

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 3 April 2012

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Maggie Taylor, Cllr Ron Caird, Wg Cr Neville Clayton, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Caird announced that he would not be standing for election and would be retiring soon. Everyone joined CF in thanking Cllr Caird for his valuable contribution over the years and wished him all the very best for his retirement.	
2. Apologies: Jim Finnie, Dave Baxter, Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Tim Brett, Jean Nicoll.	
3. Approval of minutes 6.3.11 Point 7e: money allocated to this area allows for three dog wardens for a year [rather than one warden permanently]. Otherwise minutes approved by CF; seconded by MS.	
4. RAF issues: a) Typhoon flying display training continues. Training will involve flying as low as 500 ft. b) There will be an exercise mid April. c) Preparations are underway for the Jubilee celebrations and the Olympic Torch Relay which will be coming through Leuchars 12.06.12. Then later for the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. For the Jubilee, MS suggested integrating any street parties with the school's and RAF arrangements, with a party to be held on Station Park. He has already spoken with the Chair of the parent teacher council. NC is keen for this. MS and SM will work on plans for this integrating celebrations. d) There will be further redundancy announcements in June. e) It has been confirmed to SSAFA that the recently announced service education funding does not apply to independent schools. f) SM to e-mail MS with the local cubs/scouts/brownies contact details to see if they would be willing to help with the upkeep of Junction Gardens.	MS/SM SM
5. Police Issues: The police have asked that the CC let them know if any processions are planned for the various celebrations.	
6. Matters arising: a) <u>Doocot Field development:</u> the proposed number of houses has been reduced to 129 (from 140) giving the Doocot a wider berth. Mr A Stewart (local resident) had attended the planning committee meeting and had given his feedback to CF.	

<p>b) <u>Floral enhancements/Junction Gardens:</u></p> <p>(i) The large hanging baskets have gone to Falkland in Bloom for planting. Cost for two hanging baskets is £52. CF suggested the CC buy flowers for the tubs from FiB.</p> <p>(ii) Levelling of the beehive planter: MS has five 2'x2' slabs, but needs another three. DB and MS will be clearing the compost out of the planter and make it secure once MS has the other slabs.</p> <p>(iii) Still awaiting the school's donation toward the cost of the memorial bench.</p> <p>(iv) Funding: £3,500 has been approved from the locality fund. MS is having difficulty completing the Fife Environmental Trust [?] application form (£6000 for benches/picnic tables). It was suggested MS goes meet with the FET for help in completing the form..</p> <p>(v) 20 x litter pickers have been ordered.</p> <p>c) <u>Unadopted areas:</u> Fife Council to contact Mr Foster at Craigie Farm regarding the ground opposite the school. Cllr Brett to pursue.</p> <p>d) <u>Pitlethie Road road sign:</u> needs replacing. Cllr Brett to chase.</p> <p>a) <u>Path at the Olde Hotel:</u> Inspection has been carried out but CF will take a photo next time it is flooded to send to the Council.</p> <p>a) <u>Guardbridge Paper Mill site:</u> St Andrews University will be seeking commercial partners to take forward plans for the biomass installation. The university is being urged to make a public statement about the plans for the site as there appears to be nothing for local residents.</p> <p>b) <u>New school St Andrews:</u> No decisions will be made until after the elections (3.5.12).</p> <p>c) <u>Planning & Scotland's Zero Waste Plan:</u> DB had attended this and found it thoroughly enjoyable. MS asked the councillors whether it was possible to have more frequent uplifts of the bin for plastics.</p> <p>d) <u>Flag at railway station:</u> Cllr Brett is investigating whether money for a new flag can be obtained from the locality fund.</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>MS</p> <p>MS</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Taylor:</p> <p>a) The Speedwatch initiative is still being promoted. (Leuchars CC will not be involved as members are disappointed at the high tolerance of speeding allowed over the legal speed limit.)</p> <p>Cllr Brett:</p> <p>b) Mears Court: paving slabs are to be levelled. Need to check with JE whether this has been done.</p> <p>Cllr Caird:</p> <p>e) Potential park and ride at Forgan roundabout: the reporter is still making the final assessment. Northfield Farm is the preferred site.</p> <p>f) Costs for the RAF move to Lossiemouth are reported as now being £125m in order to bring Lossiemouth up to standard. Cllr Caird felt the public should be more aware of these increasing costs and suggested MS explore further given that he has been in contact with Philip Hammond and Alex Salmond.</p>	<p>MS</p>

<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tay Estuary Forum Spring newsletter and 2012 conference invitation (13 April, West Park Conference Centre, Dundee). 2. Pressured area status (suspension of Right to Buy for 10 years). Letter Housing & Neighbourhood Services 13.03.12 3. Support Fund for State Schools with Service Children. Confirmation that independent schools are not included. Email 13.03.12 John McLaughlin to Tim Brett. 4. 'Effective Engagement with Young People'. Workshop 27.03.12 run by Fife's Cultural Consortium. E-mail 16.03.12. 5. Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) minutes from meeting of 16.02.12 6. Setting up of the 'knowledge hub' for exchanging views on the Fife Local Development Plan E-mail 20.03.12 from Jenny Raconzier 7. Speedwatch training has commenced. E-mail 22.03.12 from Gavin Rae. 8. Information on holding street parties for the Diamond Jubilee. E-mail 25.03.12 from Tim Brett. 9. Scottish Government consultation exercise on Planning Reform. Consultation ends 22.06.12. E-mail 29.03.12 Bill Welsh. Forwarded to CC members 03.04.12. 10. Invitation to consultation on Olympic Torch route. Tues 17 April 4.00-6.00pm, Rothes Hall, Glenrothes. 11. Several e-mails from TDH Group promoting bunting for sale. 12. Annual Grant Application 2012-13. Letter 19.03.12 from Bill Welsh (will pass to MS). 13. IncludeMe! Annual Report 2010-11 and invitation to AGM 1.7.12 at the Old Parish Centre, Cupar. 14. Beautiful Fife Campaign 2012 application form. 	
<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS: asked the councillors when the funding from Locality Fund would be made available. Cllr Taylor to pursue. 2. MS: asked if JF would be able to apply for a drinks licence to cover any potential street party. CF confirmed he would do this before the deadline. 3. TG: a pile of bark was delivered to Pitcairn playpark some time ago, but there are no signs of it being laid. Cllr Taylor to investigate. 	<p>MT</p> <p>CF/JF</p> <p>MT</p>

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 May 2012 at 7.00pm in

The Community Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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