

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 5 February 2008, The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Tim Brett, Police Sergeant Paul Dick, Cllr Kate Hughes, Yvonne Anderson, Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), Georgina Morrison (vice Chair), Cllr Ron Caird, Joyce Edmonston, Sqn Ldr Keith Wardlaw (MCO RAF Leuchars), Scott Finnie (member of the public)

Apologies:

Jim Finnie, Suzanne Callan.

1. Waste Aware:

Before the meeting began there was a presentation from Paul Doherty of Environmental Services regarding the change to waste collection services commencing March 2008. Grey (general waste) bins will be emptied fortnightly, rather than weekly. Blue (paper) and brown (garden waste) will be emptied fortnightly with collections more frequent over the Christmas period. PD gave the background to the need to increase recycling within Fife. Fife will face heavy EU fines if recycling targets are not met. First of these targets is in 2008, then 2010 with a final target in 2020 of a 4% waste to landfill. There will be public presentations in St Andrews (6.2.08) and Newport (12.2.08). All households will receive an information pack and information is available on the website:

www.fifedirect.org.uk/wasteaware and helpline tel: 08451 550022. A question about plastics recycling was asked. Currently Plastic Type 1 and 2 (plastic bottles) can only be recycled in orange recycling banks. PD acknowledged Fife is not as advanced as some European counterparts, but highlighted some little known services such as Freecycle and Fife Furniture Plus (service run to collect furniture that can be reused free of charge). PD was asked whether there had been an increase in flytipping. This has been steady, but with no real increase, and is mostly from small businesses. JE pointed out the paper bin at Norman View had been vandalised, this will be looked into.

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2. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting	Action point
3. Apologies: Jim Finnie, Suzanne Callan	
4. Approval of Minutes of 4.12.07: Police issues item 5 Traffic problems: 'Colin Campbell' should read 'Colin Stirling'. Otherwise minutes proposed as accurate by MS; seconded by YA	
5. RAF issues: <u>1. Impact of squadron merger:</u> 43 & 56 squadrons will merge in April 2008. It has been reported in the media that 80 military and one civilian jobs are to go and there were concerns how this will affect the local area. With the Typhoon possibly coming in and the base likely to be back up to three squadrons in 2011, the impact of the merger on the local community is considered minimal. <u>2. Aircraft flying over Leuchars:</u> KW gave a breakdown of different types of aircraft involved in the 122 complaints received about aircraft flying over the village during 2007. TG brought to KW's attention an Army exercise	

<p>notification letter she had received. KW confirmed this is unlikely to affect Leuchars.</p> <p><u>2. Charity Car Festival:</u> This will be held on the base on 28.03.08. It will involve racing prestige cars against a Tornado. Money raised will go to the charity 'Help For Heroes'.</p> <p><u>3. Warwick Close house sale:</u> Seven houses are currently up for sale on the open market. RC confirmed Fife Council are interested in acquiring a percentage of the houses but will let them out through a Housing Association. Kingdom Housing Association are also interested in purchasing a number of the houses.</p> <p><u>4. Skateboard park:</u> KH and SB are in consultation about this. Issy White has the list of names of youngsters who would like to be involved.</p> <p><u>5. Double glazing at Leuchars PS:</u> TB is meeting in Glenrothes w/b 11.2.08 regarding double glazing at the school under the Noise Insulation Grant scheme.</p> <p><u>6. Youth Shelter:</u> 78% of the local youth want the youth shelter. KH confirmed it will located in Leuchars for 6 months and will then be moved throughout the Taybridgehead area. If it is successful, then a permanent shelter in Leuchars will be considered.</p> <p><u>7. Bright Horizons Childcare Centre:</u> GM and SB confirmed Bright Horizons is applying for charitable status as this will allow it to secure more funding.</p>	
<p>6. Police issues:</p> <p><u>1. General intro:</u> Sgt PD apologised for the non-attendance of the regular police representative. He introduced himself and confirmed that he, along with Martin Johncock and Jim Michie are carrying out foot patrols in Leuchars. The only incident reported was of an 18 year old buying alcohol for underage youths.</p> <p><u>2. Parking outside Spar:</u> PD confirmed that Colin Stirling is looking at removing the bus stop opposite the Spar to ease the problem with drivers using the bus stop area as a car parking space.</p> <p><u>3. Dome hawk video unit:</u> KH, TB & RC will negotiate acquiring one of these. It was suggested that the dome hawk be sited outside the Spar to monitor the car parking problem in the bus stop.</p>	
<p>7. Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p><u>1. Floral displays:</u> SF suggested looking at Falkland as a good example of village floral displays. KH pointed out that Falkland is successful because of the high level of local participation in the scheme. KH also mentioned that watering can be a problem, but the intention is to procure self-watering displays rather than have bowers and that it is hoped local school children could be involved with the upkeep. Payment secured by KH will be paid after April 2008.</p> <p><u>2. Dropped kerbs:</u> (Action point 50): TB confirmed he was still in contact with Alistair Drummond who is to contact local residents about this.</p> <p><u>3. Seat at School Hill:</u> Following discussion, it was agreed that KH is best placed to organise the purchase, engraving and siting of a wooden seat on School Hill. Wording to be something along the lines of 'In recognition of community councillors past and present'. Total cost is anticipated to be £800 of which it was agreed the community council would contribute £200.</p> <p><u>4. Christmas monetary donation:</u> CF had received thank you letters from the recipients of the Christmas monetary donation. MS had also received a letter with a cheque for a further £150 from Fife Council Administration to be</p>	<p>KH to give CF name of Falkland contact for floral displays</p> <p>r</p>

<p>donated to local residents, but the Council had stipulated recipients had to be named. CF asked for suggestions for distributing this money. GM suggested making up hampers, but it was acknowledged it is still difficult to decide on the most deserving cases. It was suggested that in future references to the church should be taken out of the letter accompanying the Administration cheque and this money should be channelled into general funds for dispersal by the community council. It was agreed the current cheque should be donated to the Leuchars Old Peoples Fund.</p>	
<p>8. Fife Council issues</p> <p>Action pt 52: congested car parking in vicinity of school: TB had written to Gordon Hughes addressing there. TG confirmed that there had been an improvement with bollards in place in the mornings.</p> <p>Action pt 51: Cars parking in bus bay making access difficult: Ongoing. See also police suggestion of removing bus stop entirely.</p> <p>Action pt 50: state of pavements and streets throughout the village and lack of dropped kerbs for wheelchair users: Alistair Drummond dealing with this.</p> <p>Action pt 49: trip hazard outside old police house:</p> <p>Action pt 48: It was confirmed there is no formal agreed parking between the St Michael's Golf cClub and the cemetery. SF suggested writing to the Golf Club to remind its members not to park there.</p> <p>Action pt 46: dip in road on roundabout:</p> <p>Action pt 43: additional lamp standard at car park on School Hill. This has been requested and actioned.</p> <p>RC confirmed the Pitlithie Road closures had been cancelled and encouraged members to respond to the Fife Landscape review.</p> <p>a</p>	<p>KH to send out inspector to check this has been dealt with. TG to write to Golf Club</p> <p>RC to chase Water Board again.</p>
<p>9. Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gambling policy: comments on draft by 15.02.08. CF confirmed this policy has little relevance to Leuchars. 2. Culture – What does it mean to you. TG circulated information leaflets on this initiative. No action necessary. 3. Core path network: RC circulated detailed maps of proposed core paths for the local area. 4. Meet the officers. GM and TG had attended this presentation by Fife police about the structure of Fife Police Eastern Division. 5. Landscape designation review: CF encouraged members to give feedback by 8.2.08. There is a workshop meeting on 20.3.08. No community councillors are able to attend. 6. Community Council seminar being held 10.5.08 and is open to new CC members. TG attending. 7. Adopt-a-Station: after reading all rules and regulations involved with this, it was agreed that it would too expensive and time-consuming to pursue. 8. St Andrews Hospital Travel Plan Group: Inaugural meeting 7.2.08. No-one able to attend from Leuchars CC. 	

<p>10. Gypsy/traveller update RC gave an update on the matter: Three travellers had arrived late for the breach of interdict hearing on 16.1.08 so matters were delayed. All 8 travellers appeared at the Sheriff's Court on 30.1.08. The travellers were given 40 days in which to clarify certain points and are to reappear at court on 7.3.08. In the meantime SEPA have approved the septic tank and a flood risk assessment remains to be carried out. TB & RC had made an informal visit to the travellers site to see the extent of the development. CF confirmed she had been verbally abused when she visited the site. Next critical date in this matter is 7.3.08 when the travellers reappear in court.</p>	
<p>11. Finalised Fife Structure Plan: RC confirmed that planning permission for 125 houses in the Doocot Field had been approved. 38 houses will be acquired by Kingdom Housing Association, of which 25 will be for rent and 13 will be for shared equity. The planned roundabout will act as a traffic calming measure for the village as well as giving access to the Doocot Field. CF expressed disappointment that Gladedale/Ogilvie Homes (private developers) and Kingdom HA had not bothered to contact the community council about this important development. RC suggested he request a representative of both attend a community council meeting in the near future.</p>	<p>RC to request housing officials both from Kingdom HA and Gladedale/Ogilvie Homes partnership to give details of plans to Leuchars CC.</p>
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £100 was raised for CHAS at the glass sale at Henderson Hall on 5.12.07 2. Proposal to introduce car parking charges at Leuchars railway station is not being taken forward. 	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 4 March 2008 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend