

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 5 November 2013

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair) , Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Bill Connor, Dave Baxter, Joyce Edmonton, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, two members of the public.

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: As the election of office bearers was to take place at this meeting, Cllr Brett chaired the meeting until nominees for elections were dealt with.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor, Mark Sharp, Jim Finnie, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Jill Russell, Wg Cdr N Clayton.	
3. Approval of minutes from 1 October 2013 9 (e) Roadworks in Cupar until July 2014, not from July 2014. AOCB: Bench for Meadow Park, not Junction Gardens. Otherwise, JE proposed the minutes as accurate, DB seconded.	
4. Election of Office Bearers Carroll Finnie was proposed as Chair by TG, this was seconded by JE. Mark Sharp was proposed as Vice Chair and Treasurer by CF, this was seconded by DB. Trish Graham was proposed as secretary by CF, this was seconded by JE. JE, JF, DB and JR to remain as members of the CC. Cllr Brett thanked all members of the CC for their ongoing commitment.	
5. RAF/Army issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) SM introduced ASM WO Alan O'Loughlin who will be the liaison officer for the move. WO Loughlin gave an update on the key dates for the move: Scots Dragoon Guards will be back from operational tour in Mar/Apr 14 and 2 Bn REME will be back from operational tour in Jun/Jul 14 (back in Bad Fallingbommel, Germany). Both are still on track to move to Leuchars summer/autumn 2015. b) The preferred date for the farewell to the RAF is 17 May 2014. Wet weather provision can only be in the community centre not on the base, however, numbers are limited to 140 for this. The RAF can only provide limited help for the gala. c) There will be no night flying after 8.00pm. d) DB asked if the garage refurbishment was complete. SM will speak to Joe and get him to contact MS about this. e) The community centre cannot be used as a polling station. SM will find out the reason for this. 	
6. Police issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Next community engagement meeting is 12.11.13 at 7.00pm. There was discussion about community speedwatch. Cllr Brett explained what this was to the two members of the public, however, as there 	

are no volunteers, the CC is not taking this any further.	
<p>7. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Community defibrillator: this is now installed outside the doctors' surgery. Location of the defib is to be advertised on the website, notices around the village, fliers in the surgery, pharmacy, school etc. CF will phone Kirstie Hastie to see if she has a template for promoting the defib. There will be a training session in January for anyone interested, although it should be stressed that the defib can be used by anyone without training. b) Junction Gardens: MS still to paint the box and sign. c) DB is still investigating getting a new trailer – 6 x 4 single axle. Application to the locality fund has been made. d) Hanging baskets: are in DB's garden. CF thanked DB for cleaning out the baskets. JE still has the small hanging baskets in her garden. They are to be moved to the garages. e) Toll Road housing development has been approved and will be housing association houses only. f) Flooding at the Turning Circle: This will be addressed as part of the road resurfacing programme. g) MS has sent out 300 letters to local businesses regarding the farewell gala. Only one business responded (Tesco) with a donation of £10. The CC is extremely disappointed. Cllr Brett asked CF to send him and Cllr Connor the letter to see what could be done to improve this situation. h) The other Leuchars stone on Station Road needs to be cleaned to match the one already cleaned by MS. i) The Community Payback team have made a new noticeboard for Junction Gardens. Another one is to be located at the top of Station Road, opposite Ye Olde Hotel. j) The Army will be dealing with the wet area in Junction Gardens. A mound of earth also needs to be moved. CF to give DB the dates of the Community Payback team's availability. k) The Egyptmuir irrigation pond is an agricultural development, therefore it does not need planning permission. l) New bench In Meadow Park: Seats are being removed in Cupar. Cllr Connor to see if one can be made available for Meadow Park. m) DB to let Cllr Brett know what the problem is with Scottish Water and the drains in Main Street. 	
<p>8. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Connor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) There are some funds available for local projects. The CC is advised to put forward ideas and suggestions. b) The number of cars speeding through St Michaels has fallen dramatically since the electronic sign has been installed. c) It is proposed to reduce the speed on the section of the road from 	

<p>Leuchars to Balmullo from 50mph to 40mph.</p> <p>d) There are to be Citizens Advice pop up events to do with changes to welfare payments (bedroom tax). The first will be in Blyth Hall, Newpot on 3.12.13 between 2.00pm-4.00pm.</p> <p>e) Kirkton Quarry development is not be going ahead.</p> <p>Cllr Brett</p> <p>f) Applications to the locality fund for apple trees: CF will let TG know the costs in order to complete an application form.</p> <p>g) An application has been made for re-approval for 50 houses at the back of Motray Park, Guardbridge.</p> <p>h) Depression in the road in Henderson Terrace is still ongoing.</p> <p>i) No one has yet confirmed whether the faded sign at the station has been replaced.</p> <p>j) Community covenant funding of £40k for support of the MUGA in Balmullo is now official.</p> <p>k) New school: Lindsay Mathieson had asked CF to highlight the problem at the CC meeting. Cllr Brett explained that the NE Planning committee spent a whole morning 6-9 months ago on this. For technical reasons there would be significant extra costs at the North Haugh (Pond) site. Furthermore, the university had expected the Council to build a road which would have pushed the cost to circa £48-50m. The university wants £5m for property valued at £250k. If the Council went ahead with this it would be severely criticised for doing so.</p> <p>l) Speed limit from Guardbridge to Leuchars is going to committee. The proposal is that the speed limit goes from 50mph to 40mph. There will be a public consultation.</p>	
<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Queen Margaret Development Issue 2. Email from CF 01.11.13 2. Mobile app for TellmeScotland launched. Available from tellmesotland.gov.uk home page. Email Bill Welsh 1.11.13. 3. FIFEplan Preferred Strategy and Site Assessments: An additional consultation from 9.12.13-5.02.14. Email Jenni Whittle 30.10.13 4. National Planning Framework 3/Scottish Planning Policy Update. Email Bill Welsh 30.10.13 5. Local Housing Strategy Year Three Progress. Email Bill Welsh 29.10.13 6. Fife Voluntary Action updates for: 29.10.13 7. Night flying notification via CF 29.10.13 8. A919 Guardbridge to Leuchars: map of proposed 40mph speed limit. Email Cllr Brett 25.10.13 9. Fife Elderly Autumn Newsletter 2013. Email 22.10.13 10. Royal Voluntary Service (formerly WRVS): Community transport and good neighbours service. Currently recruiting for volunteers. Email 21.10.13 11. Review of Public Service Counter Provisions: review of opening hours of local police stations. Email from CF 9.10.13. 12. TEF Newsletter Oct 2013. Email Laura Booth 7.10.13. 13. Derelict buildings: call to identify any such buildings in Leuchars. Email CF 4.10.13 14. Fife Council's Big Change Challenge. Call to get involved with discussions. Email Eileen Reid 08.10.13. 15. Fife Voluntary Action updates for: 16.10.13, 03.10.13 <p>North East Fife Area Committee agenda for 23.10.13 North East Planning Committee 6.11.13, 6.10.13, 9.10.13</p>	

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- a) DB: The planters on Main Street need to be tidied up. He also asked what would happen to the build-outs when the road resurfacing works begin in the New Year. The CC may have to speak to Keith Smith again about this.
- b) DB: asked about dates the Community Payback team is available. CF will give DB's tel number to Stevie (Community Payback leader)
- c) DB: spoke of the parking at the railway station and how congested the area is now. There was a general discussion about whether the Council should charge for parking as it is believed, Dundee commuters drive to Leuchars to take advantage of the free parking.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3 December 2013 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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