

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars 2 June 2015

Present: Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Joyce Edmonston, Lt Col Ben Cattermole, Maj Kev McDowell, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Bill Connor, Susan Budd (Community Support Officer), WPC Suzy Martin, two members of the public (Mr & Mrs Watson)

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Standing in for CF, JE welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2. Apologies: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Jim Finnie, Dave Baxter, Cllr Tim Brett, Jill Russell	
3. Approval of minutes of 5 May 2015 Minutes were proposed as accurate by JE; seconded by TG.	
4. Army issues: Lt Col Cattermole reported: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. There are now 280 personnel at Leuchars with 600-700 arriving in July 2015. More personnel will arrive next Summer. Some settling is now required, with more engagement with the local community likely in September/October. b. The stones from the quarry are due to be delivered 18 June or 18 July. JE will ask CF when she returns from holiday. c. Paving slabs for floral tubs: still waiting to hear if the Army can install these. d. Cllr Brett asked how the Army would function. Lt Col Cattermole said that a training area is being sought, e.g. low-level training could be carried out in Reres Wood. Cllr Brett reminded Maj McDowell of the existence of the Eden Estuary Advisory Group. Lt Col Cattermole hoped there would be a two-way discussion with the local community regarding timings of such things as training involving explosives/gun fire. Cllr Brett suggested this ought to be discussed in a separate meeting to the community council meetings. e. Cllr Brett also asked about funding. Lt Col Cattermole confirmed there are 16 funded projects; the aim is to complete these by 31.03.16. f. Cllr Brett suggested the current Fife Council Defence Transition Group meetings are no longer necessary. Maj McDowell agreed. g. Cllr Connor will remind FC Transportation about discussing directly with the Army the possibility of extending the 20mph zone as far as the main gate. 	BC
5. Police issues <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. WPC Martin spoke of social misbehaviour among some of the local youths and how she would like to set up group to help address this, 	

	<p>including seeking funding from a community safety organisation. She has also been in contact with the Army about this project; several PTIs are keen to help in setting up activities. Lt Col Cattermole also explained how the Army gives local youths a taste of Army activities. Cllr Brett alerted WPC Martin to the purpose of the Locality Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Volunteers for 'speedars' are needed in Leuchars. c. A complaint from a Henderson Terrace resident was discussed. A car is often parked between the entrance to Henderson Terrace and the junction of School Hill onto Pitlethie road. Traffic exiting Henderson Terrace needs to go onto the other side of the road to get around the car. If a vehicle is turning left onto School Hill from Pitlethie Road at the same time, there could be a collision. The resident would like double yellow lines to be painted all the way from Henderson Terrace to the junction with Pitlethie Road so the car can't park there. WPC Martin asked for the resident's e-mail to be forwarded to Patrick Turner (Police Scotland). d. WPC Martin also reported that graffiti had been found on the monuments in Tentsmuir Forest. She asked that if there was any further trouble to e-mail her. 	
	<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. War Memorial potential removal to Junction Gardens: contact with FC conservation officer to be made. Email Cllr Brett with the Leuchars Area Conservation Plan. 	TG
	<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Brett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disabled parking space signs will be fixed in Main Street in the next few months. b. Madras/new school: An appeal has been lodged which will not be heard until 2016. c. The police will start to charge for policing at events. d. A compulsory purchase order has been started by FC for land near the rail station. The landowner is in negotiation with FC. e. New, high hedges guidance is now available. f. TAYPlan: no major changes for Leuchars. g. There will be a briefing on the Fife Plan. h. Open Doors Day, 6.9.15, suggest opening the Church i. The Leng and St David's are not closing. j. A new policing plan is now available. k. There have been solar farm applications in Newport and Tayport. l. Businesses in St Andrews have a bid proposal as a business investment district which will allow funding of improvements. Voting to take place in October. 	
8.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forth Bridges Unit Operating Company. Existing Forth Road Bridge workforce becoming part of Amey. Queensferry Crossing becomes operational December 2016. Email Findlay Robertson, Amey 1.6.15 2. Fife Council Development Management Customer Satisfaction Survey. Email from Mary Bennett 	

<p>28.05.15</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Fife Cares Newsletter Summer 2015. Email 27.05.15 4. Beautiful Fife. Judging day 17.07.15 at 14.30. Letter K Jackson. 5. Scottish Community Alliance fortnightly e-mail briefing 20.05.15, 06.05.15 6. Making Fife's Places Supplementary Guidance. Consultation closing soon. Email Fife Devplan 18.05.15 7. Road report. Cllr Connor 17.05.15 8. Fife's Cultural Roadshow, Rothes Hall, Glenrothes, 20.05.15 9. Common Good Training Update. Email D Lettington 14.05.15 10. NHS Fife Newsletter – replacement of IPCU at Stratheden Hosp Newsletter. Email 12.05.15 11. FIFEplan update on programme for submission to Scottish Ministers. Email J Whittle 12.05.15 12. Fife's Cultural Consortium and You. Email K Taylor 8.05.15 13. Parades notice: Motor cycle event for Horse Riding for the Disabled 6.6.15 14. Proposed Strategic Development Plan: period for representations. Email Cllr Brett 6.5.15 <p>Agenda and papers for NE Fife Area Committee meeting 27.05.15 Agenda and papers for NE Planning Committee meeting 13.05.15</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. JE reported that FC street sweepers are blowing leaves out of the way into peoples' gardens. Cllr Connor will report this. b. Mr and Mrs Watson spoke at length with Cllr Brett about the lack of dropped kerbs for wheelchair users in the Warwick Close area. Mrs Watson is a wheelchair user and is unable to safely take her daughter to school as there are no dropped kerbs nearby. Mrs Watson said the dropped kerbs that do exist are not safe. Cllr Brett will take this forward by contacting David Brown, head of FC transportation to arrange for someone from FC to go around the area with Mr & Mrs Watson. c. Tayport Rotary Club Cycle Event is being held. Cllr Connor will send details to TG. 	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 14 July 2015 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend