

**Leuchars Community Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held in the Hive on 01/05/07**

The meeting was chaired by Mrs Carroll Finnie.

Also present were Councillor Eleanor Gunstone, Miss Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), Squadron Leader Keith Wardlaw (RAF Representative), Mr Adrian Barksby, Mrs Wilma Coyne, Mrs Joyce Edmonston, Mr Jim Finnie and Mr Matthew McNicoll.

**Chairperson's Opening Remarks**

Carroll welcomed all attendees

**Apologies**

Mr Mark Sharp

**Approval of the Minutes of 03/04/07**

The minutes of the meeting of 03/04/07 were accepted on a motion of Adrian Barksby, seconded by Jim Finnie.

**RAF Issues**

1. Susan Budd confirmed that the Integrated Welfare Facility is now fully funded and a start date of April 2008 is planned.
2. Carroll asked if our youth member, James Calderwood, plans to come back to meetings. Susan does not know what his plans are but will try to contact him.
3. Plans for the skateboard park were discussed and it now appears that there is a question as to whether it is still needed. This will go to consultation with the school board and, should plans be scrapped, cash raised will go back into facilities for the youngsters. There is no longer a community council involvement in this project.
4. S/Ldr Wardlaw produced an activities sheet for RAF Leuchars
  - a. 23/06/07 – 111(F) Squadron 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary – with possibly a short flying programme
  - b. May – Sept 07 – Major refurbishment of the main runway and ancillary taxiways. From July to September all 3 squadrons will carry out detachments to other RAF airfields.
  - c. There will be no air show in 2007. In its place RAF Leuchars will host a charity 1940's themed ball on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September.
5. It has been suggested that all Community Councillors meet the Station Commanding Officer to have an open talk on the activities and future of RAF Leuchars.

**Police Issues**

1. Complaints have been raised regarding anti-social behaviour in Meadow Park and in Main Street.
2. An incident has been reported in Rosebank Park – details not clear.

**Matters arising from the Minutes**

1. There had been an excellent attendance at the Public Meeting on 03/04/07 and favourable reports had been received.
2. Jim suggested that, since Councillor Gunstone is retiring at the May elections, it would be fitting to invite her and her husband out for a meal. Eleanor was delighted to accept and will notify a date which suits her and Frank. (Post note – arranged for 04/06/07)

**Correspondence**

1. Improvement Service Training
2. Charity Law
3. Elections and Community Councils
4. National Planning Framework
5. Fife Access Seminar 29/05/07
6. Letter from Ogilvie – Thanks for public meeting
7. Thanks from LOFTC for £200 donation
8. Thanks from Cllr Gunstone for flowers received on 01/04/07
9. Planning applications – Nothing relevant

### **Fife Council Issues**

1. A regular visitor to Leuchars Cemetery had contacted Eleanor requesting that the bus stop at the cemetery entrance. It has been agreed that the 99 service should stop in each direction.
2. A request had been received to realign the footpaths on either side of the Leuchars – St Michaels road as presently they do not coincide, meaning that pedestrians can not cross on a straight line where one finishes and the other begins.

### **Proposed New Start Time**

Carroll asked that meetings should revert to a 7.00pm start time. This was agreed with effect from the June meeting.

### **Proposed Web Site**

Carroll introduced Mr Matthew McNicol who has successfully set up a website for Tayport. A cost of £500 to set up and maintain for two years was provisionally agreed for him to do something similar for Leuchars and discussion followed as to what could be included in it.

- a. Photographs – past and present
- b. Local articles
- c. Local clubs and associations
- d. Community Council meetings
- e. Community policing

### **AOCB**

1. Adrian reported that the next Community Forum meeting is scheduled for 18/07/07 – Carroll and Wilma to attend.
2. Adrian submitted his resignation with immediate effect as he is posted to Lossiemouth in June.
3. In Mark's absence, Carroll passed on his report on his attendance at the Election Hustings – The main topic had been the removal of bridge tolls.
4. Mark has had the accounts audited up to March 2007, enabling us to receive 2 years' grants. The accounting year has now been changed to coincide with Fife Council policy.
5. Joyce passed on a complaint from a visitor to Leuchars Cemetery regarding inconsiderate parking by visitors to St Michaels Golf Club. It was agreed to write to the golf club asking for their co-operation to prevent this situation from recurring.

**Action Joyce**

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June in the Hive, RAF Leuchars, starting at 7.00pm.