

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 6 August 2013

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Tim Brett, Jean Nicoll, Jim Finnie, Dave Baxter, Jill Russell, Wg Cdr Neville Clayton, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Graham Davidson

Item	Action Point
<b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> Everyone was welcomed	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Cllr Maggie Taylor, Cllr Bill Connor, Joyce Edmonston, Dave Baxter	
<b>3. Approval of minutes from 2 July 2013</b>  The minutes were proposed as accurate by JN; seconded by JR	
<b>4. RAF issues:</b> a) Planning continues for the RAF/Army transition next year. Transition will complete in 2015. Cllr Brett asked if there were any more details about the investment. NC confirmed there will be expenditure, but no timescales were given. MS asked about the diversionary role of the airfield and whether the HAZs would be maintained. NC confirmed the diversion will be worked up for QRA and other activities. MS also asked about training areas and whether the Dragoon Guards are supposed to be training on the base. NC was unable to answer this. Cllr Brett has spoken to a Fife Education Officer who has been out to Germany regarding the requirements for the Army schoolchildren. b) There will be two periods of night flying for both squadrons (5-9 Aug and 12-16 Aug) for up to one hour after sunset. Visiting aircraft 22 Aug. c) Planning for the Airshow on 7 Sep is on track.	
<b>5. Police issues</b> a) Nothing to report.	
<b>6. Matters arising:</b> a) Community defibrillator: Still awaiting confirmation from the surgery. b) Beautiful Fife: judging has taken place. The judges were very impressed. TG will attend the Beautiful Fife awards in Glenrothes on 10.9.13. c) Gala in July: Generally this was not as successful as last year. Profits were down with less people attending. The chief expenditure was the generator hire and insurance. The event also lacked volunteers, however, MS thanked those that had helped for their efforts. MS presented the accounts for the Gala – total profit = £249.22. d) Floral enhancements/Junction Gardens: (i) MS will paint the box and sign.	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) MS confirmed that there is some money to buy apple trees (from a grant though Fife Council).</li> <li>(iii) Bowser: The old bowser has been sold to Newport in Bloom for £300.</li> <li>(iv) The CC need another lock-up to accommodate a trailer and new bowser. There is nowhere in Guardbridge. Cllr Brett is still investigating.</li> <li>(v) DB is still investigating getting a new trailer. Approx cost is £750. Cllr Brett will request £550 from the Locality Fund if the community council is willing to donate £200.</li> <li>(vi) Hanging baskets: are now being fed.</li> <li>(vii) CF thanked DB for painting the tubs and for all the work he has done in Junction Gardens. CF also thanked JR and her children for litter picking in Junction Gardens.</li> <li>e) Cupar Court will definitely close.</li> <li>f) Toll Road development: coming to planning committee in August.</li> <li>g) Flooding at the Turning Circle: Cllr Brett is still following this up.</li> <li>h) Waterstone Crook: there is to be a feasibility study on space and what is/is not being used.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The road from the turning circle in Leuchars to Forgan roundabout is to be resurfaced. This will be done in sections starting in Leuchars after Christmas. Kevin Smith will come to the October community council meeting to explain in detail. Main Street will have the most intensive work because of the problems there. Leuchars to St Michaels will be completed in this financial year.</li> <li>b) The Slow Down sign coming in to Leuchars from St Michaels is not working.</li> <li>c) Cllr Brett will ask Hollie Nelson-Smith (local Scottish Youth Parliament rep) to come to one of the community council meetings to explain her role.</li> <li>d) Public convenience provision by the Commercial Arms will continue until at least the PC review is complete.</li> <li>e) To date over 300 motorists have been caught speeding through St Michaels.</li> <li>f) The cause of the recent fire in Tentsmuir is still not known.</li> <li>g) The Territorial Army is to remain in Leuchars.</li> <li>h) The blocked drains/gulleys of a Norman View resident is being dealt with.</li> <li>i) Fife Council has a new policy whereby ex-servicemen and women will get a greater number of points towards for council housing.</li> <li>j) Community covenant funding will support the MUGA at Balmullo.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information from Legacy 2014 – shows how to link projects and/or programmes to the Commonwealth Games 2014. Email from Cultural Partnerships 4.7.13</li> <li>2. Towards a Litter-free Scotland. Consultation on a strategy to tackle and prevent litter and flytipping. Consultation closes 27.9.13. Email from Bill Welsh 4.7.13</li> <li>3. Fife Voluntary Action Updates for 10.7.13, 18.07.13, 25.07.13, 01.08.13</li> <li>4. Fife Voluntary Action Training. Volunteer recruitment on Wed 28.08.13, 09.00-15.00 at Volunteer House, Crossgates Cupar. Email from Sandra Bruce 15.7.13.</li> <li>5. Temporary road closure, Main St, Leuchars, 23.7.13, 09.30-15.30. Email from Cllr Brett 17.7.13</li> </ul>	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. LDP exchange members event, Thur, 5.9.13, 16.00-19.00, Rothies Halls, Glenrothes. Share thoughts on the FIFEplan experience so far and give feedback to the Development Plan team on the consultation process. Email from Fife Devplan 19.7.13.</li> <li>7. Draft Community Emergency Plan for comment. Email from Carroll Finnie 29.07.13.</li> <li>8. Tell Me Scotland. A new portal which brings together Public Information Notices from across Scotland into a single online location. Email from Bill Welsh 1.8.13.</li> <li>9. Beautiful Fife awards on 10.9.13, Rothies Halls, Glenrothes at 19.00. Is anyone attending from Leuchars CC? Email from Hazel Smith, 2.8.13.</li> <li>10. Planning 2013 – Getting it Right for Your Community. Thur 22.08.13 at 18.00, Fife House, Glenrothes. Email from Mary Bennett, Service Manager, Enterprise, Planning &amp; Protective Services.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>A.O.C.B</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) MS raised the possibility of having a ‘farewell to the RAF’ event instead of a gala next year. The suggested date is June 2014, although this will depend on when most RAF personnel are still here. This could also involve Balmullo and Guardbridge CCs. Funding could be raised by approaching local businesses in St Andrews and Dundee. Fife Council could help by providing portals. Essentially it would be a charity event and all monies raised would go to the RAF Benevolent Fund. The RAF are interested and may be able to provide a hangar in the event of wet weather. Cllr Brett will give MS the contact number for St Andrews trade association. For Dundee, the contact point will be the Chamber of Commerce.</li> <li>b) JF: Ron Cameron of Leuchars Glazing has donated £100 toward floral enhancements. TG to write a letter of thanks.</li> <li>c) MS: The sign in Station Road for station junction is completely red.</li> <li>d) CF: There is a bike secured to the bus stop sign on Station Road. CF suggested that perhaps it would be an idea to have a bike rack put there.</li> <li>e) CF: reported that the turning area in St Andrews Bus Station is not well marked. The no entry sign is in the wrong place.</li> <li>f) DB (via CF): Thanks to be passed to Cllr Brett – the grass has now been cut for the lady in Cowbakie Crescent.</li> <li>g) GD: asked if the Leuchars sandstoned signs could be painted or made more prominent. MS will phone Watson regarding the possibility of having metal letters. JF will contact John Don (mason) to see if he has any suggestions.</li> <li>h) New noticeboard: The community council members are to cost for a new noticeboard, agree a location, and give Cllr Brett the details. He will see if money is available from the Locality Fund. It was suggested that there should be one at Junction Gardens and somewhere else in the village. The TA may be able to help with constructing a board. MS will investigate this further with Flt Sgt Mitchell. CF asked for everyone to think about possible locations.</li> </ol>	<p>TB</p> <p>TG</p> <p>MS/JF</p> <p>All</p>

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 October 2013 at 7.00pm in  
The Community Centre  
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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