LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 6 May 2014

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Bill Connor, Dave Baxter Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Jean Nicoll and one member of the public

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| | | | Point |
| | 1. | Chair's opening remarks: | |
| | Ch | air welcomed all those present, including Kate Wade a PhD student | |
| | fro | m St Andrews University. KW is conducting a survey on Coastal Flood | |
| | Pro | otection which invites members of the public to voice their opinion on | |
| | ho | w they want council taxes to be spent and potentially influence the | |
| | de | velopment of future coastal flood defences in the Eden Estuary. For | |
| | mc | re information or to complete the survey go to: http://synergy.st- | |
| | <u>an</u> | <u>drews.ac.uk/edensurvey</u> or e-mail: <u>edensurv@st-andrews.ac.uk</u> . The | |
| | SUI | vey is running until 31.08.14. | |
| | 2. | Apologies: | |
| | CII | r Maggie Taylor, Jillian Russell, Wg Cdr N Clayton, FS Simon Mitchell | |
| | 3. | | |
| | | int 9(h) should be ISS (not ISF), otherwise the minutes were proposed | |
| | as | accurate by DB; seconded by JF. | |
| 4. | | RAF/Army issues: | |
| | | date on RAF/Army issues was provided by CF following her attendance | |
| | at t | he RAF Leuchars Community Forum: | |
| | | There has been as a second on the sample of DAT assessed being | |
| | a. | There has been no answer on the number of RAF personnel being | |
| | | retained.(Possibly 50 RAF personnel are expected to remain when the | |
| | h | Army move in.) | |
| | υ. | 6 Sqdn will go out in June. Between July-November 400 personnel will leave. | |
| | | The Air Historical branch and St Andrews University are interested in | |
| | C. | having the gate guards, although one gate guard will be retained. | |
| | а | A Lancaster will be part of the flypast for the cocktail party on 9.5.14. | |
| | | The Red Arrows will fly to mark the opening of Commonwealth Games | |
| | c. | on 23.07.14, and the launch of the Queen Elizabeth on 4.7.14. | |
| | f | Over the summer 4 or 5 Army officers will be moving to Leuchars from | |
| | 1. | Germany in preparation for the Army moving in. | |
| | σ | JF asked if any operational aircraft would remain. CF confirmed only | |
| | 5. | the university squadron would be in operation. | |
| | 5. | Police issues | |
| | • | None | |
| | 6. | Matters arising: | |
| | a. | The station car park report, which could mean ownership transfers to | |
| | - * | Network Rail ,is due this month | |
| | b. | The proposal of co-opting S4-6 pupils onto community councils is | |
| | | postponed until end of August. | |
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| c. | TB has reminded Colin Stirling (Fife Council) of the need for a speed | |
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| | survey now that road repairs are completed in Leuchars. | |
| d. | It was confirmed the Aitken bench on Pitlethie Road is not the | |
| | responsibility of Fife Council. JE will contact the Aitken family. | JE |
| e. | TB has reminded K Smith (Fife Council) about the sinking manhole | |
| <u> </u> | cover on Main Street. | |
| | Fife Council issues and action points | |
| | Connor | |
| | a. For a trial period (May-June), the Citizens Advice Bureau will be at the Burgh Chambers, Tayport 10.00-13.00, and Newport Blyth Hall | |
| | Library 14.00-15.30 every Monday. After the trial, an assessment will | |
| | be made on whether or not to make the surgeries permanent. | |
| | b. Excavation of street lighting: outside the burial ground on Pitlethie | |
| | Road will finish 7.5.14. Main St up to no 23 will finish 30.5.14. From | |
| | School Hill to 25 Henderson Terr will finish 30.5.14. Whole of School | |
| | Hill will finish 31.5.14. | |
| | c. There will be a drop-in event at the Drumoig hotel on 14.05.14 | |
| | regarding the planning application for development at Drumoig. | |
| | d. Open Doors day will be 7.9.14. | |
| CII | <u>r Brett</u> | |
| | Further news on the new Madras school is expected this week. | |
| b. | Comments received on the new speed limits on the A914 have been | |
| | passed to transportation. | |
| | A new trauma centre will be based at Ninewells Hospital, Dundee. | |
| d. | Fife Council has received 19,000 noise complaints – proportionally the | |
| | highest in the UK. | |
| | The latest Tentsmuir Newsletter is published. There is a TAYPlan drop in event 11 20 16 20 on 21 05 14 in St | |
| 1. | There is a TAYPlan drop in event 11.30-16.30 on 31.05.14 in St Andrews Town Hall. This is the strategic plan for Tayside and NE Fife | |
| | over the next 20 years. The TAYPlan committee will decided on the | |
| | number of new houses in the area. | |
| 8. | | |
| | E-mail from a resident of Pitcairn Park regarding no lighting at the | |
| " | Pitcairn Park West lockups. TB confirmed this has been passed to | |
| | Housing to deal with. | |
| b. | Email from Charlestown, Limekilns & Pattiesmuir CC about Fife | |
| L | Council's choice of street lighting in conservation areas. | |
| c. | Farewell Gala 17/05/14 | |
| Th | ere was considerable discussion on specific parts of the gala including: | |
| a. | BC offered the use of tables, chairs and a generator | |
| b. | Jim Kinnear to be contacted regarding marquees. | |
| c. | Arrangements for 2 x 13 amp fridges to be made. | |
| d. | JF will supply hamburgers and hotdogs. | |
| |).C.B | |
| a. | DB asked about the flower tubs on the outbuilds. CF confirmed the | |
| | plants have been ordered. JE said that compost is needed as the | |
| | Payback team had used only soil to fill the tubs. There was a | TD |
| | discussion about how Dundee City Council provide free compost. TB to find out if Fife Council has a similar scheme. The dumper is full. It | TB |
| | was suggested the Payback team could clear the Mackenzie Grave. | |
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- b. CF asked for a handrail to be positioned near the bus shelter on Main St (between house nos 28-40). No 50 Main St has had a sewerage problem; it is possible the road may have to be dug up.
- c. JN reported that stones are falling off the corner of the Olde Hotel onto the pavement. TB reported that this has been passed to buildings safety in Fife Council. He will check what the progress is.

d. Nicky Martin, head gardener at Earlshall Castle reported that:

- (i) there are many potholes on the road leading to the Castle. TB asked her to ring him if they are not fixed soon.
- (ii) The dip in Henderson Terrace has still not been fixed. TB has had an apology from transportation about this. Transportation have confirmed it will be fixing this soon.
- (iii) NM lives in Henderson Terrace. Her garden is higher than the field at the end of the garden. She is concerned the garden will fall into the field. She would like to either buy the land or use it to create a community orchard, e.g. she can graft/supply apple trees (from those owned by Robt Lorimer). CF would also like to see the apple trees on Junction Gardens. TB will arrange for someone to meet with NM on site to discuss further.

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3rd June 2014 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre Members of the public are welcome to attend

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