

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the inaugural meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 2 December 2014

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Jim Finnie, Jillian Russell, Jean Nicoll, Gordon Bruce (Drawdown Chief of Staff), Maj Kev McDowell, WO1 Alan O'Loughlin, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Jean Nicoll, Alison Bowman (Forestry Commission), Members of the public: Mr & Mrs Smith, Mr A Stewart, Maureen Ferrier (Citizen)

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: As this was the inaugural meeting of the Community Council, Cllr Brett acted as Chair and welcomed everyone.	
2. Apologies: Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Wg Cdr Neville Clayton, Dave Baxter	
3. Election of officers Chair: Carroll Finnie was appointed Chair (proposed by TG; seconded by JR); Secretary: Trish Graham was appointed Secretary (proposed by Jean Nicoll; seconded by CF); Treasurer: Mark Sharp was appointed Treasurer (proposed by CF; seconded by JF). Cllr Brett handed over to Chair to CF.	
4. Alison Bowman of the Forestry Commission presented an initial analysis of the problems and proposed changes to preserve and enhance Tentsmuir and Reres Forests. She asked community council members and members of public attending for suggestions. Some suggestions were made. Ms Bowman will leave the plans with the CC for further consideration. Further suggestions to be reported back after Christmas.	
5. Approval of minutes of 4 November 2015 Section 6 St Athernase Church: Reference to DB speaking about Kinloss and Findhorn Church and putting members of the [St Athernase] church community in touch with Les Morgan, should read GB (Gordon Bruce) not DB (Doug Binnie). Otherwise proposed as correct by CF; seconded by JF	
6. RAF/Army issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Everything remains on schedule with the departure of the RAF and arrival of the Army. b. There have been a number of military requests to use the airfield but lack of staff prohibits this. c. The measurement of the stones at the main gate have been given to CF (for future removal to Junction Gardens). The stones are on plinths, but it is not known if the plinths are fixed. d. A chalice has been given to St Athernase Church by the RAF in commemoration of the time the RAF has been in the village. Thanks were made to Wg Cdr N Clayton for facilitating this. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. GB spoke on the possible adaption of the church for community use, e.g moving pews and replacing them with something more adaptable. He confirmed Doug Binnie (Architects) will be speaking to Les Morgan of Kinloss & Findhorn CC. f. The BFBS film about Leuchars is now on Forces TV. g. Business case approval has been received. Adaptation of the onsite buildings can now go ahead. h. Army families will begin to arrive in March 2015. i. A. Stewart asked if there would be any surplus housing. All Army families and more senior staff would be settled first. Any surplus would be managed by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation. 	
	<p>7. Police issues</p> <p>Nothing reported. Community policing has recently been restructured: two police officers have been allocated to the Leuchars/Balmullo/Guardbridge area [names?]</p>	
	<p>8. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. TG has contacted the War Memorial Conservation Officer to emphasise that the memorial was previously sited in the village. Cllr Brett will be speaking to Sir Menzies Campbell. b. A scaffolding licence has been granted for work to be carried out on the Olde Hotel from 6-27 Jan 2015. The path opposite the hotel needs some attention. c. Local Plan – Doocot/Castle Field: A Stewart and Mr & Mrs Smith asked Cllr Brett why the Council had only written to residents on one side of Main Street (i.e. those directly adjoining the potential area for development) when all residents of Main Street would be affected by any potential development. He also asked why the proposed number of houses had increased from 125 to 200+ from the last Local Plan to the current one. Referring to the map in the Local Plan, A Stewart would like the original LEUCH001 area to be protected. Although objections can be made to the Council about the proposals now it is at planning application stage that any development would be considered. Cllr Brett will find out why the area is as marked in the new Local Plan. It was agreed the CC would send an objection to Fife Council. 	
	<p>9. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Connor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fife Council budget has now entered consultation stage. <p>Cllr Brett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. There are major proposals for education and social work in the budget, including a proposal to close St David's Day Care Centre (St Andrews) and the Leng Resource Centre (Newport), however, this would only happen if there are suitable facilities available elsewhere. c. Leuchars Station: Two hundred and ninety parking tickets have been issued since April 2014. Still waiting to hear from Transport Scotland. 	
10.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fife Cares newsletter 3.11.14 2. Proposed deed of servitude associated with installation of mains gas supply to Aitken Place. Email from Cllr Brett 10.11.14 3. Planning application for purchase of ground adjacent 21 Main Street. 	

<p>Email from C Finnie 12.11.14.</p> <p>4. Proposed Fifeplan Leuchars 001. Email from Ben Ellis 13.11.14.</p> <p>5. Fife Cultural Roadshow 19.11.14.</p> <p>North East Fife Area Committee of 20.11.14 Agenda & Papers</p> <p>North East Planning Committee of 12.11.14.</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>a. Hamish Tait (Heatstart) has informed CF that the defibrillator has to be registered with Scottish Ambulance.</p> <p>b. A large tree in St Bunyans Place has been chopped down. The Council has agreed to plant another in its place.</p>	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3 February 2015 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend