

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 1 March 2011

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Hugh Moffatt, Cllr Ron Caird, J Nicholl, Cllr Tim Brett, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Wg Cdr P O'Donnell, Holly West (St Andrews University student)

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting including Holly West, a student from St Andrews University doing her dissertation on community governance and basing it on Leuchars CC.	
2. Apologies: Dave Baxter, Cllr Maggie Taylor	
3. Approval of minutes 01.02.11 Minutes approved: MS proposed as accurate; JF seconded.	
4. RAF issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Armed Forces redundancies will be announced 1 Sep 2011. b) Two Tornado GR4 squadrons are to be disbanded by 1 June 2011: one at RAF Lossiemouth; one at RAF Marham. c) Overgrown land, Station Road: MS explained what is planned for this area and asked if RAF personnel/Royal Engineers can help with clearance ready for planting of 400 trees as Community Payback have limited access to power tools. PO'D suggested TA personnel be approached for help as they have training weekend in Leuchars soon. SM to contact the RSM to see if the TA can help and then contact MS. d) CF gave details of the Residents Action Force Leuchars – a group formed to lead the campaign against closure of RAF Leuchars. The 'RAF' meet every Friday morning. Bruce Crawford MSP is on the group – he liaises with the MOD. Fraser Philips, Fife Economic Forum is also a member. The campaign group are hoping to meet Nick Harvey, Armed Forces Minister when he visits Leuchars (date to be announced). e) Citizens Advice Bureau: still waiting for dates for drop-in sessions in the new Community Centre. f) RAF forum: next meeting 9 March 2011. 	SM/MS
5. Police Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Next Community Engagement meeting is Tues, 8 March 2011. 	
6. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <u>Doocot Field Development</u>: no further update. b. <u>Meadow Road</u>: double yellow lines still to be painted. c. <u>Leuchars Surgery</u>: will no longer dispense medicines after 31.05.11 d. <u>Feature Wall</u>: Bill Mudie will be doing this. 	

<p>e. <u>Lock up garage</u>: Still waiting to hear from the headteacher at the school if the CC's equipment can be stored in a container sited on school grounds.</p> <p>f. <u>Adverts on website</u>: TG to write to advertisers advising them of a charge of £30 pa for advertising on the website.</p>	TG
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>a. New school St Andrews: further delays with this as there are issues with the recreation/sports facilities. The development group next meet 8 March 2011.</p> <p>b. Grit bins: existing stock has been allocated. More bins expected to arrive in October. There was some debate about the number of bins ordered. CF/JF had been told by Fife Council 100 had been delivered; councillors say only 60 (Leuchars 64th on the list). Cllr Caird to investigate.</p> <p>c. Public toilets demolition: still awaiting services to be removed.</p> <p>d. Pitcairn Park/Norman View: Cllr Brett to check that all the work has been completed ready for adoption. JE asked Cllr Brett to pass on thanks to the team for the excellent job they have made of the repairs. The pavements will be repaired when the street lights are done.</p> <p>e. Rosebank Park: Cllr Brett will be speaking with Fife Council lawyers about the way forward. He has written again to Scottish Water. Water pressure issue is still to be resolved.</p> <p>Cllr Caird spoke of :</p> <p>a) TAYplan: latest update</p> <p>b) Fife Rural Partnership's 'Just about Managing Seminar' 31.03.11.</p> <p>Cllr Brett spoke of:</p> <p>a) Fife Cares home safety service for over 65s and families with a child under 5..</p> <p>b) The aerial network at Mears Court is to be upgraded.</p> <p>c) Signs to be cleaned: too many. Cllr Brett to check.</p> <p><u>Action Point 48</u>: Golf Club Road: money for repair will come from Locality Budget. Not yet done.</p> <p><u>Action Point 43</u>: Additional lamp standard. Application form for this to be completed.</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TG</p>
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Results of Balancing the Books Consultation. E-mail from Cllr Brett 9.2.11 2. Parking problems at Qu Margaret Hospital. E-mail from Bellyeoman Community Council. 10.2.11 3. Message of support / promotion of online/hardcopy petition re RAF Leuchars. North Glenrothes CC. 15.2.11, Anstruther CC 6.2.11, Monimail CC 6.2.11, Aberdour CC 7.2.11, Oakley & Comrie Management Committee 7.2.11, Tayport CC 7.2.11, Colin Davidson, NEF Labour Party Candidate 7.2.11, Touch & Garvock CC 11.2.11, Largo Area CC, 23.2.11 4. Development Plan Update Feb 2011. E-mail from Fife Council 18.2.11 5. Petition re concerns about Fife Council lack of a comprehensive Common Good register and Audit Scotland's alleged failure to act. E-mail from Tom Minogue 21.2.11 	

6. TAYplan proposed strategic development plan. E-mail from Cllr Brett 3.2.11 7. St Andrews student's dissertation on community governance: request to interview CC members. E-mail from H West 17.2.11 8. Just About Managing seminar 31.3.11, Rothies Hall, Glenrothes. E-mail from L Purdie 25.2.11 9. Data Protection Registration renewal reminder. Information Commissioner's Office 8.2.11	
AOCB 1. MS asked that everyone think about what could be put on the overgrown ground on Station Road, once it is cleared. 2. HM: suggested a sign on the roundabout [re saving RAF Leuchars?] 3. JE: Derelict trailer/frame (was used for advertising Rosebank Park homes) should be removed. Cllr Brett will right to Mr Durrant. CF thought maybe it could be used to advertise the save RAF Leuchars campaign. 4. CF: JE will give CF telephone numbers of all local farms in order to contact them about putting up campaign banners in their fields. 5. CF: Baskets on lamp posts are to come down. Ian Barbour to visit CF before they do. Cllr Brett to speak to IB to arrange. 6. JF: Trees overhanging the turning circle. Cllr Brett will e-mail A Drummond (tel: 01334 450583). 7. JN: asked if once the overgrown land were cleared could people have wine there, for example, with a picnic. Cllr Brett confirmed this would be allowed. 8. TG: asked if there Fife Council had considered what would happen to the housing stock in Leuchars if the base were to close. Both councillors confirmed nothing has been considered. 9. TG: asked if there was any more news about development on Guardbridge Mill site. Cllr Caird confirmed the university has delayed making any announcement. 10. TG: Data Protection notification renewal is due (£35). MS to provide cheque to TG. Fife Council will be reimbursing this. 11. CF: Problems with the bus shelter on Main Street. G Duncan, Fife Council deals with shelters.	TB JE TB TB MS/TG CF

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 5 April 2011 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend

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