

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 4 March 2008, The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Jim Finnie, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Ron Caird, Joyce Edmonston, Sqn Ldr Keith Wardlaw (MCO RAF Leuchars), Suzanne Callan.

Item	Action point
<p>1. Presentation by Kingdom Housing Association regarding Warwick Close and development in the Doocot Field:</p> <p>Alan McGuickan and Bill Banks of Kingdom HA gave the background to the above. <u>Warwick Close</u>: 27 houses being acquired for rent only. Sixteen houses will be available by end March 2008; 11 houses will be ready by May 2008. Rent levels approx: 2-bed £61/week, 3-bed £63/week, 4-bed £66/week. Cllr Caird expressed concerns as to whether preference would be given for local people.</p> <p><u>Doocot Field</u>: Outline planning permission has been approved for 125 units, 38 of which will be owned by Kingdom HA. Of these 38 units, 25 will be for rent and 13 will be shared equity. The housing mix is still to be agreed but there a high need identified for 2 and 3 bed houses. (Shared equity: individuals buy part of a property and the remaining part of the property is owned by the lender who provides an equity loan. This means that when the property is sold, the lender will be entitled to receive their share of the value (equity) of the property at the time of sale. Share ownership: individuals buy part of a property with the aid of a loan, and pay rent on the remaining part.)</p>	
<p>2. Chair's opening remarks:</p> <p>CF welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
<p>3. Apologies:</p> <p>Mark Sharp, Georgina Morrison, Yvonne Anderson, Susan Budd, Cllr Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Jim Michie</p>	
<p>4. Approval of Minutes of 5.2.08:</p> <p>1. Waste Aware: final sentence – Joyce Edmonston had reported that a new paper bin was needed in Norman View, not that one had been vandalised. Otherwise minutes accepted: JE proposed; CF seconded.</p>	
<p>5. RAF issues:</p> <p>1. <u>Flying over Leuchars</u>: Chinooks flying w/c 3.3.08 and at night. Apaches w/c 14.3.08.</p> <p>2. <u>Charity Car Festival</u>: This will be held on the base on 28.03.08. It will involve racing prestige cars against a Tornado. Money raised will go to the charity 'Help For Heroes'.</p>	
<p>6. Police issues:</p> <p>Nothing raised under this item as there was no representative from the police. JE pointed out that it is not automatic that the police are represented at CC meetings. Check with Jim Michie about this.</p>	

<p>7. Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>1. <u>Double glazing at Leuchars PS:</u> It has been confirmed there is no MOD funding. Pupils in the school will carry out a survey of the noise over two months after Easter. There will be a further meeting and Cllr Brett and will apply to Fife Council for funding (£0.5m - £1m). It was suggested that with recent planning permission approved that Gladedale & Ogilvie Homes should contribute to this. KW was concerned that a survey carried out by pupils would not carry enough weight and that the Council would need to validate any findings itself.</p> <p>2. <u>Planning permission for Doocot field:</u> CF queried Cllrs Caird and Brett as to why they had approved outline planning permission. TB said with development for the Doocot field already in the existing Local Plan he knew that had there been objections it would have gone to appeal. RC agreed and also that he knew that 30% would be affordable housing and was keen for this for local people. RC is still pursuing Gladedale/Ogilvie to meet with community council in the near future regarding this development.</p> <p>3. <u>Gypsy/traveller development:</u> all 8 will be represented by a lawyer and face possible fines of up to £20,000. On the matter of retrospective planning permission, JF felt strongly that this should not even be considered whilst the travellers are in breach of an interdict.</p>	
<p>8. Fife Council issues</p> <p>Action pt 51: Cars parking in bus bay opposite Spar making access difficult: The possibility of the bus stop being removed is being looked into.</p> <p>Action pt 50: state of pavements and streets throughout the village and lack of dropped kerbs for wheelchair users: Ongoing</p> <p>Action pt 49: trip hazard outside old police house: Inspection being arranged by KH.</p> <p>Action pt 46: Water board have left dip in road at circle in Main Street. RC is now progressing this matter through Dave Smeaton (Lead Officer, Roads Management, North Fife)</p> <p>Action pt 48: TG still to write to Golf Club re parking at cemetery.</p> <p>Action pt 43: additional lamp standard at car park on School Hill. This has been requested and actioned.</p>	<p>TG to write to Golf Club</p>
<p>9. Correspondence:</p> <p>1. Law and & Administration 13.02.08: First periodical review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries.</p> <p>2. Association of Scottish Community Councils: regional meeting in Perth 10.05.08 (circulated by e-mail prior to meeting). No-one attending.</p> <p>3. Development Services 12.02.08: Planning applications. Letter stating that weekly lists are now available electronically.</p> <p>4. Scottish Natural Heritage: Tentsmuir National Nature Reserve Newsletter Jan 08</p>	<p>CF and TG to receive these</p>

<p>5. BBC Trust 22.02.08: invitation to air views on BBC services in Scotland.</p> <p>6. Fife Environment Trust 20.02.08: launch of 8th annual newsletter/progress of the landfill tax credit scheme.</p> <p>7. SEPA 22.02.08: invitation to information seminar 1.4.08 on SEPA's Thermal Treatment Criteria (extraction of energy from waste for use as electricity or heat).</p> <p>8. St Andrews Hospital Travel Plan Group: Minutes from inaugural meeting. This group has requested a representative from the Leuchars/Balmullo/Guardbridge area attend. No-one available from Leuchars CC.</p> <p>Planning committee agendas: 4.3.08 North East Area committee meeting agendas: 5.3.08 Development applications 25.01.08, 01.02.08, 08.02.08, 15.02.08, 22.02.08</p>	<p>TG to check if GM will be attending.</p> <p>TG to copy to SC and CF</p> <p>TG to check with Balmullo/Guardbridge</p>
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Neighbourhood Watch will be holding a coffee morning to raise money. 2. Wind turbine at Leuchars Station: RC confirmed planning permission has been applied for this. 3. Water Watch: RC wanted the community council to be aware of this organisation which aims to help community groups as well as the public ensure sewage and water problems are fully addressed. 4. Promoting the community council: TG would like to write a flyer to be delivered to all houses in Leuchars bringing peoples' attention to the existence of the website. Also, to highlight the CC noticeboard more by having a sign above it with the website address. 5. CF had received a thank you letter for £150 cheque given to Leuchars Old Peoples' Fund. 	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 April 2008 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend

See also

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