

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars 3 March 2015

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Gordon Bruce (Drawdown Chief of Staff), Maj Kev McDowell, WO1 Alan O'Loughlin, Wg Cdr Neville Clayton, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Jean Nicoll

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting and highlighted that this will be Wg Cdr Neville Clayton's last community council meeting. She thanked him for all he had done as a member of the community council.	
2. Apologies: Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Jillian Russell, Dave Baxter, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Cllr Maggie Taylor	
3. Approval of minutes of 3 February 2015 Section 6e: a compulsory purchase order 'will be started' (not 'has started'). Section 7: 'Leuchars Consultation Area' should read 'Leuchars Consultation Area'. Otherwise minutes approved by CF; TG seconded.	
4. RAF/Army issues: Wg Cdr Clayton: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. GB will be taking over reporting on RAF/handover matters from NC. b. There are to be no civil service redundancies. c. The station transition/flag changing ceremony will take place 31.03.15, 11.30-12.30. d. There will be an evening awards event on 30.03.15 to which CC members are invited. e. Responsibility for dealing with the RAF stone after 31.03.15 will rest with 71 Eng/Susan Budd/Flt Sgt Mitchell. f. For a couple of months from 13.3.15 there will be an RAF exhibition at The Gateway, St Andrews (From Balloons to Typhoons). g. A new speaker system, courtesy of the RAF, has been installed in the Church. h. GB will contact the appropriate contact at Kinloss Church regarding church regeneration matters. Maj K McDowell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. An informative article on the background of the Army units to be based at Leuchars was published last week in the St Andrews Citizen. j. Eleven civilian posts have been recruited with another six posts to be advertised. k. One hundred and ten Army personnel will be arriving this month. l. The ceremony on 31.3.15 is primarily for the RAF. There will be another ceremony later in the year for the Army welcome to Leuchars. 	

<p>m. CF asked about the number of Royal Military Police coming as she had been told the RMPs would be the last to arrive. There will be 20 arriving next month; 60 arriving in the summer; and 40 to arrive at a later date.</p>	
<p>5. Police issues Nothing to report. The police will attend the CC meetings periodically.</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <p>a. War Memorial: the supporting letter from Sir Menzies Campbell is to be sent to the War Memorial Conservation Office with a request for an application form for removing the memorial.</p> <p>b. TB explained about the possible care models for the Leng and St Davids Resources Centres. These centres will only be closed if a suitable alternative way of caring for the residents is found, e.g. out-of-centre model.</p> <p>c. There is no more news regarding the Station. A compulsory purchase will be started. Cllr Brett warned this may be a lengthy process.</p> <p>d. Leuchars Conservation Area appraisal plan : Cllr Brett will arrange for someone to attend the next CC meeting to explain about this.</p> <p>e. Heartstart defibrillator situated outside of the GP surgery needs to be checked once a week.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Connor</p> <p>a. Fergus Ewing, Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism will be visiting Henderson Hall, Leuchars on 9.3.15 at 13.30 to meet with local businesses affected by the RAF/Army transition.</p> <p>b. The Tay Road Bridge number has changed to 01382 433044.</p> <p>c. Electric blanket testing , 21.05.15, Victory Memorial Hall, St Andrews, and 29.04.15 (10.00-13.00), 1 Kimbrae Park, Newport</p> <p>d. Fife Council's Discretionary Housing Payment scheme will continue for the next year. Claims can be made online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/DHP or call 03451 55 11 55.</p> <p>Cllr Brett</p> <p>a. Fife Council Economics team continues to work with local businesses in Leuchars. As well as the visit by Fergus Ewing, Sir Menzies Campbell has written to Michael Fallon, Secretary of State for Defence, but has not yet had a reply.</p> <p>b. M Donaldson has contacted Cllr Brett about having a handrail installed on the path down to the Church.</p> <p>c. Cllr Brett asked if there was anywhere in Leuchars that would be interested in taking part in the next Doors Open day.</p> <p>d. There is a neighbourhood disputes mediation service.</p>	
<p>8. Correspondence:</p> <p>1. Kincardine Bridge maintenance programme Feb-Apr . Lane closure arrangements. Email 5.2.15 Findlay Robertson, Amey</p> <p>2. Planning: The People's Perspective, Trades Hall, Glasgow 25.04.15. Email 5.2.15, Bill</p>	

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3. Extension of Leuchars station car park. Email 5.2.15, Cllr Brett	
4. BT Broadband boxes. Installation covered by being permitted development, ie no planning permission required. Email 4.2.15, Cllr Brett	
5. Request for contact details of any walking, rambling or historical groups who may be interested in promoting the Fife Pilgrim Way (a new walking route). Email 6.2.15, John Murray, Fife Council	
6. Beautiful Fife Campaign 2015. Entries to be in by 6.4.15. Email 10.2.15, Hazel Smith, Fife Council	
7. Temporary traffic restrictions Forgan Roundabout to Fordell Hill Farm. Email 10.2.15, C Finnie, and email 12.2.15, Cllr Brett	
8. Any further feedback on Tentsmuir and Reres recreation plans? Email 16.2.15, Alison Bowman, Forestry Commission	
9. Skillshare Extravaganza 8.3.15 Cosmos Centre, St Andrews. Email Rebecca Graham Skillshare Coordinator	
10. Falkland in Bloom Community Enterprise. Moved to larger premises outside Thornton. Will shortly be sending out this year's catalogue. Email 19.2.15 C Finnie	
11. Community land and buildings seminar (how owning and managing land or buildings might benefit the community) 6.3.15, Markinch. Email 20.2.15, Munro Gauld	
12. Cultural Consortium news about Voluntary Arts Week. Email 20.2.15, Karen Taylor	
13. Information on electric blanket testing (venues etc). Email 25.2.15, Bill Welsh	
14. Digital Engagement for community councils. Feedback on issues CCs face. Email 26.2.15, Bill Welsh	
15. Engaging with Health and Social Care integration. Half-day seminar 24.3.15 Brodies, Edinburgh (£89 +VAT). Email 26.02.15, Bill Welsh	
16. Loch Leven Walkathon 22.3.15 for Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland. Email 26.02.15, Brian Fell	
17. FIFEplan Customer Feedback Survey. Looking for feedback on the experience people had with the consultation process, but would first like comments on the questionnaire. Email 26.2.15, Jenni Whittle, Fife Council	
18. Letter relating to Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. Email 27.2.15, Kyle McCafferty, Fife Council	
19. Leuchars Old Folk Treat Committee. Request for help with funding. Email 27.2.15, Mark Sharp	
20. Hanging basket order 2015. Email 1.3.15, C Finnie	

<p>21. 60s-70s Disco 17.4.15 North Fife Rotary Club. Email 2.3.15, C Finnie</p> <p>Agenda and papers NE Fife Area Committee 25.2.15</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. CF spoke about purchasing plants from Falkland in Bloom enterprise. Cllr Connor will ask Jim Kinnear, Tayport to quote for providing the plants by this Friday. b. CF: There has been a request from the Old Folks Treat Committee to the Community Council for help with the cost of the summer outing. The RAF had previously helped toward this and it is not clear if the Army will continue with it. After a short discussion, members of the CC agreed to donate £50 towards the cost of the coach hire. 	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7 April 2015 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend