

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 5 May 2009 The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Tim Brett, Jim Finnie, Sqd Ldr Keith Wardlaw, WO Robert Craig, two members of the public

Item	Action point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone including two members of the public.	
2. Apologies: Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Ron Caird, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Joyce Edmonston, Jim Michie (Community Police), Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), Kate Hughes (Locality Manager)	
3. Approval of Minutes of 7.4.09 Jim Finnie had been omitted from the list of members present at the meeting RAF issues point 4 (f) Should read the disbandment of 43 Squadron, not 56 Squadron. Other than these points, the minutes were proposed as accurate by CF and second by JF.	
4. RAF issues: a) <u>Youth Club</u> : CF reported that the Youth Club had re-opened but that it needs more volunteers. b) <u>MUGA</u> : informal opening has been postponed to Sat 9.5.09 (12.00-18.00). The official opening will be on 14.5.09, time to be confirmed. c) <u>Integrated Welfare Facility</u> : building starting June/July, aiming for completion March 2010. d) <u>Flying</u> : 43 Sqdn stops flying end of July. French Navy visiting 8-22 May 2009. Six Tocoan's undergoing navigation training 11-22 May 2009. e) <u>Sports afternoon for P4-P7 children</u> : Cllr Brett asked what the progress was on this. KW to get an update from SB. f) <u>RAF help with proposed archway/feature wall</u> : WO Craig outlined in general terms and gave examples of how the RAF could help with community projects. However, he did not want to commit manpower at this time. The community council are to get in touch with him once it is nearer to putting something in place.	KW
5. Police issues: Nothing to report.	
6. Matters arising from previous minutes: a) <u>Doocot field development</u> : No further news on Gladedale's application to develop the South site as affordable housing rather than light industrial. b) <u>Gypsy/traveller site</u> : Cllr Brett will check with Cllr Caird what the results of the soil test are. JF and Cllr Brett discussed how the change to Condition 3 had still remained on the planning agenda after the travellers had withdrawn this application. Cllr Brett will investigate and clarify this. There is also a discrepancy about the address the travellers have used on the planning applications. Cllr Brett will ask Cllr Caird to clarify this. There have been reports of hare coursing taking place in the area and a deer's head had been found near Five Roads roundabout. c) <u>Traffic calming at school</u> : Cllr Brett had driven by and reported that it looked as though everything had been completed but he will ask Gordon Hughes to have one final check. JM (community police) has said he will spot check the speed limits outside the school.	TB TB/RC

<p>d) <u>Floral displays</u>: CF has ordered plants from Pentland Plants. MS has selected baskets. RAF will supply brackets. CF to contact RAF regarding these.</p> <p>There was discussion about the amount of money the CC is looking for for all the planting (approx £1500). Cllr Brett felt confident the CC would get this money.</p> <p>f) <u>Gala subcommittee</u>: CF confirmed the school fete is on Sat 13.06.09. There was discussion about the price to be charged for the planted buckets for the CC stand. CF will check with her neighbour whether Morrisons would consider donating plants in return for advertising.</p> <p>g) <u>Public toilets</u>: (i) Graffiti has appeared on the building. Cllr Brett will deal with this and will report back to CF with a contact point so that the CC can report this directly in the future. (ii) Cllr Brett will contact Gordon Strang to find out progress on the building being used by the pub football team. JF will also speak to Ian Ovenston about this. (iii) The 'comfort stop' scheme has been approved.</p> <p>h) <u>General improvements</u>: (i) Cllr Brett speaking with Gordon Hughes regarding the 'Welcome to Leuchars sign. (ii) Land on Station Road: There was discussion about what this could be used for. CF had suggested flowering cherry trees to Ian Barbour. Cllr Brett will ask Ian Barbour to contact CF again.</p> <p>i) <u>Adoption of Pitcairn Park</u>: this is on the housing account and will be brought up to standard for adoption this year (no definite date).</p> <p>j) <u>Traffic vibrations Main St</u>: Fife Council is about to start its transportation plans for the future. There will be meetings locally. Cllr Brett suggested members of the CC go to one of these to discuss ideas for re-routing main traffic through the village.</p> <p>k) <u>Local and Structure Plans</u>: Fife Council are meeting to discuss the draft plan on 20.05.09. If approved then a public consultation will follow – end of summer.</p> <p>l) <u>Website</u>: JF will find out the website maintenance cost.</p> <p>m) <u>Dog fouling</u>: There is a new Fife Council scheme aimed at making dog owners more responsible.</p> <p>n) <u>Dirty road signs</u>: Cllr Brett will ask for all road signs in Leuchars to be cleaned.</p> <p>o) <u>Community payback service</u>: Cllr Brett to contact the team regarding the Nature Trail being tidied up. CF to check the level of work needed and anything else that the team could help with.</p> <p>p) <u>Dropped kerbs outside school</u>: still being discussed.</p> <p>q) <u>Replacement flag at the station</u>: A Balmullo resident has written to the Citizen about the state of the flag and lack of communication from the Council about progress on replacing it. Cllr Brett expressed his frustration that the issue keeps being passed on within the Council. He continues to pursue the matter.</p> <p>r) <u>Review of waste collection service</u>: Leuchars and Guardbridge will be pilots for a new waste collection arrangement. Waste Aware team will visit the CC to explain this.</p> <p>s) <u>Lock up storage for CC</u>: KH is investigating whether this is available free of charge.</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>TB</p> <p>KH</p>
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points Cllr Brett reported on the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Police plan 2009-10. Crime has reduced by 20 per cent over the last couple of years. 2. Temporary road closure Clay Road (top of Toll Road) 11-12 May 2009. 3. Car parking extension at Leuchars station. Fife Council was looking to expand by 100 spaces in the field to the left of the approach to the station. However there is no money available for this. 4. Transportation Consultation: meetings scheduled in Newport and St Andrews 5. Code of conduct for Community Councils: full documentation expected shortly. 6. Community football organised by the police will take place 20.5.09 (16.00-17.30). 7. Tay Road Bridge: speed limits are now back to 50mph. 	

<p>8. Pharmacy application: The appeal is being heard today.</p> <p><u>Action pt 54:</u> Replacement street nameplates: St Bunyan's Place still to be replaced.</p> <p><u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas: KH to write again to the owner of the unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Road. (See also comments under AOB.)</p> <p><u>Action pt 48:</u> Parking at cemetery. KH is investigating who owns the field adjacent the car park area.</p> <p><u>Action pts 43:</u> School Hill bench: CF will speak to the vicar regarding whether the resident who has applied to use the ground has been successful. If so, the bench will need to be re-sited. TG to contact KH.</p> <p><u>Action pt 44:</u> Additional lamp standard: Planning permission is in. No further update.</p>	<p>KH</p> <p>TG</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Queen Margaret Hospital Development leaflet. NHS Fife 2.4.09 2. Fife Constabulary's Policing Plan 2009-10. April 2009 3. General Practice in Scotland: the way ahead. BMA Scotland 8.4.09 4. Falkland in Bloom Seminar 21.05.09. Booking form for completion. 5. Model scheme of establishment of CCs and Code of Conduct. Scottish Govt. 9.4.09 6. Fife Access Seminar 11.06.09 (09.30-13.00). Fife Community Services 13.04.09 7. Appointment of new National Development Officer. ASCC e-mail 14.04.09 8. Pitcairn Park: update e-mail from Cllr Brett. 16.04.09 9. Community Council Insurance and ASCC. E-mail from Linda Purdie 16.04.09 10. Official opening of Youth Activity Project Area (YAPA) on 14.05.09. E-mail from CF 23.04.09. 11. Flowers bought for school fete. Email from CF 23.04.09. 12. Letter from young resident regarding community football and secretary's response 15.04.09. 13. The Nature of Scotland. Scottish Natural Heritage Brochure Spring 2008 	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Citizen Advice will be available in The Hive every second and fourth Wednesdays in the month. This service is available to everyone. 2. Local resident attending the meeting spoke of the poor state of the unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Road and how people were using it to dump litter and possible health and safety issues surrounding it. He also spoke of the danger when exiting Meadow Road of cars coming around the corner (Station Road into Main Street). It was agreed that a concealed entrance sign should be suitably sited. Cllr Brett will speak to Gordon Hughes. 3. Letter of complaint from local resident (received today), regarding the noise nuisance coming from Comerton Motocross which is being used by motorcyclists for practice purposes outwith the times approved by Planning. Cllr Brett will take up this issue with John Watson, Fife Council's enforcement officer. 	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 2 June 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive
Members of the public are welcome to attend

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