

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 13 April 2010, The Hive, Leuchars

**Present:** Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Ron Caird, Wg Cdr Patrick O'Donnell (OC Base), Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Jim Finnie, Joyce Edmonston, Hugh Moffat, three members of the public.

Item	Action point
<b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> CF welcomed everyone to the meeting. CF proposed that Hugh Moffat be a co-opted member of the Community Council; TG seconded.	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Cllr Tim Brett, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Mark Sharp (Treasurer).	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes of 02.0.10</b> Concessionary travel should read concessionary rail travel. Otherwise minutes were proposed as accurate by CF; seconded by HM	
<b>4. RAF issues:</b> a) <u>Regiment squadron</u> : Forty personnel have arrived. The squadron will be a full strength in August. b) <u>Runway repairs</u> : runway expected to be back to normal mid May. c) <u>Community Centre</u> : still on target. d) <u>National families week</u> : Running from 31.05.10-06.06.10. e) <u>Skate Park</u> : The recycling bins have been removed because of building of the Community Centre – there have been complaints of rubbish lying around. SM to request Kate Hughes arrange for re-siting of bins. f) <u>Sports day for local schools</u> : scheduled for 26.05.10 and 29.09.10. g) <u>Leuchars &amp; Guardbridge primary schools</u> : a visit to the camp to be arranged soon. h) <u>Airshow 2010</u> : scheduled for 11.09.10. Media campaign will start at the beginning of June. i) The Duke of Kent (Hon Air Commodore) visited the base recently.	SM
<b>5. Police issues:</b> Nothing to report. The next community engagement meeting is 11.05.10 in the Hive at 19.00.	
<b>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</b> a) <u>Doocot field development</u> : Planning permission to be submitted in two months time. The developers are hoping to start building in 12-18 months time. b) <u>Local and Structure Plans</u> : No further update. c) <u>Exit from Meadow Road</u> : Two Rosebank Park residents complained about the difficulty of exiting and entering Meadow Road, particularly exiting. They presented a letter to the Community Council signed by residents of Rosebank Park and Meadow Road detailing the problems. Following the general discussion about this problem, the other member of the public who lives in Main Street complained of the traffic speeding down Main Street. His car had recently been hit when it was parked outside his house. Heavy traffic keeps hitting a bump in the road and the road has gone down 55mm. The member of the public is very unhappy that the road is not being repaired. He also queried why the slow-down sign has not been installed. It was suggested that maybe a pedestrian crossing could be installed in Main Street to help slow down the traffic. TG to write to D Smeaton about the road repairs and slow-down sign and P Suttie about the Rosebank Park/Meadow Road residents' letter and	

<p>request they come along to a CC meeting to meet with local residents.</p> <p>d) <u>Pharmacy application</u>: The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman will take up complaint about the PPC if NHS Fife do not respond to the CC's letter of complaint. The Practice Manager has confirmed that NHS Fife has given the GPs 12 months notice to cease dispensing in Leuchars. This means the GP dispensing service will remain the same for one year after the pharmacy opens. There has been no more news of the appeal regarding the Balmullo community pharmacy application.</p> <p>e) <u>Noise complaints about Commercial Arms</u>: No further update.</p> <p>f) <u>Feature arch/clock</u>: Cllr Brett has written to the RAF to see if it can contribute to this. Cllr Caird informed the CC that the Head of Lottery in Scotland is looking to help with community projects and will pass his name on to CF.</p> <p>g) <u>Feature wall</u>: Planning permission has been applied for.</p> <p>h) <u>CC Action Plan</u>: CF reminded members of the CC to draw up their wish list for next month.</p> <p>i) <u>Public toilets</u>: Demolition contract was out to tender. No further update.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>RC</p>
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <p>Cllr Caird:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) New school: The business case for the new school was passed on 8.4.10. The money has been assured by Fife Council and there will be input of £10m from the University to add the £40m. Concerns have been raised that the school will block an historic view, however the school will sit below the tree line. First move will be to build an access road from the A91 to the Langlands B site. Work is expected to begin in 2011 with completion in 2013. The fallback position if the school were not to go ahead is refurbishment of Kilrymont.</li> <li>b) Concessionary rail travel: Cllr Caird is against this being removed. An increase to £4-£5 was proposed which would still be attractive to users. Apparently Scotrail have not spoken with Tony Martin (?) regarding the matter as had been claimed. Cllr Caird will ask about this to establish the truth of the matter.</li> <li>c) TAYPlan Strategic Development Plan Authority: Main Issues Report Consultation. There are public consultation meetings on 12.5.10 in County Buildings, Cupar and 18.5.10 in St Andrews Town Hall.</li> <li>d) Guardbridge Paper Mill: news on what is happening to this site is expected at the end of April</li> <li>e) Severe weather review: meeting on 13.4.10. Problems experienced regarding lack of grit/salt to be addressed.</li> <li>f) Fife Constabulary is clamping down on speeding and dog fouling.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Brett: had submitted a written update. Most of the points have been covered by Cllr Caird and elsewhere in the minutes. Additional point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) An application under the new Supporting Enterprising Communities Scheme has been submitted to see if funding can be identified for the extension of Leuchars Station car park.</li> </ul> <p><u>Action pt 53</u>: Vacant/unsightly areas Meadow Road entrance: a fence has been erected fronting onto the pavement, but the area is still exposed on the side as you enter Meadow Road. KH confirmed that matters were ongoing with the owner.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48</u>: Road leading to Golf Club. Patching of the road over the bridge leading up to the Club will be done when the necessary machinery is available.</p> <p><u>Action pt 43</u>: Additional lamp standard. Going to committee.</p> <p><u>Action pts 44</u>: School Hill bench: JE met with I Barber on 11.3.10. Old seats removed. New</p>	

<p>seat will go opposite on grassy area. JE waiting for I Barber to call so she can show council workers where to site the bench.</p>	
<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notification of consultation on various Planning Supplementary Guidances (including educational contributions from new developers where school capacity is limited) Development Services 26.2.10</li> <li>2. Proposed long-term plan for managing Craigie Farm woodlands. Scoping meeting on 24.03.10 RTS Ltd (Woodland Managers &amp; Consultants) 24.03.10</li> <li>3. Response (to Mark Sharp) from NHS Fife on questions posed at the NHS Annual Review.</li> <li>4. Reminder of annual fee due (22.03.10). Information Commissioner's Office.</li> <li>5. Scottish Health Council Annual Report 2008-09.#</li> <li>6. Letter of introduction from Chief Inspector John McDonald Fife Constabulary 3.2.10</li> <li>7. Complaint from resident (via website) regarding fencing at exit from Meadow Road. 24.02.10</li> <li>8. Digital UK newsletter 23.02.10</li> <li>9. Community Consultation meeting 23.02.10</li> <li>10. Bus service changes 15.02.10</li> <li>11. Drop in events for Fife Greenspace Strategy. Parks &amp; Countryside e-mail 05.02.10.</li> </ol>	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JE reported that the extra step at the Coach House still has not been repaired by the Council.</li> <li>2. One of the Rosebank Park residents asked why, if the entrance to Meadow Road (which is unadopted) is being dealt with by the Council, the whole of Meadow Road cannot be repaired. Cllr Caird confirmed that there is a fund for unadopted roads which D Smeaton is in charge of.</li> <li>3. JF reported a very large pothole at the back of he houses in St Bunyan's place on the service road going towards the public toilets. The binmen said they would report this. TG will also report to the person in charge of pothole repairs.</li> <li>4. JF also reported on the travellers site. The site is nothing like what was submitted in the retrospective planning application the Council, and now has a large number of caravans on it. Cllr Caird will contact John Watson about this.</li> <li>5. CF asked Cllr Caird if CC members should b issued with name/identity badges. He advised contacting Linda Purdie.</li> <li>6. CF reported that the primary school now has a second eco flag.</li> <li>7. CF has requested funding for a laptop and printer/scanner for CC use.</li> <li>8. CF has written to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society regarding the situation with the dispensary in the Post Office and the potential conflict of interest.</li> <li>9. Plants for the summer tubs are coming at the end of May. One of the tubs is continually flooding. The Main Street resident said he would drill holes in the tub to stop this.</li> <li>10. JE brought sample brackets for the lamp posts on Station Road for approval. .</li> </ol>	<p>TG</p>

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 4 May 2010 at 7.00pm in The Hive**

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

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