

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 4 August 2009 The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Tim Brett, Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), one member of the public

Item	Action point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone and thanked all those involved in the recent planting around the village. Thanks were offered to the Chair for the barbecue she had held as a 'thank you'.	
2. Apologies: Cllrs Ron Caird & Maggie Taylor, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Flt Lt Keith Wardlaw	
3. Approval of Minutes of 07.07.09 6 (c) Quotation from Alyth was for the archway feature, not the wall, otherwise JF proposed minutes as accurate; JE seconded.	
4. RAF issues: a) <u>MUGA:</u> No problems to report. SB has been working with the older youths to look after the younger children. Extension plans for widening the skatepark were submitted yesterday; decision expected within 4 weeks. The Youth Shelter is well used and although it is understood if the shelter was a success it is unlikely to be moved, SB wants to involve the children in fundraising for a permanent youth shelter (if required) or some other project b) <u>Integrated Welfare Facility:</u> Start expected October 2009. c) <u>Rugby club:</u> SB confirmed that a reminder to all RAF personnel will be made through Station Routine Orders to be respectful of local residents late at night when the Club closes. Although not likely the Club will obtain a late licence, SB will investigate this. d) <u>Families Day:</u> To be held 21.08.09 on the camp (RAF only). SB asked if the CC had considered a gala. CF summarised the CC's ideas on this and how lack of members to organise this is a problem. SB will investigate if any RAF personnel would be interested in helping the CC organise this. e) <u>Pilot waste collection and new road hump scheme:</u> CF asked SB if she would promote the consultation meetings to be held in the Henderson Hall 19.08.09 at 19.00 to all RAF personnel. SB agreed to do this. f) <u>The Hive flyer:</u> TG asked if it would be possible to promote the CC in 'The Hive' flyer sometimes and if CC minutes could be posted in The Hive. SB said this would be possible and that she would speak to the person in charge.	SB SB SB TG/SB
5. Police issues: CF has passed feedback on the issue of residents' parking permits for the Airshow to Bruce Thompson but has not yet had a response. It was suggested that maybe all residents could be issued with a permanent resident parking permit. CF will pass this on to Bruce Thompson. It is still not clear who is replacing Jim Michie. TG to e-mail Roy Giles to find out. .	CF TG
6. Matters arising from previous minutes: a) <u>Doocot field development:</u> Cllr Caird had informed CF that Section 75 has been agreed between Gladedale and Fife Council, and that Gladedale will come to the October CC meeting. There was discussion about what was included in Section 75 and whether the CC is too late to put forward ideas regarding redirection of Main Street. CF to e-mail Chris Smith regarding this. There was further discussion about what has been agreed regarding the	CF

<p>industrial site. Gladedale are speaking with John Foster in the next two week about this.</p> <p><u>b) Gypsy/traveller site:</u> John Watson (Enforcement Officer) has met with Chris Smith. Soil test results are to be passed to Council solicitors as soon as possible to see if the results meet legal requirements.</p> <p><u>c) Floral displays:</u> (i) Beautiful Fife judging of the village took place 21.7.09. Judges were particularly taken with Rosebank Park Homes development, the football pitch/park and the Mackenzie Grave. There were negative comments about the poor state of the plot at the entrance to Meadow Road. (ii) Beautiful Scotland Neighbourhood Awards – judging to take place 28.8.09 at 14.00. TG to confirm if she can meet the judges, if not then Cllr Brett said he might be able to attend. (iii) A resident has kindly donated a water pump to help with watering the flowers. It was agreed to give the resident a bottle and flowers as a thank you. JF is looking to secure a trailer to transport the pump.(iv) Cllr Brett confirmed the £1500 for floral displays is being progressed.</p> <p><u>d) Gala subcommittee:</u> SB to investigate if any RAF personnel would be interested in helping the CC with this.</p> <p><u>e) Public toilets / use by pub football team:</u> The necessary paperwork is still not completed and submitted to the Council. CF had offered to help with the forms but has received nothing to date. She has advised I Ovenstone the paperwork should be completed as soon as possible now in case the Council go ahead with demolishing the toilets. All CC members agreed that, with the paperwork not completed, there is nothing more the CC can do to help in this matter.</p> <p><u>f) General improvements:</u> (i) Welcome to Leuchars sign: The CC need to discuss this further with Gordon Hughes directly. (ii) Land on Station Road: Cllr Brett to check with KH and Ian Barber when this will be tidied. CF is available to meet with I Barber if necessary. (iii) Wall, Archway & Clock (electric): There was discussion about which was the most appropriate budget (Town Centre Regeneration or Locality Budget) to apply to. TG to scan quotes for wall and archway and send to Cllr Brett. He will then speak with KH regarding most appropriate budget.</p> <p><u>g) Local and Structure Plans:</u> Draft Local Plan due out in October. CF reported a St Andrews resident is legally challenging the Plan. Cllr Brett to check whether the public consultation will take place while the challenge is in progress.</p> <p><u>i) Dirty road signs:</u> CF to confirm to Cllr Brett whether the signs have been cleaned. The signs by Rachel's Inn / entrance to Pitlethie Road are very dirty.</p> <p><u>j) Community payback service:</u> Nothing further identified for the payback service to help with.</p> <p><u>k) Lock up storage for CC:</u> With the donation of a water pump it was becoming more urgent to establish whether the CC could have lock up storage free of charge. Cllr Brett will check with KH about this.</p> <p><u>l) Exit from Meadow Road:</u> Gordon Hughes has e-mailed Cllr Brett outlining his proposals for this, but no further information to date. Cllr Brett to investigate progress.</p> <p><u>m) Pharmacy application:</u> The Fraser McPherson application will be heard 12.08.08.</p> <p><u>n) CC Action Plan:</u> CF to let Cllr Brett whether Gladedale will be attending October meeting. If not, then he will arrange for KH to come and explain the template to the CC.</p> <p><u>o) OAP Rail Pass:</u> TG has written to Network Rail regarding non Fife residents using their cards for free rail travel to Edinburgh. Letter to be copied to Leuchars Stationmaster. Cllr Brett confirmed that the scheme was under review by the Council</p> <p><u>p) Drain clearance by the Spar:</u> TG still to write to Council (Arthur Green) regarding this.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>JF</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TG/TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>CF</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TG</p>
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<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>a) Cllr Brett reported that Harry Byers was dealing with the Comfort Stop scheme and that he would contact CF in due course.</p> <p><u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas Meadow Road entrance: Cllr Brett to obtain an update on this from KH.</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.</p> <p><u>Action pts 43:</u> School Hill bench: Cllr Brett to arrange for the Council to come out and approve the suggested new site.</p> <p><u>Action pt 44:</u> Additional lamp standard: It is not known whether planning permission was granted.</p>	<p>TB/KH</p> <p>KH</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'The Community Councillor' Spring 2009 newsletter 2. Delivering Planning Reforms in Fife (pack) Development Services 29.07.09 3. Pharmacy application: acknowledgement of CC's letter of objection. Primary Care Dept 13.07.09 4. Pharmacy application: update from Sir Menzies Campbell (response from Shona Robison) 5. Modernisation of the Planning System – email from Cllr Brett forwarded to all 3.8.09 6. Funding Information Sessions: (Kirkcaldy 5.8.09 4-6pm, Glenrothes 2.9.09 2-4pm) Funding & Monitoring Team e-mail 28.07.09. 7. E-mail exchanges between Carroll and Bruce Thompson. Sgt Robert Gassner to replace Sgt Michie. Roy Giles to replace Bruce Thompson. BT now dealing with Airshow - query whether permits are needed for the Airshow. 8. National Planning Framework 2. E-mail from Linda Purdie 13.07.09 9. Fife Development Planning Update July 2009. e-zine Development Services 31.07.09 10. Website report; e-mail from M McNicol 1.8.09; 11. Planning Update Aug 2009. Development Services e-mail 31.07.09. 12. Newport CC priorities document. Kate Hughes e-mail 23.07.09 13. Scottish Ambulance Service Consultation. Deadline 11.9.09. ASCC e-mail 24.07.09. Emailed to all 3.8.09. 14. Fife Police Eastern Division Newsletter Jul 09. E-mailed to all 28.07.09 15. Digital switchover dates. Digital TV UK e-mail 28.07.07. 	

<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS is not impressed with the Council's 'Do It Online' method of reporting issues: he reported the poor state of the pavements and road in Norman View four weeks ago but has had no response / feedback from the Council. Cllr Brett to investigate the lack of feedback. 2. MS reported 'Fife's Got Talent' competition was very successful and raised £2400 to be split between the Byre Theatre and the Youth Group. It will be repeated next year. 3. JE reported on the poor state of the walls alongside the pavement from Leuchars to St Michaels. Vegetation is overgrown behind the wall causing it crumble away in several places. Cllr Brett will write to Network Rail regarding this matter. Also, vegetation is overhanging the pavement along the stretch after crossing over the road. Cllr Brett confirmed it is Sarah Green who deals with these matters. 4. TG raised the need for the Community Council Support Group questionnaire to be completed. CF said she would do this. 5. CF asked Cllr Brett if the CC should apply for planning permission for the archway and wall now, and whether, as a CC, the application would be free of charge. Cllr Brett to find out about this. 6. Poor state of the children's slide at the RAF play park (behind the wire) to be reported to Flt Lt Keith Wardlaw. 	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TG</p> <p>CF</p> <p>TB</p>
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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6 October 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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