

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars

3 May 2016

**Present:** Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary) , Jim Finnie, Joyce Edmonston, Jill Russell, Alisdair Gilbert, Sam Cullen, Trish Downie, Steve Simpson, Veronica Taylor, Martin Kinsey (SSO), Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Members of the Public: Wilma Henderson, Jean Nicoll, Athole Stewart.

### 1. Chairs opening remarks:

CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Action Points

### 2. Apologies:

Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Dave Baxter, Cllr Tim Brett, Susan Budd, Lucy Jess, Jennie Ramsay

### 3. Approval of minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016:

Proposed as accurate by AG; seconded by JF

### 4. Army Issues:

- a. There was further discussion about the amount of dog fouling in the vicinity of married quarters and on approach to the school.

MK has looked into what can be done, including:

- Liaised with Police Scotland and military police to raise awareness of reporting procedures, however, dog wardens have more powers than the police/military police.
- Working with Leuchars Primary School regarding information raising and designing a poster
- Asking the dog warden for additional bins (declined as they do not have the manpower to empty them)
- Asked for an unlimited supply of bags to be distributed from the community centre (not agreed as it is concerned a matter of personal responsibility for the dog owner.

JR had witnessed dog mess being left by the dog owner in the area of Beaufort Place. There was some discussion about whether the problem is being magnified by the number of comments on social media.

- b. Major units are currently away on exercise.

- c. The Army Open Day planned for the autumn will not take place until spring 2017, owing to operational commitments.

- d. The soldiers' PT route has been changed and will not go past the school at start/finish times.
- e. Youth Club: this will be open Tues-Thur and is for different age groups (not just P1-P3 age group).
- f. Last week, 136 schoolchildren had visited the Camp. This had been very successful.
- g. Hampden Close is being considered for disposal.

## **5. Police issues:**

- a. No crimes reported this month.
- b. Parking at the school: a driver has been spoken to by the police.
- c. The Unipar (speed gun) and cardboard policeman have been in use to try and curb speeding on approach to the village.
- d. Children knocking on doors is still continuing.
- e. Coffee for Cops held at the community centre once a month is proving popular.

## **6. Matters Arising:**

- a. Junction Garden: no more news about Air Officer Scotland visiting. AG to polish the stone. SS will help cut the grass as it is too much for DB alone. JF will show SS how to operate the equipment. CF will also contact the Payback team for its assistance. AG
- b. St Andrews university donation: the CC is still waiting to hear how much the donation will be. An ornamental archway is the preferred choice, however, all suggestions will be considered.
- c. Three gates have been erected near the new houses by the Commercial Arms, however, the Doocot field is still accessible.
- d. Pears trees in Junction Gardens are still to be inspected.
- e. Parish Trust Fund application: CF has forwarded this to MS.
- f. Balmullo Pharmacy application: No more news; the PPC will

convene soon.

**7. Fife Council issues:**

- a. None reported.

**8. Correspondence:**

1. Emergency repair Clackmannanshire Bridge on A876, closed overnight 2-5 May. E-mail Findlay Robertson 29.04.16
2. Temporary one-way restriction – A914 and C12. Email from CF 28.04.16
3. Dog fouling – complaint from Leuchars resident. Email from CF 25.04.16
4. Report on sled dog usage of Tentsmuir. Email 26.04.16. Email Gill Johnston
5. Confirmation that civilians can use the tennis courts in the married quarters area. Email from Susan Budd to Cllr Brett 21.04.16.
6. Street parade application. Charity cycle run 22.05.16 through Leuchars (50 cycles). Email from Cllr Brett 23.04.16
7. Change of route for Army PT training (to avoid going past the school at opening/closing times). Email from S Budd 15.04.16.
8. Tesco green space funding applications open from 18.04.16. Email from K Jackson 15.04.16
9. Your views count – Police Scotland Survey. Email from Cllr Brett 15.04.16
10. Confirmation of plant order. Email from Falkland in Bloom 14.04.16
11. Request for help with planting. Email from CF 13.04.16
12. Donation from University of St Andrews. Email from CF 12.04.16
13. Food waste bag delivery changes. Email from Cllr Brett 10.04.16

Agenda and paper for NE Fife Planning Committee 13.04.16

NE Planning Committee – pre-determination meeting 19.04.16

**A.O.C.B**

- a. AS: The issue of monitoring emissions from Guardbridge biomass plant has been passed to NHSScotland so a report is not anticipated for another three months. Air quality has been raised in parliament, however, there is an issue as to whether it is the remit of the Environment Minister or Fife Council.
- b. TD: a car is being parked opposite the new yellow lines (on

the Church side) on the junction of School Hill/Pitlethie Road. This is causing a hazard.

- c. SS: asked if there would be any more CPR training. This is not likely for some time.
- d. VT: asked when planting would take place. CF confirmed the plants are on order. VT volunteered to look after the tubs on Station Road.
- e. JF: Four tons of soil will be available in June from Ingliston, however, it will need to be picked up in one go.

**Chair and Treasurer resignations:**

- CF announced that she will be standing down as Chair of the Community Council in November. CF also reported that MS would be standing down as Treasurer (also November). All members including Fife councillors agreed CF and MS will be missed. CF asked for members of the CC to consider putting themselves forward as replacement office bearers.
- CF will be on holiday for the next CC meeting. AG agreed to act as Chair for that meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7 June at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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