

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 1 October 2013

Present: Mark Sharp (vice Chair and Treasurer– expected late arrival], Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Tim Brett, Jim Finnie, Dave Baxter, Wg Cdr Neville Clayton, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, twelve Main Street residents, Chief Inspector Annandale, Police Scotland.

| Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Action Point |
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| <p><b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> In the absence of the chair and vice chair who was expected later, TG welcomed everyone to the meeting.. As Kevin Smith, Fife Council was unable to attend this evening to discuss the resurfacing of the road from the Turning Circle to Forgan roundabout, Cllr Brett spoke to the Main Street residents who had attended to hear K Smith. Several concerns were raised by the residents, some of which CI Annandale commented on. As the concerns could not be properly addressed at this meeting without Kevin Smith, it was agreed that a separate meeting should be held. Cllr Brett took the names and addresses of those present and will arrange a meeting for next month [5.00-6.00pm, 5 Nov 2013].</p> <p><b>2.</b> CI Annandale attended to give an update on the attempted abduction of a local schoolgirl (24.09.13 at approx 4.15pm, School Hill/Pitlithie Road). CI Annandale reassured everyone that the police were taking the matter very seriously and that a dedicated team were investigating. The victim was unharmed. Police are currently looking for a white male, light coloured hair driving a 4x4 type vehicle (landrover style).</p> <p><b>3.</b> Following the departure of CI Annandale and the Main Street residents, MS chaired the meeting.</p> |              |
| <p><b>4. Apologies:</b></p> <p>Carroll Finnie (Chair) , Cllr Maggie Taylor, Cllr Connor, Jill Russell</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| <p><b>5. Approval of minutes from 6 August 2013</b></p> <p>6d (vii): CF thanked D&amp;J Edmonston (not DB as minuted).<br/>         AOCB (c): The sign in Station Road for station junction is illegible. Cllr Brett has asked for it to be replaced.<br/>         AOCB (d) A resident had suggest putting a bike rack by the bus stop, not CF.<br/>         AOCB (g) John Don (blacksmith, not mason).<br/>         Minutes were proposed as accurate by JF; seconded by MS.<br/>         It has been pointed out that recent minutes have been omitted from the website. TG to contact M McNicoll about this.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | TG           |
| <p><b>6. RAF issues:</b></p> <p>a) Planning continues for the RAF/Army transition next year. No further update. Transition will complete in 2015.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) The recent Airshow had been very successful. It has been confirmed that this was the last Airshow.</li> <li>c) The RAF will be pleased to help with any arrangements the CC want to make regarding a farewell to the RAF/welcome to the Army event. Possible dates are 17 or 24 May 2014. The CC were advised to avoid 14.06.13 (Station celebration day) and 28.06.13 (Armed Forces Day). WC Clayton asked that the CC request the provision of a hangar in case of wet weather in writing</li> <li>d) Flying programme: 2 x C17s on 4-5.10.13. Joint Warrior exercise 17-18.10.13. Night flying 1 and 6.10.13.</li> <li>e) There had been good attendance of the Army (Dragoon Guards and REME) at the recent Fife Defence Transition Task Force meeting. The Quartermaster, Kevin McDowall will be based in Leuchars from next April. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Jan 2014.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |    |
| <p><b>7. Police issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Addressed by CI Annandale's update. No other police issues.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |    |
| <p><b>8. Matters arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>a) Community defibrillator: Waiting for electrician to install this.</li> <li>b) Beautiful Fife: Leuchars was awarded a silver medal.</li> <li>c) Junction Gardens: MS to paint the box and sign. MS still to paint the box and sign. Funding for 20-30 fruit trees – approach Peter Duncan. If not successful, the CC should apply to the Locality Fund.</li> <li>d) DB is still investigating getting a new trailer – 6 x 4 single axle. Application form for funding to be completed.</li> <li>e) Hanging baskets: waiting for a date from Falkland in Bloom for when these will be taken down.</li> <li>f) Toll Road development has been approved for Kingdom Housing to take forward.</li> <li>g) Flooding at the Turning Circle: This may be addresses as part of the road resurfacing programme.</li> <li>h) Farewell event 2014: MS believes there are about 4,000 businesses in Dundee/St Andrews/Cupar. He hopes to know more about likely support for the event by Christmas.</li> <li>i) MS had tried a cleaning block on the sandstone 'Leuchars' signs which looks better. It has been confirmed the signs are not suitable for painting.</li> <li>j) New noticeboards: the one for Junction Gardens has already been made. There needs to be one located next to the benches on the corner of Main St/Sation Road. Fife Council will need to check that there are no utilities in that area before siting the noticeboard.</li> </ul> | TG |
| <p><b>9. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Public conveniences: none will be closing; some will be upgraded, however manned toilets may no longer be manned.</li> <li>b) To date over 500 speeding tickets have been issued to motorists speeding through St Michaels.</li> <li>c) Community covenant funding for support of the MUGA in Balmullo is not yet official.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |    |

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| <p>d) Scottish Water has reported that there is a shortage of water.</p> <p>e) There is to be a programme of road works in Cupar in July 2014.</p> <p>f) There is a polling station review underway. It may be that the Community Centre will be used instead of the school in future.</p> <p>g) New school: The planning documents are out. There will be a predetermination hearing/public meeting, hopefully before Christmas. This will be followed by a planning committee meeting in March, with a full Council meeting in April 2014.</p> <p>h) Speed limit from Guardbridge to Leuchars is going to committee.</p> <p>i) Fife Council budget round has started. £100m to be saved over the next 4 years.</p> <p>j) Development Services will hold a drop in event at the end of Nov regarding the new Local Plan. Two candidate sites for Leuchars have been identified. Castlefield (200 houses); Pitlethie Road (up to 500 houses). NB these are only potential sites.</p> <p>k) If anyone is aware of a diamond wedding celebration, please let Cllr Brett know.</p> <p>l) A new police sergeant has been appointed – Pat Turner.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fife Voluntary Action updates for: 8.8.13, 13.8.13, 15.8.13, 29.8.13, 5.9.13, 12.9.13, 19.9.13, 26.9.13</li> <li>2. PC Gavin Rae will look out for speeding vehicles in Pitcairn Park, Leuchars. Email from Cllr Brett 11.8.13</li> <li>3. Marine Consultation 2013. Three major consultations on the Draft National Marine Plan, Marine Protected Areas and Sectoral Marine Plans for offshore wind, wave and tidal energy. Runs until 13 Nov 2013. Email via William Welsh 13.8.13</li> <li>4. SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration 2013. Raising awareness. Email from Mary McCabe, Scotland's Independent Regeneration Network.</li> <li>5. Think Innovation Week 21-25 Oct 2013. Email from Cultural Partnerships 16.08.13</li> <li>6. Container for recycling clothes inappropriately placed in Redcroft Place. Email from Carroll Finnie 18.8.13.</li> <li>7. Dog fouling. Dedicated fortnight 30.9.13 – 13.10.13 Call for volunteers to survey their local park or pitch. Email via William Welsh from Keep Scotland Beautiful 22.8.13</li> <li>8. Walkable Communities project.Improving local street and walking environment. Email vial William Welsh from Living Streets Scotland 22.8.13</li> <li>9. Speed Limit at Guardbridge on A919. Email from Carroll Finnie asking for opinions of whether speed limit should be reduced to 40mph. 22.08.13</li> <li>10. Fife's Cultural Strategy Review. Email Fife Cultural Partnerships 4.9.13</li> <li>11. A914/A919 resurfacing update. Email from Kevin Smith 5.9.13</li> <li>12. Hydraulic fracturing. Presentation and discussion 30.10.13 in Glenrothes Email from Carroll Finnie 5.9.13</li> <li>13. SES Plan Strategic Development Plan. Briefing note and summary of the implications for FIFEplan Local Development Plan. Email from Fife Devplan 10.9.13</li> <li>14. Defibrillator being fitted 17.9.13. Email from C Finnie 13.9.13</li> <li>15. Online Petition for a pharmacy at Balmullo. Open until 31.10.13. Email from C Finnie 20.09.13</li> <li>16. Beautiful Fife judging report. Email from Hazel Smith 22.9.13</li> <li>17. Ready for Winter campaign launching 21.10.13. Email from Scottish Government via William Welsh 25.09.13</li> <li>18. Update on Broadband improvements in Leuchars. Email from Stephen Revell via Cllr Brett 26.09.13.</li> </ol> <p>North East Fife Area Committee agenda for 28.8.13, 11.9.13</p> |  |
| <p><b>A.O.C.B</b></p> <p>a) JF: informed the CC that a large irrigation pond (10m gallons) is being dug out at Egyptmuir.</p> <p>b) JE: the planter at the outbuild near to the doctors' surgery has been shifted and needs to be put back. It was suggested Flt Sgt Mitchell should be asked if he can arrange for some help.</p> <p>c) JE: reported that CF has asked Ian Barbour if Fife Council can provide an additional seat by the railway (Junction Gardens). However, this was rejected due to lack of money. Cllr Brett suggested applying to the Locality Fund. MS also asked about the St Andrews Community Fund for the picnic tables and seats.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |

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| d) DB reported the slabs were laid for the picnic benches. Two trees are now too big for their tubs. All the trees need to be replanted soon.<br>e) DB: the mess left by Scottish Water following work on the drains by 97 Main Street was discussed. Work is still ongoing there.<br>f) MS: reported that the drama group numbers have dropped to such a level that it has been decided to suspend the group for the time being. |  |
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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 5 November 2013 at 7.00pm in  
The Community Centre  
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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