LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 1 February 2011

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair after election of Office Bearers), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Hugh Moffatt, David Baxter, Cllr Ron Caird, J Nicholl, Cllr Tim Brett, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Wg Cdr P O'Donnell, two Rosebank Park residents.

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jane Kell, St Andrews Energy Network gave a presentation on the bid for funding they will be putting forward to the Climate Challenge Fund on 14.2.11. This will involve visiting residents asking them about their energy consumption/bills.	
2. Apologies:	
Cllr Maggie Taylor	
3. Approval of minutes 07.12.10	
Minutes approved: JF proposed as accurate; HM seconded.	
4. RAF issues:	
 a) An announcement on the future of RAF Leuchars will be made after 5 May 2011. The Minister for Armed Forces may visit before then. b) 111 Squadron preparing for drawdown. There will be a parade on 22.3.11. 	
c) Quick Reaction Alert: training scheduled 4-18.2.11.	
d) The Citizens Advice Bureau will be operating a drop-in session in the Community Centre starting in March.	
e) It was reinforced that the Community Centre is open to everyone.	
f) There has been some instances of graffiti. If anyone sees graffiti they should report it to Fife Council – tel. 08451 550022.	
5. Police Issues:	
a) Request for the 20mph zone to be right through the village will be actioned by Cllr Brett. There was also a suggestion that the 'outbuild' by the turning circle be moved to before the Sergeants' Mess.	ТВ
6. Matters arising:	
a. <u>Doocot Field Development:</u> no further update.	
b. <u>Meadow Road:</u> double yellow lines still to be painted.	
c. <u>Balmullo pharmacy:</u> dispensing rights have been retained at	
Balmullo Surgery but only for Balmullo residents. Leuchars Surgery will no	
longer dispense after 31.5.11. CF confirmed that the new 'Control of Entry	
has been passed by Scottish Government but it still does not give a GP the	
right to be an 'interested party'.	
d. <u>Mears Court:</u> P McPherson has spoken with the residents and the	
issue of the bins has been resolved.	
e. <u>Feature Wall:</u> Still awaiting quote from Clark Mercer. Bill Mudie as	

visited site and although no firm quote received everyone agreed that Mr	
Mudie should do the job. f. <u>Defective manhole cover, Main St:</u> Now fixed.	
g. <u>Flag at Station:</u> No news yet of an alternative source of funding. There was discussion about whether the flag should be kept; everyone	
agreed that it should.	
h. <u>Lock up garage:</u> The donated bowser is stored up at Craigtoun	
Park. Headteacher at the primary school is waiting for a container to be	
delivered which the CC can use. MS will reapply for a proper water bowser	
when there is appropriate storage.	
i. Adverts on website: TG to write to advertisers advising them of a	TG
charge of £30 pa for advertising on the website.	. •
Community Council Priorities List	
Overgrown area between Aitken Place and the Station: Cllr Brett to give	
MS A Melville's tel number to see if Community Payback can help with	
clearance. MS is still waiting to hear from the Woodland Trust. In the	
meantime, J Nicholl to give MS's e-mail to the person she knows from the	JN
Woodland Trust.	
7. Fife Council issues and action points	
a. New school in St Andrews: consultation successful. Site to be moved.	
Negotiations still ongoing with the university.	
b. Grit bins: these are currently being allocated.	
c. Public toilets demolition: still awaiting services to be removed.	
d. Pitcairn Park/Norman View: Cllr Brett still in touch with D Smeaton	
regarding repair of pavements at the same time as the planned road	
resurfacing.	
e. Rosebank Park: Cllr Brett has written 2-3 times to the site owner but so	
far has had no reply. Cllr Brett has asked Scottish Water to review the	ТВ
dates and charges being made to residents and will find out if there is any right of appeal	טו
f. Rosebank Park bins: Fife Council has said there should be industrial	
bins on site. As only one vehicle can get round the estate, it is	
recommended by John Easton, Fife Council to keep things as they are.	
Residents experiencing difficulty with putting out bins should request	
help from Fife Council on an individual basis.	
g. Westbound Exit of Tay Road Bridge: concerns about this have been	
reported to Ian McKinnon by DB and TG.	
Cllr Caird: nothing to report.	
Cllr Brett:	
a) Has met with police Sgt J Steele about keeping the community	
engagement meeting format as it is. Everyone agreed with this.	
b) Graffiti to be reported immediately – tel 08451 550022.	
c) The new dog warden, Kim Geddie, is coming to inspect following	
complaints of dog fouling.	
d) Fife Council is setting its budget next week; it is hoped that frontline services will not be affected.	
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Action Point 48: Golf Club Road: money will be found from the Locality	
Budget to repair the road with the Golf Club will be contributing towards the	
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repairs. <u>Action Point 43:</u> Additional lamp standard. Application form for this to be	TG
completed.	
 Lettings Plan. Fife Council 10.12.10 NE Fife Area Transportation Works Programme 2011-12. E-mail from TB/CF 12.12.10 asking if any other areas should be included. Planning & Building Update Newsletter 14.12.10 Fife Elderly Forum Dec 2010 Newsletter Tay Estuary Forum Jan 2011 Newsletter Climate Challenge Fund. E-mail from Patrick Marks calling for local communities in the KY16 area to join the St Andrews energy network in an application for funding. Free litter picking equipment available (must commit to four litter picks). E-mail from Keith Jackson 26.1.11 Fife Council Impact Assessment – RAF Leuchars possible closure Scottish Flower Bed Competition. E-mail from K Jackson 28.1.11 Induction training for new Community Councils, Thur 03.03.11 at 2.30pm Fife House, Glenrothes 	
 AOCB 1. Scottish Flower bed competition: it was decided to put information on the website about this to see if any residents would be interested. 2. Litter picking kits: it was agreed to get some of these from Fife Council (K Jackson). 	TG
3. Rosebank Park: there have been problems with water being cut off without prior warning. After some discussion it was suggested that Rosebank Park residents form a Residents Association to help with communication between residents and the onsite manager.	
 The churchyard wall is cracked and needs repair. JE will contact Fiona Mitchell (Locality Manager) to find out if it is Council property and have a safety assessment done. 	JE
A dog bin is needed on Station Road. Cllr Caird will speak to the new dog warden.	RC
 PC Gavin Ray has queried whether there is a problem with people speeding on Station Road. JE confirmed that there has been problems with speeding. 	
 MS reported that the online petition was not available. Cllr Brett to investigate. 	ТВ
DB reported that gritting at bus stops is needed as these areas can be very icy.	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 March 2011 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre Members of the public are welcome to attend

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