

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 4 February 2014

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Bill Connor, Dave Baxter, Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Jean Nicoll, Mark Sharp, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell and Wg Cdr N Clayton, Ms Izzy Corbin of New Madras of 21st Century Group

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Chair welcomed all those present	
2. Apologies: Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Maggie Taylor	
3. Approval of minutes 3rd December 2013 Section 1 should be removed. The minutes were approved following that amendment	
4. Izzy Corbin on New Madras The group represented objects to the proposed site for the new Madras Building on several grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This site suffers constant flooding b. All utility services are on the ground and would need to be moved c. Fife Council needs to reduce its carbon footprint, which it would not be doing on this site. d. The proximity to the neighbouring hospital would not be good for pupils or for hospital patients. e. There is a lack of information coming from Fife Council to support its decision to opt for this site. f. North East Fife Safety Panel feels children would be in danger if the school is built at Pipelands. They would inevitable use the crossing to Morrisons Supermarket at lunchtimes and this is close to a busy roundabout etc. (see separate report) g. The possible increase in housing levels in Guardbridge and Leuchars would bring in more families, as would the sale of Kilrymont and its possible future use as social housing. This would mean the Pipelands site would be too small. 	
5. RAF/Army issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. NC confirmed that there had been a good army representation at the recent Forum meeting b. A working group has been set up to deal with civilian drawdown. It is not known how many civilians will cross to the army under TUPE arrangements (Transfer of an Undertaking and Protection of Employment).6 Squadron will transfer to Lossiemouth in June and the Fighter Squadron will follow in late September. c. The farewell gala will be held on 17/05/14 – all letters have gone out from Leuchars, Guardbridge and Balmullo Community Councils as all will be cooperating on the organisation. d. CF reminded NC that Leuchars Community Council had been 	

<p>promised one of the' Leuchars' stones from the Main Gate. Confirmed as OK. Position for it in Junction Gardens will be agreed later.</p> <p>e. Support will be given to any Community Council suggestion which will celebrate 100 years of RAF Leuchars.</p> <p>f. Specially selected project officers will catalogue all historical items.</p> <p>g. Discussion is ongoing about a suitable locality for a Heritage Room – will it be in Leuchars or elsewhere? TB suggested this would be a suitable addition to Fife Council's Open Doors day in September.</p> <p>h. SM advised all dates for visiting aircraft during February. Operation Joint Warrior, featuring a squadron of Typhoons, will take place in late March.</p> <p>i. The annual Cocktail Party will be held in the Officers Mess on 09/05/14</p> <p>j. RAF will march in St Andrews on 10/05/14 when 58 Squadron will be disbanded.</p> <p>k. There will be a farewell bash – Party in the Park – in the grounds of Earls Hall Castle on 07/06/14.</p>	
<p>6. Police issues</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>7. Matters arising:</p> <p>TB raised the question of the ownership of the car park by the village church. JF confirmed that he is dealing with that directly as it is of more interest to the church.</p>	
<p>8. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p><u>Cllr Connor</u></p> <p>a. Details of the times of road closures on Main Street, Leuchars</p> <p>b. Citizens Advice Pop-up events – further pop-up events are planned in the Burgh Chambers, Tayport and the Blyth Hall, Newport – dates to be advised.</p> <p>c. Electric blanket testing – dates and locations advised, to be found at www.fifedirect.org.uk/electricblankets</p> <p>d. Copies Trusted Trader information given.</p> <p><u>Cllr Brett</u></p> <p>a. Promised improvements to Broadband speed should be implemented over the summer months.</p> <p>b. Fife Council has confirmed the improvements in Pitcairn Park play area have been completed – JE disputed this as nothing has been planted in the newly marked out areas. POST NOTE – beech hedging now planted.</p> <p>c. The Slow Down sign at the St Michaels gateway has been checked and is working correctly – it is warning cars which are 90m away.</p> <p>d. There may be funding for an extension to the Leuchars Station car park in the Fife Council Budget which should be agreed on 13/02/14</p> <p>e. The repairs to the road depression in Henderson Terrace should be repaired towards the end of March</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>MS asked if the Community Council would be prepared to make a donation to the cost of running the Farewell Gala. TB advised that a donation might be available from the Locality Fund. BC advised contact with all local Rotary Clubs and B&B's in St Andrews and NE Fife.</p>	MS

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 4 March 2014 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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