**TUESDAY, 3 October 2017** 

### LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# **Community Centre, Leuchars, 5 September 2017**

**Present**: Steve Simpson (Chair), Wilma Henderson (Vice-Chair), Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Trish Downie, Veronica Taylor, Fiona Barnett, Steve Davies, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Lucy Jess (Head Teacher, Leuchars Primary School, 10 Members of the Public

1. Chairs opening remarks:	Action
SS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	Points
2. Apologies:	
Trish Graham (Secretary), Martin Kinsey and Susan Budd (Army Reps),	
Taybridgehead Police.	
3. Approval of minutes of 1 August 2017	
Amendments to August's minutes – Matters Arising para b. WH advised	
that it was SD who asked for a vote of thanks for JG, Rory to be replaced	
with Aaron and Austen to be added. Minutes were proposed by TD and	
seconded by WH.	
4. Army:	
<ul> <li>a. Exercise commenced 28 Aug 17 and will complete NLT 16 Sep 17. As briefed previously, there has been an increase in flying activity locally and LCC members were advised, at the last meeting, of details of who to contact should noise/low flying be a concern. Cllr Brett mentioned he had been asked about low flying in the Howe of Fife area and MD agreed to pass on the details of who to contact. A member of the public raised a strong complaint about the lack of media information/press releases and MD advised this was not a Leuchars Station exercise and therefore not responsible for any information released to the general public.</li> <li>b. Meteor Row Garages – the DIO rep dealing with the matter is currently away from office therefore no change to extant arrangement. The Community Council has submitted the encroachment paperwork to the SSO.</li> </ul>	
c. Hampden Close – This is not being dealt with at a local level. Fife Council are still interested as DIO have issued an e-mail advising people could have three-year leases. MK to update at next meeting. Uptake has been slow but four houses have been occupied.	MK/SB
d. MD advised that the Bonfire Night celebrations on Thur 2 November at the Earshall Road sports pitches are for the local community as well as the military community to come along to.	
<ul> <li>FB asked who is responsible for keeping the Nature Trail tidy as the grass needs cutting and it is strewn with weeds and nettles. This used to be a nice area to walk in but is now overgrown.</li> </ul>	MK/SB
5. Police:	
<ul> <li>a. Cllr Brett, on behalf of the police, handed out an update on activity in and around Leuchars.</li> </ul>	

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- b. Speeding St Michael's/Tayport (B945) Traffic Division are continuing to monitor the concerns raised by residents and have been in dialogue with people at the Tay Bridge car park. They have stressed the importance of contacting the police if there are further accidents in the area. Pinewoods are now going to record accidents. The residents from St Michael's asked for thanks to be passed onto the police.
- c. Coffee with Cops Poor attendance. They asked for suggestions of alternative venues. LJ suggested they may like to come along to a Parent Council coffee morning. MD suggested a Tuesday morning in the Coachhouse might be useful. They are also considering a pop up surgery scenario.
- d. St Michael's community speedwatch volunteers are to complete their forms for training at the start of next year.

### 6. 6. Primary school:

- a. Polytunnel LJ advised that the polytunnel had been gifted to the school but they would be happy to hand it back as the school cannot fund repairs to it. SS advised that he has contacted several local farmers to ask if they could donate a new covering and is awaiting responses. If repaired, it is hoped that the local community can start doing self-help along with the school gardening club.
- b. LJ advised that the school wants to make more use of the school grounds to try to deter anti-social behaviour/vandalism. Ideas are being discussed and funding is being looked into. She is going to approach the Youth Club and Scouts to see if they will be interested in helping to develop the grounds. The memorial area is to be cleaned-up.
- c. New windows have been installed over the summer break and the school is looking good.
- d. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland is visiting next week.
- e. LJ advised there had been friction in the community with people parking on the spare ground opposite the school, preventing the residents getting access to the garages. MD advised she would ask for this to be mentioned in Station Routine Orders and the HIVE blog. It was suggested that the residents could put a sign up advising 24/7 access is required.
- f. LJ will look at what fundraising the school can do for their part in the Let's Light Up Leuchars campaign. SS is to attend the next Parent Council meeting on 6 Sep.
- g. MD asked why there had been no school crossing patrol since the start of term. LJ advised the warden has been ill but is hopeful to be back at work soon. A small number of children have been affected but remedial plans have been in place and they have not been put at any risk.

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### 7. Fife Council:

a. Cllr Brett: Report circulated.



- b. It has been agreed that the vegetation at St Michael's crossroads is affecting visibility and FC have been in touch with the landowner who will deal with this, but the rookery complicates matters. Residents advised that the sycamores only need to have their lower branches cut as they provide a barrier to prevent other trees blowing down. The signage that is blocking visibility of the 30mph sign is to be moved but it is inappropriate to move the courtesy sign nearer to Pinewoods. The speed sign is now in this year's budget as residents had looked back records which stated it was in the budget for 14/15 but had not materialised. Speed strips are currently on the roads. It was stated that a certain volume of pedestrians is required to justify a zebra crossing; this and a yellow box are not feasible on the main road. A914/A919 crash reduction plan - FC are carrying out an analysis of main routes, looking at junctions/accidents. TB advised residents that they may want to raise a petition and they could attend the NE Fife Committee to raise their points.
- c. Cllr Brett advised that detailed plans are being submitted by the end of September. However, until the masterplan for St Andrews West is considered, the school will not be looked at in isolation. If approved, the road will be built first and it may be 15 months before work starts. He advised that exam results for the school were the best in Fife.
- d. Leuchars Station Community Centre may be looked at as a possible polling station although LJ reported there were no issues with using the school. A resident asked if consideration could be given regarding disability access if an alternative venue was being looked at. MD advised there were no issues with disability access at the CC.
- e. Cllr Brett advised on a consultation by the Fife Cultural Trust regarding usage of libraries and mobile libraries. There is an online survey running until 29 October or paper copies are available from OnFife libraries, museums and theatres. He encouraged resident to complete the survey as Leuchars still currently gets the mobile library visiting two locations Leuchars Primary and Meteor Row. A question was raised as to the benefits of the mobile library visiting Meteor Row.
- f. Cllr Connor: Report circulated.

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g. Grit bins for St Michael's have been requested.

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h. A request had been made for a mirr Meadow Road but this had been de pavement is being looked into to sec can be made. A pothole in Meadow by a resident as this is an unadopte i. BC advised that the Scottish Gover proposal to make all settlement driv j. A St Michael's resident asked who	emed too much risk. The e if improvements to visibility Road may have been repaired d road.  nment is considering a ing limits set at 20 mph.	TB/BC TB/BC TB/BC
new bus stop in the village as it is o	vergrown and needs weed	
spray.  k. The St Michael's residents asked for Colin Stirling at FC.	or thanks to be passed onto	
I. The Cllrs were asked if Earshall Ro m. Youths playing football in the park a away as there is no bin at the Aitker	re not being able clear litter	
8. Correspondence:		
a. Correspondence had been received memorial benches to commemorate MD asked if the CC would like to inview to purchasing a bench for the	e the end of WW1 next year. vestigate this further with a	MD
9. Finance:		
a. Report circulated.		
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<ul> <li>b. MD will contact FIB to advise they v down the hanging baskets. This sh for this FY.</li> </ul>	•	
10. Matters arising:		
<ul> <li>a. Community Council Vacancies – MD resigned from the CC. Aaron Reid we seconded by WH. Andrew Peel was seconded by SS. AR explained he we of the CC into sport and has ambition football club. He currently coaches a SS advised he would forward him confficers at Leuchars Station</li> <li>b. Junction Gardens/Planters/Baskets – Team have not been to Junction Gardens before the end of Sep. VT and SD ar gardening around the village and ask want to help. Discussed having a segardening matters.</li> <li>MD advised she has 70,000 Flanders was agreed that these might be plant on the site of the proposed allotment ahead. FC visited the site and it was</li> </ul>	vas proposed by TD and proposed by MD and vould like to extend the range as to develop an amateur at Leuchars Primary School. Intact details of the football — The Community Payback dens yet but will be back be going to manage the sed for a list of people who eparate e-mail specifically for the SField poppies for the CC. It ted at the back of the Garden is as this project is not going	SS

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	WH is to e-mail Fife Council regarding the wild flowers they are	
	proposing to plant.	WH
C.	Christmas Lights/Fundraising – Report circulated.	
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d.	WH advised that she is waiting for a response from Spar regarding	
	the 5p Bags. The order for the Lights has to be placed by the end	
	of Sep. WH advised that a member of the Parent Council had suggested a non-uniform day to raise funds and will raise it at their	
	next meeting. WH advised that the uptake on the first sitting for the	SS
	Tipsy Tea Party had been low and they would probably just have the	
	later sitting.	
e.	Bonfire Night – Timings for this event have still to be decided but SS	
	thought it would probably be from 6.30pm.	
f.	Newsletter and Websites – It was agreed that a second newsletter	
	should be produced to keep the momentum going and raise	WH
	awareness of what the CC are trying to do. A St Michael's resident	
	asked why she had not received a newsletter. MD apologised and advised she was not familiar with the area and unaware of where	
	the house is situated. Two St Michael's residents offered to deliver	
	the newsletters in St Michael's.	MD
	MD is continuing to develop the Leuchars website but has had no	
	update from the Church yet. Leuchars Station now has its own	ВС
	page on the website and updates to it will be managed by the	
	Station.	
g.	It was agreed that the benches would be stored over winter and put	
	into the park ready for Spring. BC is going to collect them from Hendies car park.	
h.	MD advised that the number plates on the trailer need to be	
'''	changed and handed back to Mr Finnie. Willison Motors in Tayport	
	are a registered supplier with DVLA. TB will get contact details of	
	who deals with insurance at FC as none of the CC assets are	
	covered by any insurance. VT asked if she could be reimbursed for	
	getting a towbar on her van so that she can use the trailer. SS	
	asked for this to be put on the agenda for next month's meeting for	MD
;	further discussion  Community Noticeboards TC has this in hand and will be scening	
i.	Community Noticeboards – TG has this in hand and will be scoping costs once she is back to fitness. Once the CC decides where to	
	site the second board they will need an onsite visit from Fife Council	
	to check the suitability of the site.	TG
11.	A.O.C.B:	
a.	TG is hoping to return to the CC for November's meeting. MD will	
	continue to act as Secretary.	
b.	Rosebank Park has formed a resident's association as over 50% of	
	the residents voted to have one. This means the owner of the park	
	has to consult with the residents. It has been formed to get the owner to maintain the part to an acceptable standard.	
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- c. St Michael's residents thanked the CC for the help with their issues.
- d. A member of the public asked when the next Community Councils Forum was meeting – advised we were waiting for a date to be confirmed.
- e. SS advised that the REME are celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Corps on 23 Sept. The Battalion are parading in St Andrews at 11.00am followed by Highland Games at the University Sports Pitches. There is an evening cocktail party which WH is attending to represent the CC.
- f. Discussions about how to promote the CC and the work that was being done took place. It was agreed that SS would contact the St Andrews Citizen.

SS

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, 3 October 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre

Agenda items for the next meeting are to be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:leucharscommunitycouncil@gmail.com">leucharscommunitycouncil@gmail.com</a> by Tuesday 26 September 2017

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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