephone list for Transportation Services d. CC members were reminded of the correct procedure on planning applications. If CC requests a consultation within 7 days the matter will be referred to committee. e. There has been no further action taken on the state of The Olde Hotel – it is now being dealt with by the enforcement team. 	
<p>8. Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly update of enforcement cases. E-mail from CF 3.7.14 2. Madras College briefing note. E-mail from Cllr Brett 7.7.14 3. Fife Cares Newsletter (2nd edn). E-mail from L Welsh, Fife Council 7.7.14 4. Request for dog waste bin Adam Close. E-mail from A White 4.7.14 5. Weekly update of planning applications. E-mail from CF 7.7.14 6. Request for help at Tayport Gala. E-mail from CF 7.7.14 7. Pothole near The Croft. E-mail from CF 12.7.14 8. Scottish Vacant and Derelict and Dilapidated Properties Survey. E-mail from CF 15.07.14 9. LGR Committee Call for Evidence – Community Empowerment (Scotland). E-mail from W Welsh 22.07.14 10. Customer Forum for Water News Update. Email from W Welsh 22.07.14 	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The speed limit at the St Michaels gateway to the village does not seem to be correctly set. Cllr Connor believes that there will be no replacement installed. - only replaced if actually broken. Cllr Brett suggested a query on the standard of calibration could be raised. b. Despite the absence of an application form from Leuchars Keith Jackson and Susan Gilfeather visited the village and did the usual tour. 	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7 October 2014 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend