

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars 1 December 2015

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Joyce Edmonston, Jill Russell, Martin Kinsey (SSO), Susan Budd, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Alisdair Gilbert, Trish Downie, Veronica Taylor, Sam Cullen, Athol Stewart, Wilma Henderson (Ye Olde Hotel), Steve Bargeton (Communications & Public Affairs Manager, Univ of St Andrews), Dave Rainey (Vital), Phil Hutchinson (Vital), Elaine Gibson, three members of the public.

Item	Action Point
<b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Cllr Maggie Taylor, Mark Sharp, Dave Baxter, Jim Finnie, Jenny Ramsay, Steve Simpson	
<b>3. Presentation – Community cafe</b> E Gibson spoke of her plans to open a community social hub/café in the old estate agent premises during 2016. It is hoped volunteers will run it and that it might create local jobs. Flyers will be distributed soon to canvass opinion on setting up the café. SB suggested EG might apply for community covenant funding and that she might be able to help promote it. Cllr Brett also suggested EG speaks with Balmullo and Guardbridge community councils.	
<b>4. Presentation – Biomass pipe laying at Guardbridge</b> Steve Bargeton introduced himself, Dave Rainey and Phil Hutchison. DR/PH are engineers with Vital, the company installing the biomass plant at Guardbridge. There followed a presentation about the likely traffic diversion from 15.02.16-08.04.16 when a section of the pipe which will cross the main road is being installed. Everyone had the opportunity to ask questions, including about bus routes, closure dates etc. AS had several questions about environmental safety and noise pollution. DR/PH confirmed only virgin wood (procured by the university) would be burned and that samples will be taken from every delivery. Air quality had been considered at planning stage and there would be ongoing monitoring of emissions as agreed by Fife Council. Regarding possible noise pollution, the aim is for no more than 50 decibels at the boundary. Potential traffic problems have also been considered. Cllr Brett suggested AS might like to see the relevant environmental impact assessment for planning application: 14/02334/EIA. Cllr Connor and a member of the public asked about employment opportunities at the site. There will be further communication with local CCs about the closure, including a drop in session at Eden Mill (20-21.01.16) and a mailshot in Guardbridge. A website, e-mail address and hotline number will become available (contact Steve Bargeton for more details).	

<p><b>5. Approval of minutes of 3 November 2015</b></p> <p>5d. area committee, not planning committee. [ Refers to Jan 2016 committee.]</p> <p>5g. Only the landlord of the Commercial Arms, not the landlady of Ye Olde Hotel, expressed disappointment at there being no increase in custom since the Army arrived.</p> <p>JE approved the minutes; CF seconded</p>	
<p><b>6. Army issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Col Ben Cattermole has met with Ranald Strachan (warden, Tentsmuir Forest) regarding possible use of Rires Wood for Army exercises. Any plans to do so will be shared with the community council.</li> <li>b. Stone in Junction Gardens: AG is sourcing a forklift as the stone needs to be repositioned. Mr Black (local farmer) has offered to help. CF and AG will liaise further about this.</li> <li>c. The Army intends to look at hosting open and 'by invitation only' events to engage with the local community.</li> <li>d. The CC had received a letter (undated) from the Leuchars Old Folks Treat Committee saying it was concerned that the CC had been discussing LOFTC matters at the CC meeting and that it did not want the CC intervening on its behalf in communication with the Army. The CC had replied [20.11.15, letter available on request], explaining that an Army representative is always at the CC meeting where all matters relating to village are discussed and that the CC was within its remit to ask the Army if it would be hosting an OAP Christmas Party this year. The letter extended an invitation to LOFTC members to attend the CC and that members of the CC would be pleased to attend LOFTC meeting. As the stern tone of the LOFTC letter had perplexed the CC, and to clarify any misunderstanding, CF asked when the Army had confirmed to LOFTC that it would not be hosting an OAP Xmas Party. SB was unable to confirm when she had written to LOFTC.</li> </ul>	CF/AG
<p><b>7. Police issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. PC Ewan McIntosh is the new community PC for the area.</li> <li>b. Some minor vandalism has occurred on the married quarters patch.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Matters arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Double yellow lines at the junction of School Hill/Pitlethie Road. This was approved at the last area committee and will go to public consultation (so will take approximately 6 months).</li> <li>b. War Memorial: potential removal to Junction Gardens. Contact with FC conservation officer to be made.</li> <li>c. Pharmacy at Balmullo. Outcome will not be known until March 2016.</li> <li>d. The five new co-opted members (Alisdair Gilbert, Steve Simpson, Samantha Cullen, Veronica Taylor and Trish Downie) are to become full members of the Community Council. TG to arrange for the necessary forms to be signed.</li> <li>e. Martin Kinsey was nominated as the co-opted member representing the Army.</li> <li>f. The school Xmas Fayre raised just under £600.</li> <li>g. JR asked Cllr Brett about gritting on Pitlethie Road further down from the school. As there are priority areas for gritting, Cllr Brett will check whether this is one of them.</li> </ul>	<p>TG</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TB</p>

	d. TD raised the issue of overgrowth on the fences which back onto her property. CF suggested we look at this again in the New Year.	
	<p><b>9. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <p>Cllr Brett:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first two phases of the Kingdom Housing development on Toll Road are complete.</li> <li><i>Fairness Matters</i> report published by the Fairer Fife Committee.</li> <li>Fife Council budget proposals will be published in Jan 2016.</li> <li>Q5 Earshall Road will be done next year.</li> <li>Information on the new statutory consultee status for community councils is available.</li> <li>Car park at the station: it is hoped this will be in place next summer.</li> <li>The plastic recycling bins have been moved from the station car park. There are no cardboard recycling bins in the village. Cllr Brett will find out about the number of recycling bins.</li> <li>AS asked Cllr Brett for the name of Matthew Price's (Built Heritage, Fife Council) replacement.</li> </ol> <p>Cllr Connor: nothing further.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request from Col B Cattermole via Susan Budd to co-opt a Leuchars Station member to the Community Council. Email S Budd 9.11.15</li> <li>Greenspace Scotland administering Tesco grants for community greenspace projects. £60k allocated to Fife Council every 6 months. Maximum grant is £12K. Email K Jackson 10.11.15</li> <li>Community Assets event, Edinburgh, 21.1.16. Email Holyrood Events 11.11.15</li> <li>Information about CCs becoming statutory consultees if the CC objects to a planning application. Must apply with 7 days of notification to become a statutory consultee. Email Peter O'Connor 11.11.15.</li> <li>Tentsmuir felling, car park closures. Email R Lofthouse 13.11.15.</li> <li>Letter from Leuchars Old Folks Treat Committee. Letter (no date) received by C Finnie 14.11.15. Reply from the CC to this letter.</li> <li>Col B Cattermole will be moving in Jan 2016. He will be replaced by Lt Col Coombs. Email from C Finnie 16.11.15.</li> <li>Request for Army contact regarding support for Balmullo Gala. Email Bill Foy 22.11.15.</li> <li>St Andrews University heating pipeline installation plans sent to Legal Services. Email from CF 24.11.15</li> <li>Street Parade Application: parade to regimental carol service Leuchars, 16.12.15 from 12.15. Leuchars Station along Pitlathie Road, along School Road and into St Athernase Church. Email Cllr Brett 28.11.15.</li> </ol>	
	<p><b>A.O.C.B</b></p> <p>None.</p>	

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 2 February 2016 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre. Members of the public are welcome to attend**