

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 4 October 2011

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Dave Baxter (arrived later), Jim Finnie, Cllr Ron Caird, J Nicoll, Susan Budd

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor, Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Tim Brett, Wg Cdr Richard Corbould, Flt Sgt S Mitchell	
3. Approval of minutes 2.8.11 Minutes proposed as accurate by MS; seconded by JF	
4. RAF issues: a) Night flying: none at present but this will be revised on a weekly basis. b) 6 Squadron set to deploy on exercise to Malaysia in support of the 40 th anniversary year of the Five Powers Defence Agreement (UK, Singapore, Malaysia, New Zealand and Australia). QRA will be continue to be maintained at Leuchars alongside this deployment. c) Skatepark: Fife Council have withdrawn the £17,000 and other funding for the skatepark extension because it is no longer going to belong to the RAF.	
5. Police Issues: Speedwatch (voluntary monitoring of traffic speeds by the local community) was discussed, but members of the CC were disappointed at the large speed tolerance allowed above the legal limit and it was agreed not take part in this. CF will take these comments to the next community police forum.	
6. Residents Action Force (RAF): Since the announcement that Leuchars would be going over to the Army, the Residents Action Force has now disbanded and will be reformed to deal with local business concerns and the economics of the changeover. Peter Grant will chair this new group. The CC feels there are still questions to be answered about the decision close RAF Leuchars, e.g. the costs of the changeover and what will happen to the school etc. It was agreed that the CC would write to Sir Menzies Campbell to enlist his help asking these questions. Concerns and questions are to be sent to TG who will write to Sir Menzies.	TG

c) Fife Council are running a voluntary severance scheme for staff.	
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signs have been replaced by Leuchars Church. E-mail 8.8.11 from George Duncan to Cllr Brett 8.8.11. 2. Questions and comments about closure of RAF Leuchars Email 14.08.11 from Trevor Day to CF.Forwarded to Sir Ming Campbell. 3. Adoption of Pitcairn Park. All unadopted areas in Leuchars will be dealt with in one go rather than piecemeal. Map of unadopted areas provided. Email from Neil Watson to Cllr Brett. 4. Reshaping Care for Older People – Review of inpatient facilities in GNEF CHP 29.08.11 at 7.00 St Andrews Community Hospital e-mail from K Chater 22.08.11 5. Reminder about Fife Health & Social Care Consultation. Email from Alana Dewar 23.08.11.. 6. Traffic Restrictions for Air Show. E-mail from Cllr Brett 25.08.11 7. Beautiful Scotland Annual Seminar, 1.11.11 at Albert Halls, Stirlin. E-mail Juliette Camburn, Keep Scotland Beautiful. 8. Keep the RAF in Leuchars flyers for the Air Show. E-mail from Mark Sharp 04.09.11 9. Refurbishment of play area in Meadow Road w/c 10.10.11 until midweek 17.10.11. Email from Clare Hill 5.9.11. 10. Fife Elderly Forum. Autumn Newsletter. Email 07.09.11. 11. Leuchars noticeboards. Email from Vicki Blair 08.09.11. 12. Audit on spaces and places used by the CC for their activities. Email 8.9.11. Karen Taylor. Area Cultural Coordinator, Fife Council. 13. Proposed changes to opening hours at Leuchars Surgery. Q&A sheet. Closing date 31.10.11. 14. Little Raith Wind Farm: community information day 19.09.11. Letter 12.09.11 from Kennedy Renewables. 	
<p>AOCB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JF: the grit bin has been delivered but is in the wrong place 2. CF: inappropriate comments had been posted on the Leuchars website. CF will ask M McNicol if he will vet comments from now on. 3. CF: will be meeting with I Barbour to see if FC will carry out the strimming in Junction Park and about killing the weeds which are beginning to come through the path. 4. DB: Spar bus stop [?] 5. MS: He has received a reply to his letter to Liam Fox from Air Command. The letter answered none of the questions MS had asked. The CC find this totally unsatisfactory and will continue seeking to have its questions answered. 6. Wreath for Remembrance Sunday to be ordered. 7. It was agreed to purchase a £10 book token for the person who won the competition for naming the cleared waste ground in Station Road (now named Junction Park). 8. The CC agreed to buy a bench for Junction Park in remembrance of Mr Andrew McGee. CF will ask I Barbour for his advice about purchasing a suitable bench. 	<p>CF</p> <p>CF</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TG</p> <p>CF</p>

9. CF and MS had attended a public meeting regarding the proposed opening up of an old quarry off the B945 (Tayport road) near Morton Lochs. As part of the development the current junction of the B945 with the A919 opposite St Michael's Inn will be moved further along (towards Dundee). There was no objection to this from CC members.	
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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 November 2011 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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