

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 2 September 2008, The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair) Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Michie (Community police officer), Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Ron Caird, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Sqd Ldr Keith Wardlaw, Wilma Coyne, Graham Davidson (member of the public)

Item	Action point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that Georgina Morrison and Yvonne Anderson have resigned from the Community Council. YA will continue to help with the maintaining the flowers in the village.	
2. Apologies: Suzanne Callan, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Susan Budd (Community Development Worker)	
3. Approval of Minutes of 8.7.08 4 (g) Airshow date is 13.9.08, not 6.9.08 6 (a) Only one class will be double glazed this year not half the school. [See also under Section 6 of these minutes] AOB pt 5: 'overgrown hedging' should read 'overgrown grass/drifted sand' AOB pt 7: Mr & Mrs Allan own the ground on which the taxi company is situated, not the company itself. Minutes were proposed as accurate by MS; seconded by CF.	
4. RAF issues: a) KW introduced Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell who is working with Susan Budd in community development. He will alternate attendance at the CC meetings with SB. b) Painting of gates on Station Road as part of general village improvements: Officer in Charge Works has confirmed that the gates cannot be painted as they are made of anodised steel. c) Repainting of CC sign on noticeboard: The RAF painters can do this. TG to remove the sign. Her husband will pass to the painters. d) Airshow 13.9.08: Over 20,000 tickets have been sold. Ads have been shown on TV and a big turnout is expected. KW did say that this might be the last airshow as increasing costs year on year becoming prohibitive. e) KW issued the new RAF Leuchars Community Newsletter. This newsletter will be issued to local community councils every other month. (Newsletter attached to these minutes.) f) Youth Activity Project Area (YAPA) and the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA): SM reported that (i) work on the MUGA will begin after the Airshow. (ii) Agreement on funding for the skatepark is expected over the next few days. (iii) The Youth Shelter has been built. (iv) There had been no further concerns from residents near the MUGA. Advertising of the facility was raised by TB: JM confirmed that the local youth know about it. It was felt the local youth should be involved in the opening ceremony. g) Staff from Bright Horizons have posed for and published a risqué fund-raising calendar.	TG
5. Police issues: a) The airshow traffic plan is on the Internet	

<p>b) Bikes have been stolen but another left in its place. It is likely children are responsible for this.</p> <p>c) There have been a few calls regarding anti social behaviour</p> <p>d) Resident permits for parking during the Airshow: CF has the permits. She confirmed the Post Office would not be issuing them this year, they will only be available from the Guardroom, although CF will e-mail to other CC members. Details of the permits will be in The Citizen 5.9.08</p> <p>e) Cllr Caird reported that the Fife police have reported a 40% drop in problems with children committing crime - a positive and welcome statistic.</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>a) <u>Double glazing at Leuchars PS:</u> Cllr Brett confirmed that only one classroom will be completed this year (not half the school as had previously been thought) to see how effective it is, and then the full programme of works will be rolled out. Expected costs are between £1.25-£1.5 million. Several members of the CC expressed surprise at the high cost of this work and queried how Fife Council arrive at such seemingly high costs.</p> <p>b). <u>Planning permission for Doocot field:</u> Cllr Caird has been in contact with the agent who will meet with the CC. However, the developers are in discussion with Fife Council planners regarding changing the proposed industrial units to community use. With this development, and the CC looking to generally improve the appearance of the village, both Councillors felt it would be useful for all if one of the planners involved could attend a future CC meeting. Cllr Caird to contact Chris Smith to see if he will attend a CC meeting.</p> <p>c) <u>Gypsy/traveller site:</u> There was a general discussion about the new planning application and that again work has been carried out before permission has been granted. Cllr Caird reported that the court has granted an interdict, that caravans have been moved and a stop order has been placed on the 4 extra pitches. JF said there have been reports of burning on St Fort-owned ground and pointed out that the applicant's address was given as 7 Roseacre, but that no 7 does not actually exist. The general feeling within the CC is that the applicants will flout the rules and get away with it again unless the matter is dealt with firmly by Fife Council. TG to write a letter of objection on behalf of the CC</p> <p>d) <u>Parking outside/traffic calming at school:</u> Cllr Brett to chase up the extra length of pedestrian barrier which is still to go up. Zig zags are complete.</p> <p>e) <u>Parking at Cemetery:</u> Ongoing. TG has not heard from KH as to who owns the road leading over the bridge and the field adjacent to the Golf Club. TG to contact KH.</p> <p>f) <u>Floral displays:</u></p> <p>(i) Planting at the Commercial Arms. TG has still to respond to the landlord's letter requesting planting next to the pub.</p> <p>(ii) Cllr Brett has written to Harry Byers (Roads & Lighting) to clarify whether the lamp posts can be used for floral displays. He continues to chase this matter as there has been no response.</p> <p>(iii) MS to contact Yvonne & Jim Anderson to see what is needed for winter planting for the baskets and tubs.</p> <p>g) <u>Public Toilets:</u> WC asked if demolition really needed to go ahead. The football club would very much like to take on, maintain and use the building. TG to e-mail KH regarding this. Cllr Caird to e-mail paper regarding this building to CF</p> <p>h) <u>Gala subcommittee:</u> Nothing further to report.</p> <p>i). <u>General improvements:</u></p> <p>(i) Archway/clock: MS is waiting for samples from the stonemasons and will then apply to the environmental budget. KH has confirmed that the archway part is self funding.</p> <p>(ii) Feature wall: CF is expecting an e-mail from the Chair of St Andrew's CC regarding</p>	<p>RC</p> <p>RC</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TG/KH</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TB</p> <p>MS</p> <p>TG/RC</p>

cost of St Andrews wall.	
(iii) Network Rail repair of fencing on Station Rd: JF to check if this has been done and let Cllr Brett know.	JF
j) <u>Alcohol free zone</u> : Cllr Brett to chase up the extra signage he has asked for.	TB
k) <u>Unlicensed cars parked in Pitcairn Park</u> . As this is an unadopted road there is little the police can do. TG to check back in previous minutes regarding previous discussions and put on the agenda for next meeting for KH's attention. CC would like to have this road adopted.	TG
l) <u>Large potholes</u> outside Spar and at top of Norman View. CF has been in touch with Sarah Wilson of Fife Council. Hole in path next to Meteor Row. MS to contact Sarah Wilson, Fife Council	MS
7. Fife Council issues	
<p>a) Reorganisation of Trusts within Fife: Cllr Caird raised the matter of the intention of Fife Council to consolidate/make more accessible dormant Trust funds. Leuchars Parish Trust has approximately £8000 available which the CC was not aware of, nor of who currently controls this. Comments on Fife Council's plans for these dormant Trusts to be lodged by 25.9.08. After a general discussion, it was felt clarification is needed from Fife Council regarding its intentions, and that the CC would not want to lose the £8000, but do support the idea of it being more accessible/useable as a charitable trust. TG to circulate letter from Fife Council to all CC members and feedback any comments to Fife Council by 25.9.08.</p> <p>b) Core Path network: Deadline for comments is 31.10.08. There is a 'Private No Entry' sign on the proposed path network (between Rhynd and Craigie Farms) which needs to be removed.</p> <p>c) Fife's 'Doors Open Days' brochures were circulated.</p> <p>d) The new 'Areas of Great Landscape Value' (AGLVs) has recently been approved.</p> <p>e) Cllr Brett had received a letter from the Social Work Dept requesting a contribution of £100 to help a Leuchars family. All members of the CC agreed to this. Cllr Brett will take this forward.</p> <p>f) New school estates strategy: Parents and local CCs will be involved in with the proposed new secondary school. Cllr Caird asked if the Futures Trust would take the place of PPP/PFI. Cllr Brett confirmed that Fife Council are expecting to pay for the school – it will not come out of the Futures Fund.</p> <p>g) Street cleaning: this is being reviewed.</p> <p>h) Request for an additional dog bin in Station Road has been made</p> <p>i) Fife Allotment Strategy. A meeting to discuss development of a new strategy for the provision and future management of allotments in Fife will be held 17.9.08, Rothes Halls, Glenrothes (18.00-21.00)</p>	TG
<u>Action pt 53</u> : Vacant/unsightly areas: The unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Rd will be improved, however, the Meadow Road sign has not yet been replaced and needs to be followed up further.	KH
<u>Action pt 52a</u> : Cllr Brett to forward e-mail to CF concerning the safety aspects and increase in cost of garages in St Bunyans Place. WC asked who costs these projects (eg school double glazing costing £1.5m). Cllr Brett will seek clarification.	TB
<u>Action pt 51</u> : Possibility of the bus stop being removed. Colin Stirling (Transportation) is looking into this. No further update.	
<u>Action pt 48</u> : Parking at cemetery. Waiting for KH to confirm ownership of road leading	KH

<p>to, and field adjacent, Golf Club.</p> <p><u>Action pt 44:</u> School bench has been ordered. KH confirm when it will be sited?</p> <p><u>Action pt 43:</u> Additional lamp standard at car park on School Hill. Need confirmation whether existing lighting has been improved. Cllr Brett and KH intend visiting a number of areas where additional lighting has been requested. Cllr Brett has a plan of intended siting.</p>	KH
<p>9. Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Q4 Pitlethie Road open but with restricted carriageway width. E-mail from T Brett 13.7.08. 2. Request for financial contribution for Leuchars resident. Social Work Dept & e-mail from Tim Brett 7.8.08. 3. MoD houses – rehoused tenants’ previous locations. E-mail from Tim Brett 7.8.08. 4. Dog bins Station Road. E-mail from T Brett 15.7.08. 5. Fife Development Plan Updated 8.8.08 (circulated to all CC by e-mail 9.9.08) 6. North Fife Transportation Services contact list (forwarded to CF 18.8.08) 7. Bonfires & Firework displays. E-mail from Events Strategy Manager wanting to know about any planned firework displays to go into next Events in Fife. Publication. 8. ASCC newsletter received 28.7.08 (forwarded to all CC 18.8.08). 9. ASCC e-mail 18.8.08. Invitation to submit motions from member CCs (e-mailed to CF 18.8.08). 10. Marches and Parades. Scottish Government consultation paper. 11. St Andrews Hospital & Health Centre. 22.07.08. Comments on proposed names for new hospital. 12. Network Rail. 4.8.08. Siting of railway communications mast (e-mailed to CF 7.8.08). 13. Performance & Organisational Support 23.07.08. Consultation on proposed reorganisation of Trusts. (e-mailed to CF 7.8.08). 14. E-mails from Tim Brett 6.8.08 & 13.8.08 regarding RAF airshow notifications. 15. St Andrews Hospital & Health Centre 19.8.08. Public meeting 4.9.08. 16. Fife Allotment Strategy – meeting 17.9.08 in Rothes Hall. Community Services 18.8.08. 17. Street lights not working in Station Road. E-mail from Tim Brett 25.8.08. 18. Request for help with venues for local band. E-mail Jen Anderson 19.8.08 (forwarded to MS and SB) 19. Decision on closure of Post Offices NE Tayside & Fife. E-mail Post Office Ltd 30.7.08 	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Andrews Hospital: as well as a public meeting on progress on 4.9.08. Correspondence has been received asking for comments/preferred name for the hospital. Of the four proposed names the CC agreed on ‘The Saltire Hospital’ TG to inform the Project Coordinator. 2. Madras College parents AGM to be held 17.9.08 at 19.00. 3. Graham Davidson, a resident of Main Street raised concerns about the continuing problem of passing traffic causing houses to vibrate in Main Street. The LCD display signs warning drivers to slow down at the entrance to the village had previously been very useful and the CC would like these to be reinstated. Cllrs Caird & Brett to investigate having these signs sited again. Cllr Brett also thought there may be some equipment to measure the vibrations and will investigate this. This problem will also be raised when speaking to the developers of the Doocot Field. 4. Neighbourhood Watch: coffee morning Town Hall, St Andrews 5. Wreath to be ordered for Remembrance Sunday. 6. Non-clearance of grass cuttings at Mears Court: JE raised concerns about cuttings not being cleared by Fife Council. The councillors confirmed that it depends what is 	<p>TG</p> <p>TB/RC</p> <p>TG/MS</p>

in the contract as to whether the cuttings are cleared or not.	TG
7. Data Protection Act: MS queried whether the CC needs to be registered as it is a voluntary organisation. TG to investigate further	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7 October 2008 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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