

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 7 February 2012

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Mark Sharp (Treasurer) [arriving later], Trish Graham (Secretary), Dave Baxter [arriving later], Jim Finnie, Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Ron Caird, Jean Nicoll, member of the public, Andrew McQueen, Gp Capt Neville Clayton, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting including Andrew McQueen a potential conservative councillor who is shadowing Cllr Caird.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor	
3. Approval of minutes 4.10.11 Gladedale drop-in meeting was actually held on 17, not 18 January 2012. The Speedwatch initiative is not going ahead in Wormit. Otherwise minutes were proposed as accurate by JF; seconded by JNS.	
4. RAF issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Typhoon flying displays are to be reintroduced around the UK, culminating in the Leuchars Airshow (15.02.12). Training of the display pilot will start 19.03.12 and will involve flying three times a day (but not every day) at 8.00-8.45, 12.30-13.15 and 16.00-16.45. Local people will be notified. b) A second squadron of Typhoons will be coming to Leuchars. The timing of this will be announced in a few months. The squadron number is yet to be decided. Cllr Caird asked how many people would be coming to Leuchars, but Group Captain Clayton could not give an exact number. TG asked about whether Hampden Close housing would be occupied, as currently most of the houses are empty and there are concerns this might attract vandals. FS Mitchell confirmed that the RAF police are patrolling Hampden to make sure this does not happen. c) A Transition Task Force (TTF) meeting was held on 6.2.12. Terms of reference were discussed. Councillors were invited to put forward relevant questions about the Army replacing the RAF. There are two sub groups in the TTF: one to deal with community concerns; the other to deal with economic concerns. There is still no clarity on when the Army will be coming to Leuchars. More information is expected at Easter but this may slip. MS asked if a third squadron would move here within 18 months, but this is not likely. d) Cllr Brett has had an enquiry from a resident in Norman View. FS Mitchell confirmed the area in question is not RAF land. e) The fallen tree in Warwick was discussed: TG to contact the resident of the house next to the fallen tree to see if they know who 	TG

<p>shoreline management plan.</p> <p>h) Path at the Olde Hotel: Cllr Brett is chasing this.</p> <p>i) Double lines in Main Street are being considered.</p> <p>Cllr Caird.</p> <p>a) Guardbridge Paper Mill site: AMcQ confirmed the University Court will meet mid-end Feb and it is hoped proposals will be put before the Court then.</p> <p>b) The amber street lights will be changed to mercury lighting to improve efficiency and reduce the power bill as part of the area transportation works programme.</p> <p>c) 12-32 Norman View footpath to be upgraded (both sides).</p> <p>d) There is to be an extension of the 20mph towards the base main gate and a bump/zebra crossing to be installed.</p> <p>e) New school St Andrews: the parent council are meeting 8.2.12 and will have to make a decision on the options available as the consultation period closes 10.02.12.</p> <p>f) Potential park and ride at Forgan roundabout: still awaiting reporter's findings.</p> <p>g) County buildings are undergoing refurbishment.</p> <p>h) Permitted development rights have come into force, whereby home owners might not need planning permission for extensions etc.</p> <p>i) Wind speed thresholds on the Tay Road Bridge were identified (available on www.tayroadbridge.co.uk).</p>	
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Madras College public consultation event dates. Letter 22.12.11, K Greer Exec Director Education, and additional information on the transition arrangements e-mail 31.01.12 2. Slow down signs by Junction Garden. Colin Stirling to reassess in the spring. Email to Carroll Finnie 9.1.12 3. Royal Horticultural Society communities e-newsletter Jan 2012. Email from Keith Jackson 13.1.12 4. Parking problems at Leuchars Station. Email to Colin Stirling from Cllr Brett 13.1.12 5. Letters sent/received by Mark Sharp from the MoD. 6. Planning and Scotland's Zero Waste plan – training for Community Councils 17 March, The Gateway Centre, Perth 7. Fife Local Development Plan – Community Matters. Letter 27.01.12. Jenni Whittle, Enterprise, Planning & Protective Services. 8. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust newsletter e-mail 31.01.12 9. Permitted development rights: change to planning legislation surrounding householder developments coming into force 6.2.12. Email from Stuart Wilson, Service Manager, EPPS 10. Invitation to meeting 1 March 2012 in St Andrews Town Hall regarding the development of wind farms. Email from Cameron CC 05.02.12 11. Fife Development Plan Scheme (4th edn). Letter from Bill Lindsay 18.01.12 12. Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Fife (DPE). Letter Bob McLellan 3.02.12 13. Community Cleanup of Fife Coastal Path: call for volunteers. Will run throughout April. Letter 27.01.12 Dawn Jamieson, Transportation and Environmental Services. 14. Children's Panel Recruitment Campaign 2012. Letter 25.01.12 Democratic Services. 	
<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JE: the small hanging baskets need to be taken down. There was some discussion about whether the baskets should be put up this 	

coming year as they were not looked after last year. It was agreed to go ahead with provided baskets to the local shops. The beehives are to stay where they are. Problem with the Pitlithie Road sign - Cllr Brett to investigate.	CF
2. MS: asked if some money could be used to buy wood for the youth club to build bird boxes for Junction Gardens. This was agreed.	MS
3. DB: asked about obtaining litter pickers for Junction Gardens. MS to investigate? [Check]	MS
4. JN: asked whether local businesses would be adopting the tubs on Station Road. The CC will not be doing this. JN said she would plant/ look after the tubs [check JN is doing them all or just one].	
5. AMcQ: asked if the CC had considered holding an event for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, eg a trees grant is available for local communities. It was agreed this should be raised with the school's parent council to discuss the possibility of a joint event.	CF

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6 March 2012 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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