# 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:	
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 Mitche	ıı İ
confirmed that the RAF police are patrolling Hampden to make sure	
this doe 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	l k
relevant questions about the Army replacing the RAF. There are two	o
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	TG
resident of the house next to the fallen tree to see if they know who	

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is responsible for it.  Police Issues:	
5. Cllr Brett confirmed that the police are patrolling Hampden Close and	
dealing with problems with parking in Main Street.	
6. Matters arising:	
a) Doocot Field development: The drop-in session had been held on 17	
Jan. There was discussion about the number of objections to date. CF	
confirmed the concerns for her were: parking congestion in Main Street;	
future of the Doocot; and development of the area south of the Doocot	
field and what that is to be used for. Leuchars CC letter to be sent to	
the planning department. Clir Brett confirmed that the land to the south	TG
was earmarked for employment use and that it is too late to change	
this, however, as the next local plan is about to start he advised that	
now may be the right time for the CC to ask for a change of use of the land, and advised that the CC might want to canvass for opinion about	
this among the local shopkeepers. MS to give CF details of the quote	
for the clock feature in order to forward to Gladedales.	MS
b) <u>Tay Rail Bridge Disaster Memorial Trust:</u> There have been no requests	IVIO
for donations yet. Cllr Caird will chase this.	
c) Village enhancements:	RC
(i) The large hanging baskets have been taken down and are in JE's	
garden.	
(ii) Miranda McDonald, landscape gardener from Chance Inn has not	
yet been in contact about providing a planting scheme for wild	
flowers for Junction Gardens.	
(iii) The memorial bench is available at cost price (£435).	
(iv) MS is in the process of applying to Fiona Mitchell's office for match	
funding for Junction Gardens. Application to the People's Postcode	
Lottery had been turned down.	
(v) Planted hanging baskets are available from Falkland in Bloom at	
£15 each (not £45 as previously reported). CF to contact FiB	CF
d) Grit bin St Bunyans Place: lid has now been fixed.	
e) <u>Unadopted areas:</u> Fife Council were to contact Milton Farmers (Mr	
Black) regarding the ground opposite the school. JF confirmed to Cllr	
Brett that it is Mr J Foster at Craigie Farm who owns the land.	
7. Fife Council issues and action points	
Cllr Brett:	
a) Speed limit through St Michael's will be reduced from 40mph to 30mph	
b) Royal Mail have requested the CC suggest names for roads to aid	
postal delivery. St Michael's residents to be approached.	??
c) Pitcairn Practice are looking for support in its application for a	
pharmacy. Letter of support to be written from the CC.	TG
d) Decriminalised parking enforcement: Fife Council are considering	
taking over enforcing parking fines.	
e) Parking problems at the station: the overspill plan will not be going	
ahead.	
f) Chief Inspector Jill Harper is replacing CI J Mitchell.	
g) The Environmental Committee are addressing the issue of 280	
properties in Tayport which are under [flooding ?] threat through the	

- shoreline management plan.
- h) Path at the Olde Hotel: Cllr Brett is chasing this.
- i) Double lines in Main Street are being considered.

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- 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.
- 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.
- c) 12-32 Norman View footpath to be upgraded (both sides).
- d) There is to be an extension of the 20mph towards the base main gate and a bump/zebra crossing to be installed.
- 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.
- f) Potential park and ride at Forgan roundabout: still awaiting reporter's findings.
- g) County buildings are undergoing refurbishment.
- h) Permitted development rights have come into force, whereby home owners might not need planning permission for extensions etc.
- i) Wind speed thresholds on the Tay Road Bridge were identified (available on www.tayroadbridge.co.uk).

## **Correspondence:**

- 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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 Pitlethie Road sign -	CF
	Cllr Brett to investigate.	
2.	MS: asked it some money could be used to buy wood for the youth	MS
	club to build bird boxes for Junction Gardens. This was agreed.	
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	CF
	parent council to discuss the possibility of a joint event.	

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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