

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 6 October 2009 The Hive, Leuchars

**Present:** Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Ron Caird, Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), [Rank?] Patrick O'Donnell, Kayleigh Lewis (Community Policewoman), Jason Jarvil (RAF Police), Lucy Jess (Leuchars PS teacher), four members of the public.

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| <b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b><br>CF welcomed everyone. A member of the public who objects to the siting of a pharmacy in the post office, and whose wife uses a wheelchair and cannot access the premises, read out extracts from the replies to the letters of objection he had written to George Brechin (Chair, NHS Fife) and Nicola Sturgeon. The two letters contradict one another. The member of the public will be writing again regarding this contradiction and will keep CF informed.   |              |
| <b>2. Apologies:</b><br>Cllrs Tim Brett & Maggie Taylor, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Flt Lt Keith Wardlaw   |              |
| <b>3. Approval of Minutes of 04.08.09 (no meeting in Sep 2009)</b><br>Proposed as accurate by JF; seconded by MS  |              |
| <b>4. RAF issues:</b><br>a) <u>New OC Base Support Wing:</u> [Rank?] Patrick O'Donnell introduced himself and gave an update of recent events:<br>b) The Air Show had been badly hampered by traffic problems – the matter was being discussed so that this could be avoided next year.<br>c) <u>Community Centre</u> (previously known as the Integrated Welfare Facility): Building work starts soon.<br>d) <u>Flying:</u> Helicopters flying this week.<br>e) <u>RAF regiment squadron:</u> will be moving to Leuchars middle of 2010.<br>f) <u>Runway repairs:</u> scheduled Mar/Apr 2010.<br>g) <u>MUGA:</u> No increased complaints. The MUGA is well used by both younger and older children. SB will be arranging for a graffiti artist to visit.<br>h) <u>Rugby club:</u> There are still problems with people banging on residents' windows/doors when going from the Club to the pubs. SB will update PO'D on the situation. PO'D will see what can be done including requesting RAF Police patrol at appropriate times.<br>i) <u>Families Day:</u> £200 was raised at the Families Day held in August.<br>j) <u>Gala subcommittee:</u> SB had not had any interest from RAF personnel to date, but she will continue to pursue. | SB/<br>PO'D  |
| <b>5. Police issues:</b><br>a) Kayleigh Lewis introduced herself as the new community police representative. She reported that there are no serious issues but Fife Police will be patrolling with the RAF Police.<br>b) CF reported that two children had complained that they had been sitting on the steps next to the café and the police had taken their names for no reason. KL explained that this was standard procedure, but that it does not go any further.<br>c) Youths are wandering through the gardens in Pitcairn Park and dog waste bags are being thrown at the doors of the Rosebank Park homes. KL will try and make sure that the police can go by at least once a day. She felt that the new skatepark is attracting secondary school-age children from outside the village.  |              |



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| s) <u>Comfort stop scheme</u> : Ye Olde Hotel will participate. Commercial Arms still to respond.  |                     |
| <p><b>7. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <p>Update from Cllr Brett (via e-mail):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Madras School: two sites are now being examined further: (i) redevelopment of the Kilrymont Road site, (ii) a second site on University land adjacent the University Sports Centre. More information is expected at the end of October.</li> <li>b) Leuchars Primary School: there is to be contribution from the locality funds for three flagpoles at the school. There are to be renewed efforts to stop parents driving into the school car park when dropping off their children. Cllr Caird has been asked to follow this up with the Council's solicitors.</li> <li>c) Stagecoach buses speeding on Main Street: Cllr Brett has spoken to the Stagecoach Operations Manager in St Andrews and they have checked the speed of buses, but Cllr Brett intends to have further discussions with Transportation Services regarding the road surface.</li> <li>d) 20mph zones: P Suttie has agreed to provide the CC with updated plans.</li> <li>e) Details of the various youth activities within the Tay Bridgehead ward are available.</li> </ul> <p>Update from Cllr Caird:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Pharmacy: letter of objection has been written and published in The Citizen</li> <li>b) Planning system changes: Cllr Caird will report on issues raised surrounding the changes at the next CC meeting.</li> <li>c) Christmas bequest: this will be £150 per CC (Balmullo/Leuchars/Guardbridge).</li> </ul> <p><u>Action pt 53</u>: Vacant/unsightly areas Meadow Road entrance: Cllr Caird to pursue with 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. No further updated.</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. Cllr Caird to check the outcome of this.</p> | <p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> |
| <p><b>8. Correspondence</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Changes in the Planning System. Directorate for the Built Environment via e-mail from Linda Purdie 28.9.09 (e-mailed to all 5.10.09)</li> <li>2. ASCC conference 14.11.09 e-mail from Linda Purdie 17.9.09</li> <li>3. Community Council Seminar, Glenrothes 7.11.09. Responses needed by 23.10.09. Linda Purdie</li> <li>4. Celebrating Fife 2010; Events in Fife 11.09.09</li> <li>5. TAYplan: Initial consultation Strategic Development Plan for Dundee/Angus/P&amp;K/NE Fife. 10.8.09.</li> <li>6. Servite Housing Association Annual Report 2008-09. 30.09.09</li> <li>7. Rail travel concession abuse. Reply from Scotrail 20.08.09</li> <li>8. Pharmacy: letter from James Semple 14.09.09 (my reply e-mailed to all)</li> <li>9. Pharmacy: latest round of CC letters of objection, responses from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dave Stewart (Chair PPC) 28.09.09</li> <li>b. George Brechin (Chair NHS Fife) 23.09.09</li> <li>c. Joyce Kelly (Primary Care Manager) 23.09.09</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>Also letters from Iain Smith 28.09.09 and Sir Ming Campbell 30.09.09</p>   |                     |

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| <p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A member of the public is very concerned about the way the school buses are double parking at Madras College in the afternoons and feels very strongly that this together with a lack of adequate supervision is dangerous for the children and will lead to an accident. There are 7 parking spaces but usually about 12 buses. There are only 3 teachers in attendance and they come out after the pupils are already out. MS agreed with the member of the public as he has seen this too. It was felt at least 4 teachers were needed. Cllr Caird who is on the education subcommittee agreed to take this up. He will report back to the CC at the next meeting.</li> <li>2. CF reported that Stagecoach personnel had been issuing tickets for St Andrews when asked for a fare to Leuchars [from Dundee] and that the driver has now been reprimanded.</li> <li>3. JE had been asked if the Rosebank Park Homes website link could be added to the Leuchars website. There were no objections to this. JE to contact Mathew McNicoll</li> </ol> | <p>RC</p> <p>JE</p> |
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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3 November 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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