LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 6 October 2009 The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Ron Caird, Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), [Rank?] Patrick O'Donnell, Kayleigh Lewis (Community Policewoman), Jason Jarvil (RAF Police), Lucy Jess (Leuchars PS teacher), four members of the public.

Item	Action point
1. Chair's opening remarks:	
CF welcomed everyone. A member of the public who objects to the siting of a pharmacy in	
the post office, and whose wife uses a wheelchair and cannot access the premises, read out	
extracts from the replies to the letters of objection he had written to George Brechin (Chair,	
NHS Fife) and Nicola Sturgeon. The two letters contradict one another. The member of the	
public will be writing again regarding this contradiction and will keep CF informed.	
2. Apologies:	
Cllrs Tim Brett & Maggie Taylor, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Flt Lt Keith Wardlaw	
3. Approval of Minutes of 04.08.09 (no meeting in Sep 2009)	
Proposed as accurate by JF; seconded by MS	
4. RAF issues:	
a) New OC Base Support Wing: [Rank?] Patrick O'Donnell introduced himself and gave an	
update of recent events:	
b) The Air Show had been badly hampered by traffic problems – the matter was being	
discussed so that this could be avoided next year.	
c) Community Centre (previously known as the Integrated Welfare Facility): Building work	
starts soon.	
d) Flying: Helicopters flying this week.	
e) RAF regiment squadron: will be moving to Leuchars middle of 2010.	
f) Runway repairs: scheduled Mar/Apr 2010.	
g) MUGA: No increased complaints. The MUGA is well used by both younger and older	
children. SB will be arranging for a graffiti artist to visit.	
h) Rugby club: There are still problems with people banging on residents' windows/doors	
when going from the Club to the pubs. SB will update PO'D on the situation. PO'D will see	SB/
what can be done including requesting RAF Police patrol at appropriate times.	PO'D
i) Families Day: £200 was raised at the Families Day held in August.	
j) Gala subcommittee: SB had not had any interest from RAF personnel to date, but she will	
continue to pursue.	
5. Police issues:	
a) Kayleigh Lewis introduced herself as the new community police representative. She	
reported that there are no serious issues but Fife Police will be patrolling with the RAF Police.	
b) CF reported that two children had complained that they had been sitting on the steps next	
to the café and the police had taken their names for no reason. KL explained that this was	
standard procedure, but that it does not go any further.	
c) Youths are wandering through the gardens in Pitcairn Park and dog waste bags are being	
thrown at the doors of the Rosebank Park homes. KL will try and make sure that the police	
can go by at least once a day. She felt that the new skatepark is attracting secondary school-	
age children from outside the village.	

6. School update:

LJ thanked the CC for its contribution towards celebrating the Lollipop Lady's 25 years of service. She also reported that the polytunnel has been delivered although a decision needs to be made as to where to site it. MS to liaise with Katrina? who is responsible for eco issues at the school about this. The children will be out and about in the village late Oct/early Nov as there is a whole-school themed exercise on the village and its history. LJ asked that unwanted Morrisons gardening vouchers be donated to the school.

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7. Matters arising from previous minutes:

- a) <u>Doocot field development:</u> Section 75 agreement has not been finalised. RC confirmed that Gladedale will be coming to the Nov meeting.
- b) Gypsy/traveller site: CC members feel the travellers continue to flout the regulations with impunity and that Fife Council will allow this situation to continue. A vote was taken to draw a line under the matter as far as the CC was concerned and it was unanimously agreed to do
- c) Floral displays: (i) Beautiful Fife: Leuchars received a silver award signs will be erected on Station Road and Main Street. (ii) Beautiful Scotland Neighbourhood Awards Judging took place 28.8.09. There has been no news about the results.
- e) <u>Public toilets:</u> The premises are not big enough to store the water pump and hanging baskets over winter. Storage is needed urgently. Cllr Caird will follow this up with Kate Hughes. The outside walls of the building are badly marked by the overflow of water. f) <u>General improvements</u>: CF reported that Cllr Taylor had confirmed there was no money in the Karen Dewar Fund. CF will phone Kate Hughes to see how much is available from the Locality Fund and what else might be available for the Welcome to Leuchars sign, wall, archway and clock. MS queried when he would receive payment for the polytunnel. He has paid for this personally and is seeking reimbursement. He reminded the CC that Cllr Brett had said that the Council would fund this item.
- g) Local and Structure Plans: Cllr Brett confirmed (by e-mail) that the Local Plan is still expected to be published at the end of October. The Council does not yet have a legal opinion on the legal challenge and this may not be heard until 2010 or 2011. In the meantime, preparations for consultation on the Local Plan are continuing.
- h) Road signs: these have not yet been cleaned, but will be.
- <u>I) Exit from Meadow Road:</u> No further news regarding improving this. Cllr Caird to investigate further. .

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- m) Pharmacy application: There have been two well-attended public meetings (16 & 17 Sep2009). Public representations can continue to be submitted to the National Appeals Panel through Joyce Kelly, Primary Care Manager, NHS Fife. [Doctors' appeal will be heard 15 Dec 2009.] Cllr Brett has asked the Royal Pharmaceutical Society for further information on the criteria that currently exists for new pharmacy premises.
- n) CC Action Plan: Kate Hughes will guide the CC on this in due course.
- o) OAP Rail Pass abuse: Scotrail have sent a letter of acknowledgment. The matter has been passed to Scotrail's Fraud Department.
- p) <u>Drain clearance by the Spar:</u> TG still to write to Council (Arthur Green) regarding this. <u>q) Poor road repair in Norman View</u>: MS reported that the roads in Norman View had been poorly repaired. Initially he had reported the need for repairs via 'Do It Online' to which he had no acknowledgement or contact point in order to report the poor repair. Cllr Caird to follow up both the poor repair and lack of communication when using 'Do It Online'.
- r) Overgrown vegetation/crumbling walls Leuchars to St Michaels: CF had received a letter from Network Rail stating it was not NR's responsibility. The letter was passed to Cllr Caird to follow up

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s) Comfort stop scheme: Ye Olde Hotel will participate. Commo	ercial Arms still to respond.
7. Fife Council issues and action points	
Lindata from Cilir Dratt (via a mail)	
Update from Cllr Brett (via e-mail): a) Madras School: two sites are now being examined furth Kilrymont Road site, (ii) a second site on University land Sports Centre. More information is expected at the end	d adjacent the University of October.
 b) Leuchars Primary School: there is to be contribution fro flagpoles at the school. There are to be renewed efforts the school car park when dropping off their children. Cll follow this up with the Council's solicitors. 	s to stop parents driving into r Caird has been asked to
 c) Stagecoach buses speeding on Main Street: Cllr Brett h Operations Manager in St Andrews and they have check Cllr Brett intends to have further discussions with Trans the road surface. 	cked the speed of buses, but
 d) 20mph zones: P Suttie has agreed to provide the CC w e) Details of the various youth activities within the Tay Brid 	
Update from Cllr Caird:	
 a) Pharmacy: letter of objection has been written and publ b) Planning system changes: Cllr Caird will report on issue changes at the next CC meeting. 	es raised surrounding the
c) Christmas bequest: this will be £150 per CC (Balmullo/l	Leuchars/Guardbridge).
Action pt 53: Vacant/unsightly areas Meadow Road entrance: Action pt 48: KH is investigating costs for patching of the road expectation is the Golf Club will make a proportional payment. Action pts 43: School Hill bench: Cllr Brett to arrange for the Coapprove the suggested new site.	approaching the Club. The No further updated.
Action pt 44: Additional lamp standard: It is not known whether granted. Cllr Caird to check the outcome of this.	planning permission was
8. Correspondence	
 Changes in the Planning System. Directorate for the Built En Purdie 28.9.09 (e-mailed to all 5.10.09) 	vironment via e-mail from Linda
 ASCC conference 14.11.09 e-mail from Linda Purdie 17.9.09 Community Council Seminar, Glenrothes 7.11.09. Response Purdie 	
4. Celebrating Fife 2010; Events in Fife 11.09.09	
5. TAYplan: Initial consultation Strategic Development Plan for 10.8.09.	Dundee/Angus/P&K/NE Fife.
6. Servite Housing Association Annual Report 2008-09. 30.09.0	9
 Rail travel concession abuse. Reply from Scotrail 20.08.09 Pharmacy: letter from James Semple 14.09.09 (my reply e-m 	nailed to all)
9. Pharmacy: latest round of CC letters of objection, responses	
a. Dave Stewart (Chair PPC) 28.09.09 b. George Brechin (Chair NHS Fife) 23.09.09	
c. Joyce Kelly (Primary Care Manager) 23.09.09	
Also letters from Iain Smith 28.09.09 and Sir Ming Campbell '.	30.09.09

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1. A member of the public is very concerned about the way the school buses are double parking at Madras College in the afternoons and feels very strongly that this together with a lack of adequate supervision is dangerous for the children and will lead to an accident. There are 7 parking spaces but usually about 12 buses. There are only 3 teachers in attendance and they come out after the pupils are already out. MS agreed with the member of the public has he has seen this too. It was felt at least 4 teachers were needed. Cllr Caird who is on the education subcommittee agreed to take this up. He will report back to the CC at the next meeting.

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2. CF reported that Stagecoach personnel had been issuing tickets for St Andrews when asked for a fare to Leuchars [from Dundee] and that the driver has now been reprimanded.

3. JE had been asked if the Rosebank Park Homes website link could be added to the Leuchars website. There were no objections to this. JE to contact Mathew McNicoll

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3 November 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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