

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 2 November 2010

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair after election of Office Bearers), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Jim Finnie, Hugh Moffatt, David Baxter, Cllr Maggie Taylor (Chair until Office Bearers were appointed), Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Susan Budd (Community Development Officer), three residents of Rosebank Park.

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: as this was the CC's inaugural meeting, Cllr Taylor chaired the meeting until the Office Bearers were elected. She opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking those previous members of the CC for all their efforts during the previous year.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Ron Caird, Cllr Tim Brett, Joyce Edmonston, Wg Cdr P O'Donnell	
3. Appointment of Office Bearers: Chair: Carroll Finnie was duly appointed as Chair (proposed by Trish Graham; seconded by Jim Finnie). Vice Chair: Mark Sharp was duly appointed as Vice Chair (proposed by Jim Finnie; seconded by Carroll Finnie). Secretary: Trish Graham was duly appointed as Secretary (proposed by Jim Finnie; seconded by Mark Sharp). Treasurer: Mark Sharp [also Vice Chair] was duly appointed as Treasurer (proposed by Carroll Finnie; seconded by Trish Graham). CF welcomed Jean Nicoll as a newly co-opted member of the Community Council.	
4. Approval of minutes 05.10.10 a. Matters arising point b, Meadow Road: Double yellow lines have not yet been painted [but will be]. b. Matters arising point f, Roadworks, Main Street: Cllr Taylor had also been at the meeting with Messrs Dewar and Smeaton. c. Matters arising point j, 8 St Bunyan's Place: Cllr Taylor had spoken with Mary Budd, who then visited the resident. Otherwise minutes were proposed [JF] and seconded as accurate [MS].	
5. RAF issues: a. <u>Disturbances by RAF personnel leaving the Rugby Club:</u> SB had tried to contact the RAF Police Flt Sgt regarding police not getting out of their cars but Flt Sgt is currently on leave. She will speak to him on his/her return. b. <u>Community Centre:</u> now open. It was agreed the CC framed award certificates will be positioned in the Reception area. The Community Centre can be hired out for functions for £7/hour. The coffee shop is open to the public. Leuchars Drama Group has moved into the old Hive.	

<p>c. <u>Storage facility for CC:</u> SM confirmed that the RAF could not help with providing a lock up garage/or storage for the CC to store hanging baskets etc. He said that was a shortage of garages for RAF personnel (see also Section 7, point 8).</p>	
<p>6. Police Issues:</p> <p>a. MS was concerned that the speed camera van is never seen in the village. There was a discussion about new handheld speed equipment which it was thought did not work in the dark. CF will raise these issues at the police community meeting next week.</p>	CF
<p>7. Matters arising:</p> <p>a. <u>Doocot Field Development:</u> no further update.</p> <p>b. <u>Meadow Road:</u> double yellow lines still to be painted.</p> <p>c. <u>Balmullo pharmacy application:</u> A decision will be made on 14.12.10 as to whether Drs Johnston & Salamonski will be able to dispense until their licence ends next year. (NB dispensing for Balmullo residents only.)</p> <p>d. <u>Mears Court:</u> It could not be confirmed whether the number of industrial-size bins outside the lounge window had been removed/reduced. Check with JE.</p> <p>e. <u>Feature Wall:</u> Dairsie builder's quote is too high. Plans will be sent to Clark Mercer. CF/MS will go to Ennstone Thistle regarding the boulders. A letter of thanks to go to the company once the boulders are received.</p> <p>f. <u>Defective manhole cover, Main St:</u> this has been reported.</p> <p>g. <u>Flag at Station:</u> Although there is a new flag in place (provided by Fife Council) these cost £200 a time and there was some debate as to whether there should be a flag because of the cost. JF suggested contacting Visit Scotland or Scotrail for a contribution. Cllr Taylor will investigate alternative funding source.</p> <p>h. <u>Lock up garage:</u> the CC were very disappointed that Fife Council would not help further by allowing the CC to continue using the lock up garage free of charge, particularly as it appears the garage will not be used and will remain empty. MS has applied for a bowser. Cllr Taylor queried whether CC funds could be used, but at £40/month this is too much. Members of the CC feel strongly about this as a great deal of effort has been put into making the village look presentable over the past few years, and with nowhere to store baskets, bowsers, etc it looks like the CC will have to abandon having floral displays. Cllr Taylor said she would investigate further.</p> <p>i. <u>Hanging baskets on lamp posts:</u> These will have to remain on the lamp posts as there is nowhere to store them (see above).</p> <p>j. <u>8 St Bunyan's Place:</u> bollards are to be erected.</p>	<p>CF/MS</p> <p>MT</p> <p>MT</p>
<p>Community Council Priorities List</p> <p>MS reported that he has applied to the Woodland Trust for 420 (free) tree saplings which can be used for planting the overgrown area between Aitken Place and the Station once it has been cleared. The schoolchildren could be involved. Kate Hughes has agreed in principal but it will need to be put in writing that the land can be cleared. KH [or Fiona Mitchell] and Ian Barbour are still to meet CF and MS at the site.</p>	CF/MS
<p>8. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>a. No further update on dirty road signs [item removed from these minutes]</p>	

<p>b. New school in St Andrews: there will be public meeting on 23.11.10 in Blyth Hall, 2.00-8.00pm.</p> <p>c. Winter salt stocks: CF has requested a grit bin for St Bunyans. As council tax payers Rosebank Park residents queried whether they could have one; Cllr Taylor to ask about this. Cllr Taylor also confirmed that salt stock levels are high.</p> <p>d. Public toilets demolition: no further update.</p> <p>e. Pitcairn Park/Norman View: MS has contacted Fife Council to point out that the pavements are in a very bad state of repair and that the pavements should be done at the same time the road is resurfaced. Cllr Brett will follow this up with Dave Smeaton.</p> <p>f. Cllr Taylor confirmed that regarding the Local Plan there is to be another consultation about bringing the three existing Plans into one.</p> <p>g. Business card-size contact details for reporting dog fouling were issued to everyone.</p> <p>h. Tree roots will be removed from the blocked drain [where?].</p> <p>i. Rosebank Residents have reported a catalogue of problems they have been experiencing to Cllr Brett, in particular a problem with Scottish Water: residents pay a monthly amenities charge to the site owner (includes water and sewerage) but were also paying Scottish Water for this. Scottish Water refunded the excess payments for some residents but are now reclaiming the refunds by backdating charges. There is also a problem with the bore size being too small for the main water pipe into the site (Scottish Water have agreed to fix this). Cllr Brett has drafted a letter to the site owner and a copy will go to all residents. He will also write to Scottish Water regarding the charges.</p> <p>j. Rosebank Park residents complained that the binmen are not picking all the bins up and would like them picked up from the kerbside. Cllr Taylor will speak to Cllr Brett about this situation.</p>	<p>MT</p> <p>MT</p>
<p><u>Action Point 48:</u> Golf Club Road: potholes still to be filled in. Contact point is now Fiona Mitchell who has taken over from Kate Hughes.</p> <p><u>Action Point 43:</u> Additional lamp standard Schoolhill: CC applying to Community Safety Partnership for funding/part funding of this. Awaiting necessary application form.</p>	
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grit bin update e-mail from Roads Services (North) received via Cllr Brett e-mail 8.10.10 Invitation to participate in Brian Taylor's Big Debate radio programme 05.11.10 in Kirkcaldy Pitcairn Park/Norman View temporary road closures. E-mail from Cllr Brett 24.10.10. Letter going out to residents late November. Fife Council unable to provide photo ID for badges. E-mail from L Purdie 7.10.10 Judging sheet for this year's Beautiful Fife campaign. E-mail Hazel Smith 08.10.10 ASCC Annual Nation Conference (Glasgow 20.11.10) invitation. E-mail from Linda Purdie Review of the Control of Entry Arrangements – Summary Report 20.10.10. Fife Cares Home Security for the over 65s, information leaflets Meeting to discuss A92 (following recent accidents) 27.10.10, Rothes Hall, Glenrothes. 	

<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CF: baskets and barrels need emptying [arrangements for this were made at the meeting]. 2. DB: Lighting around the Hive and the cash machine is very poor. Some lights are out. This will be reported to SM or SB. 3. DB: the traffic calming measures at the turning circle are causing problems. CF confirmed this has been looked at previously and is will not change. 4. HM: Reported on the dip in the road in St Bunyans (has already been reported). Some buses are not waiting for all passengers to board: DB advised HM to complain to Stagecoach so that it can be properly dealt with. 5. MS: asked if the CC would consider donating £220 to help with the payment for a drama tutor. There was some discussion about this, particularly as the CC may be having to pay for storage for the hanging baskets. It was agreed to wait for a couple of weeks before making a decision on donating this. 6. TG: photo IDs. Linda Purdie to be contacted to see if more Fife Council can produce these if CC provide photos and pay the costs. 	<p>TG</p> <p>TG</p>
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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7 December 2010 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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