

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 6 December 2011

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Campbell Black (Gladedales/Betts), Robert Richmond (Land Agent), Dave Baxter, Jim Finnie, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Ron Caird, Jean Nicoll, Flt Lt Cyrus Poacher, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting including Campbell Black (Gladedale) and Robert Richmond, and agent, representing Mr Foster, landowner of the Doocot Field, and Flt Lt Cyrus Poacher RAF representing Wing Cdr Corbould	
2. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor, Joyce Edmonston	
3. Approval of minutes 4.10.11 CF proposed; JF seconded	
4. RAF issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) There will be no flying between 18 Dec-4 Jan, and non planned after 8.00pm during December and January. b) Large Malaysian aircraft visiting 16-19 December. c) OAP and local children's (special needs) party to be held 7 December. d) It was confirmed there is to be additional funding for UK state schools with significant numbers of military children between 2011-2015. This applies to Leuchars and Guardbridge schools. An additional £95,000 for the first tranche payment for Fife schools is expected. e) The CC agreed they would accept the offer of a garage from the RAF at £10/month. The garage will be required all year round on an open-ended contract. f) Flt Sgt Mitchell to let the CC know the new contact e-mail address in due course. g) The headteacher at Leuchars PS had been concerned that the school was not aware of the return of the 58 squadron 6FP which had resulting in a large number of absences. It was reported she felt the CC could help publicise such things more, but CC members felt it was more appropriate for the RAF to let the school know directly owing to possible delays in the CC becoming aware of RAF movements. 	SM

<p>FM's office).</p> <p>(iv) MS has applied to the Big Lottery Fund for 4 x picnic tables, and also the People's Postcode Lottery.</p> <p>d) <u>Grit bin St Bunyans Place</u>: lid does not fit. Cllr Brett will follow up.</p> <p>e) <u>Reasons behind RAF Leuchars closure</u>: MS has written to <u>////////</u></p> <p>f) <u>Unadopted areas</u>: Fife Council have still to contact Milton Farmers (Mr Black) regarding the ground opposite the school. JF to give Cllr Brett a contact number he has.</p> <p>g) <u>Quarry on the B945</u>: at an early stage, It may be some time before it goes before planning.</p>	TB
<p>8. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Brett:</p> <p>a) Play equipment is now installed in Meadow Road park.</p> <p>b) The 'Slow Down' sign is not being moved on Station Road.</p> <p>c) Christmas disbursements (£111) has been sent to the Old Folks Committee.</p> <p>d) New signs have been erected in Tentsmuir to alert people in advance they will need to pay for parking.</p> <p>e) It has been confirmed the Olympic Torch will be coming through Leuchars.</p> <p>f) The Fife Coastal Path has been extended from Newport to Newburgh.</p> <p>g) Street cleaning schedules are available.</p> <p>h) There is a new Fife Cultural Trust.</p> <p>Cllr Caird.</p> <p>a) Guardbridge Paper Mill site: A report has been presented to Guardbridge CC. Proposals are going to the University Court in January, after which, a joint statement will be made about the proposals.</p> <p>b) Doocot field: Drop-in session to be held (see above).</p> <p>c) New school St Andrews: the Madras Development Group met earlier in December to discuss plans for refurbishment of Kilrymont. Ninety-five percent of the school will be new. The Rector has confirmed he can accommodate S3 pupils in South Street and that S1 and S2 pupils would be accommodated in portakabins when refurbishment starts.</p> <p>d) In the finalised Local Plan there is the potential for a Park & Ride at Forgan Roundabout, subject to the Reporter's findings.</p> <p>e) Winter planning. The CC should expect a folder with advice on how to cope during periods of bad weather. Extra bags of grit may be made available to help deal with areas such as cul de sacs etc.</p> <p>f) Smart water is being used on metal war memorials etc to help deter/detect scrap metal thieves.</p> <p>g) An additional £90,500 is to be donated to 24 schools throughout Fife.</p>	
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TAYplan Proposed Strategic Development Plan. Letter 1.12.11 2. Fife Elderly winter newsletter. E-mail 5.12.11 3. New school: public consultation . Letter 29.11.11 4. Letter to Philip Hammond MP from Mark Sharp. E-mail from MS 5.12.11 	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Junction Garden funding application. E-mail from MS 02.12.11 6. Lamp Standard application. E-mail from Cllr Brett 30.11.11 7. ASCC online bulletin 29.11.11 8. Fife Access Forum asking for details of community groups concerned with outdoor access etc. E-mail 28.11.11 9. Awards for All small grants scheme. E-mail from the Big Lottery Fund Scotland 28.11.11 10. Climate Change Fund application fund. St Andrews Environmental Network E-mail Jane Kell 28.11.11 11. Solar Hot Spot. Application for Solar Voltaic panels in KY16 postcode. Email Jane Kell 14.11.11. 12. Copy of letters sent to Philip Hammond (Sec of State for Defence) from Sir Ming Cambell 11.11.11. 13. North East Fife Lettings Plan 2011-12. Housing & Neighbourhood Services 8.11.11. 14. Tentsmuir Forest: forest design plan. Letter Highfield Forestry Ltd no date. 15. Tay Estuary Forum autumn newsletter. E-mail 2.11.11 16. Leuchars Parish Trust Christmas Distributions. FC Corporate Services Letter 31.10.11 	
<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS: The Eden Estuary warden will look after the trees for Junction Gardens; the CC will plant after the winter. The warden has asked if the CC would like to make a contribution to the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust in return. The CC agreed on a donation of £100. 2. MS: arrangements with Fife Council will need to be made to take down the hanging baskets once the garage is made available to the CC. 3. DB: raised concerns about the blown down tree on the Warwick Close estate, which has been there since the summer. Cllr Brett will investigate with Fife Council 4. DB: the large plastic greenhouse at the school is torn. MS confirmed that the school should be contacting the suppliers who will advise on the best way to repair it. 5. DB reported that when at the Beautiful Fife awards North Queensferry PS parents, who run a gardening club, have extended an invitation to Leuchars CC to visit them. There will be a Poppy Scotland competition for which there is a £200 prize. Social Enterprise Falkland will not be competing but will advise and sell plants, e.g £45 for a fully planted hanging basket. CF will get a full price list. 6. CF reported that Wormit will be going ahead with the Speedwatch initiative. 	<p>MS</p> <p>TB</p> <p>CF</p>

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7 January 2012 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre**

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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