

## LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars 2 February 2016

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Jim Finnie, Jill Russell, Veronica Taylor, Steve Simpson, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Jenny Ramsay (Leuchars Primary School), PC Ewan McIntosh. Members of the public: Jean Nicoll, Athole Stewart, Wilma Henderson, Elaine Gibson, Helen Whiteley, one other member of the public

Item	Action Point
<b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Cllr Maggie Taylor, Mark Sharp, Dave Baxter, Joyce Edmonston, Trish Downie, Martin Kinsey (SSO), Susan Budd	
<b>3. Approval of minutes of 1 December 2015</b> Corrections: (4) Biomass plant: Fife Council will not be monitoring emissions. (9d) Should be Kinshaldy Road, not Earlshall Road. JR approved the minutes; CF seconded them.	
<b>4. Army issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Col Ben Cattermole, who has now moved, has written to CF thanking everyone for all their help.</li> <li>b. Leuchars Old Folks Treat Committee (LOFTC): Since the last CC meeting, CF has met with SB to discuss the misunderstanding about the dates LOFTC was informed by the Army that it (Army) would not be holding a Xmas party. A line has now been drawn under the matter. A second LOFTC letter (undated) states that SB has 'come on board' its committee. SB informed CF this is not the case.</li> <li>c. Stone in Junction Gardens: planting will take place after earth has been delivered.</li> <li>d. Meteor Row: the issue of civilians parking here will have to be taken up with the military, rather than civilian, police.</li> <li>e. Raised crossing at the camp gate was approved at the last area committee.</li> <li>f. Thank you to the Army – its recent church service raised £104 for LOFTC.</li> <li>g. Thanks again go to the soldiers who went out litter picking after the recent high winds.</li> <li>h. Dog fouling: this is occurring near the camp and at Aitken Place. Cllr Brett encouraged everyone to report this: take note of the breed, time, pattern of behaviour. The fine is going up to £80 in April. <u>Reminder:</u> bagged dog waste can be put in any public bin, not just dog waste bins.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Police issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. PC Ewan McIntosh introduced himself as the new community PC for the area. Although there has been a drugs raid in the village, he reported that generally crime is at a low level. Farms are being</li> </ul>	

<p>targeted.</p> <p>b. Guardbridge road closure: Work from 15.02.16-08.04.16. Hotline number is 07922 374674. There will be traffic lights at Guardbridge and 'stop &amp; go' men at St Michaels at busy times (morning and evening rush hour). There will be no shuttle bus service, rather extra buses will be laid on. Expect long delays in the first week.</p> <p>c. Contact PC McIntosh by <b>telephoning 101 or emailing taybridgeheadCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</b></p>	
<p><b>6. Matters arising:</b></p> <p>a. Double yellow lines at the junction of School Hill/Pitlethie Road. Cllr Brett to check on this when this will go to public consultation.</p> <p>b. War Memorial: potential removal to Junction Gardens. Contact with FC conservation officer to be made.</p> <p>c. Pitlethie Road gritting: this is not a priority area in bad weather. Residents are advised to use the grit in the bins provided themselves.</p> <p>d. Overgrowth on fences in Aitken Place: still to be addressed.</p> <p>e. Recycling bins at the station: owing to lack of use, these will not be reinstated.</p> <p>f. 'Snack and chat' meetings for 13-18 year olds have started every Tuesday, 08.00-08.45pm, in the Community Centre. CF to put the times on the Leuchars website.</p> <p>g. Rail bridge by playing field: area needs to be tidied. Cllr Brett has been in contact with Network Rail and is hopeful this will progress soon.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TG</p>
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <p>Cllr Brett:</p> <p>a. Fife Council budget will be set 11.02.16. Education is likely to be protected.</p> <p>b. Car park extension at railway station: still hoping this will be in place in the summer.</p> <p>c. St Michael's Golf Club: would like the road the clubhouse/cemetery to be repaired by Fife Council. The road is unadopted so is not Fife Council's responsibility. Liz Murphy (Fife Council cemeteries) is looking into the matter. Cllr Brett is hoping to obtain grit for the Golf Club to spread.</p> <p>d. St Athernase regeneration: over half the funds to complete Phase 1 have been raised. The church is optimistic it will achieving the rest of the Phase 1 funds.</p> <p>e. A new police inspector has been appointed (Jim Davenport). Police priorities remain the same, ie tackling anti-social behaviour, speeding and traffic, crimes of dishonesty.</p> <p>f. Tentsmuir car parking area: the trees in danger of falling have now been felled.</p> <p>g. Homeshare: this scheme matches older householders with spare bedrooms with younger people in need of accommodation. The younger person is expected to help the older person in lieu of rent. Both householder and tenant are vetted by Fife Council.</p> <p>h. An updated Fife Council transportation list is available.</p>	

<p>Cllr Connor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Fife Council budget consultation closes 4.2.16</li> <li>j. NE Fife toy drive: this had been very successful with over 200 children receiving toys.</li> <li>k. Madras College: the outcome of the recent judicial review is expected within the next two months.</li> <li>l. Citizens Advice: pop up sessions 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Wednesday of the month in Burgh Chambers, Tayport. Use it or lose it.</li> <li>m. Penumbra Youth Project: funding is being withdrawn by Fife Council. This project provides support to young people's mental health and well-being in secondary schools.</li> <li>n. Blue badges: a charge of £20 will be implemented from 1.4.16. Applies to new applications, renewals and reissues (lost, stolen or damaged).</li> </ul>	
<p>8. <b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parking at the railway station: No contravention of parking rules have been witnessed. Email from Gordon Hughes, Fife Council 2.12.15</li> <li>2. Winter gritting priorities in Leuchars. Email from Sara Wilson via Cllr Brett 2.12.15</li> <li>3. Tesco Community Grants deadline extended. Email from K Jackson 3.12.15</li> <li>4. Spreadsheet showing uplift details for recycling points in Leuchars. Email from Cllr Brett 9.12.15. There's considered to be over-provision, so unlikely that the recycling bins at the station will be reinstated.</li> <li>5. Library closures. Libraries Consultation. Email 10.12.15.</li> <li>6. B945 St Michaels to Tayport resurfacing update. Email from Philip Suttie 11.12.15</li> <li>7. Fife Council briefing on closure of the Forth Road Bridge. Email from Cllr Brett 5.12.15</li> <li>8. Tentsmuir Forest Car Park. Now open with limitations. Email from Robin Lofthouse via Cllr Brett 16.12.15</li> <li>9. Keep Scotland Beautiful newsletter. Email from K Jackson 16.12.15</li> <li>10. EPIC awards 2015. Email from K Jackson 17.12.15</li> <li>11. Fife Coast &amp; Countryside Trust Annual Report. Email from Cllr Brett 20.12.15</li> <li>12. Guardbridge Road closure and factual inaccuracies in the St Andrews Citizen. Email from Steve Bargeton via Cllr Brett 24.12.15</li> <li>13. Area Plan Engagement re local policing plan 2016-17. Email from Cllr Brett 28.12.15</li> <li>14. Leuchars Road Report. E-mail from William Connor via CF 7.1.16</li> <li>15. Changes to e-planning from 13.01.16. Email from Cllr Brett 8.1.16</li> </ul>	

<p>16. Cultural Consortium training opportunities. Email from Karen Taylor 8.1.16</p> <p>17. Sustrans Community Links Fund 2016-17. Email from Cllr Brett 8.1.16</p> <p>18. Guardbridge Energy Centre dropin session. Email from CF 13.1.16</p> <p>19. Locality funding available. Email from Cllr Brett 12.01.16</p> <p>20. Issue of non-MOD personnel parking in Meteor Row. Email from CF 19.1.16.</p> <p>21. Boats possibly to be used as planters. Email from CF 20.1.16</p> <p>22. Temporary traffic restrictions various streets Balmullo &amp; Leuchars. Email from Cllr Brett 20.01.15</p> <p>23. Meeting with WPC Susie Martin on community issues. Email from CF 26.01.16.</p>	
<p><b>A.O.C.B</b></p> <p>a. EG (CEO) and HW (Secretary) spoke of their social enterprise plans to open 'The Cakery' café in the estate agents premises in the summer (subject to planning approval). It is intended to be a social hub for all ages. It will aim to tackle social isolation and provide experience for those finding it difficult to get work. Volunteers will be assessed and there may be an opportunity to gain relevant qualifications. There has been interest from the school. There are similar, successful cafes in Tayport and St Andrews. CF asked a number of questions which had been put to her (parking; mix of people; hours) which EG/HW answered. CF also suggested EG/HW meet with the owners of the Aero Café.</p> <p>b. VT: raw sewage is present on the nature trail behind the skate park. Cllr Brett will investigate.</p> <p>c. VT: the empty MOD houses are becoming dilapidated. CF will contact Martin Kinsey (SSO) about this and Cllr Brett will ask Fife Council to speak with Defence Housing Estates.</p> <p>d. AS: remains concerned that there will be no independent monitoring of emissions when the biomass plant is opened in Guardbridge. He has raised his concerns with local Fife Councillors and has attended other local community council meetings. Although emissions were looked at as part of the environmental impact assessment at planning stage, Cllr Brett has put AS's concerns to the Director of Public Health for Fife and is waiting for her answer.</p> <p>e. St Andrews business community is concerned about the effect the eight-week road closure at Guardbridge will have on businesses, particularly over Easter.</p>	

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 March 2016 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre.  
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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