

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 2 October 2012

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Dave Baxter, Jim Finnie, Jean Nicoll, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Wg Cdr Neville Clayton

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr Brett will be arriving late.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Joyce Edmonston	
3. Approval of minutes from 7August 2012 (there was no meeting in Sep 2012) NC asked for the background on item AOCB 7 (donation of trees from Forestry Commission). MS explained the details to NC. NC then proposed the minutes as accurate; seconded by CF.	
4. RAF issues: a) NC spoke of the very successful RAF Leuchars Diamond Jubilee Airshow and thanked the community as a whole for its cooperation. He reported that the Airshow had had its best attendance for many years (approx 45,000). There had been some minor issues with parking in the red car park. Budget planning is underway for next year but formal approval for an Airshow next year is pending. b) CF queried why disabled car drivers were charged £5.00. NC believes this is not a change of policy. He will investigate this and what the financial implications are. c) The typhoon display season has now finished. NC thanked the community council for their support during this noisy period. d) The Carter Review: more detail of the Army replacing the RAF is expected by Christmas, meanwhile the RAF continues to plan to relocate to Lossiemouth. e) MS to pass on his recent letter to RAF Air Command to NC. f) There had a request from the Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust asking for any information on the Eden Mouth Decoy Airfield. NC suggested the Trust put in a Freedom of Information request to the MOD and contact the Air Historical Branch at RAF Northolt. Cllr Connor is aware of the location of airfield. TG to reply to ABCT with Cllr Connor and NC copied in.	
5. Police Issues: a) CF gave feedback from the most recent community forum: there are problems with speeding between Leuchars and Guardbridge and Leuchars and St Michaels. Lines and signs to do with the 30mph speed limit are being put in place in St Michaels.	

b) MS had spoken with Gavin Rae who had confirmed that there is a 10mph tolerance for speeding vehicles.	
<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <p>a) Doocot Field development: no further update._</p> <p>b) Floral enhancements/Junction Gardens:</p> <p>(i) Beautiful Fife: Leuchars has been awarded a silver award and came in for high praise and the special judges award for all the work that has been carried out at Junction Gardens.</p> <p>(ii) MS reported that £440 remains in the fund. This is for high visibility vests and cherry blossom trees for planting in Station Road. Cllr Connor suggested that the CC contact Tayport and Newport community councils to increase its buying power. Cllr Connor will pass on CF's contact details to Tayport and Newport CCs</p> <p>(iii) Cllr Connor advised that, as only the road-legal bowser has been approved from the locality budget, the CC can apply to St Andrews Community Trust for purchase of the picnic benches and the trailer. TG to complete and send the application form to St Andrews Community Trust.</p> <p>(iv) CF has met with the Community Payback organisers, Clive and Ruth Allan. The team will help with the flower beds when they can. Work is likely to start in October.</p> <p>(v) Bird boxes: John Oliver has asked for details of the paint to be used for a Health & Safety COSHH assessment. MS will give JO the paint.</p> <p>c) Pitlithie Road sign: Cllr Brett still pursuing.</p> <p>d) Path at Olde Hotel: Fife Council will not carry out any further work as this is considered to be a minor problem.</p> <p>e) Paper Mill site: St Andrews University are starting to work with energy companies but want to make some further progress with talks before meeting with the community councils. Meeting will not take place until next year. JF asked the County Councillors if they knew what was happening to the panelling in the Board Room as, if it were to be put up for sale, Newport Club would be interested in purchasing it.</p> <p>f) New school St Andrews: There had been a meeting tonight which Cllr Brett attended. The most likely site is Pipelands, although Petheridge Bridge site has not been totally ruled out. Parents remain understandably frustrated. A decision on the preferred site is expected by Christmas, after which a consultation will follow.</p> <p>g) Waste collection: the new shift system starts 15 Oct. Bins are to be out by 6.00am on the day of collection.</p> <p>h) Flag at Station: new flag now in place.</p> <p>i) Dog fouling: Two extra dog wardens are in place. Jacqueline Macdonald would like to attend one of the CC meetings to explain about a new campaign.</p> <p>j) Aitken Place access: MS has spoken with the residents of Aitken Place about the dropped kerb. There are no objections. MS will check that the TA can still put the dropped kerb in place and then put in the planning application form.</p> <p>k) Remembrance Sunday wreath: This has been ordered.</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>TG</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> l) Missing manhole cover School Hill: CF will show (?) where this is situated. m) Pitcairn Park: noisy manhole cover. Rod Cox has confirmed that Turriffs have repaired this but residents have said the cover is still noisy especially at night. Cllr Brett to investigate. 	
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Brett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Any diamond weddings or 100th birthdays should be reported to Fife Council. b) New lights are being installed at the junction at St Michaels. Cllr Brett will be meeting with St Michaels residents as there have been complaints to the police about lack of enforcement of the new 30mph speed limit. c) The Transition Task Force will be meeting again in November. d) Comfort Stop Scheme: a report is due at the end of December. e) The new council administration are doing a review of all schools. Guardbridge PS may be impacted but not Leuchars PS. f) Planning Review: the NE Committee voted to keep the status quo (Leuchars CC was for the status quo). g) Gladedale (Doocot field developers) hope the flooding issue will be resolved by the next meeting. h) Following the RTA on Station Road, Colin Stirling has confirmed that a crossing will not be put there as it is a 50mph zone and there is not enough pedestrian movement. CF did not understand about there not being not much pedestrian movement and people cross there regularly. i) Subsidence at the entrance to Henderson Terrace. Cllr Brett is pursuing this. j) A proposal to charge for parking at the Station is being drawn up. k) It has been approved that money will be made available from the Locality Budget for a road-legal water bowser. TG to complete and submit an application form. l) JF informed Cllr Brett that the undertakers are still having trouble at the Church. Cllr Brett is pursuing this. <p>Cllr Connor agreed with everything Cllr Brett had reported and had nothing further to add.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scottish Natural Heritage want to interview CC members who have been involved with planning applications where SNH has provided advice. Email 28.09.12 2. Notification of road closures at St Michael's (Sat/Sun 13-14 and Sat/Sun 20-21 Oct) Email from Cllr Taylor 28.09.12. 3. Letter from RAF Air Command and proposed response. MS 28.09.12. 4. Speed limit in St Michael's: survey delayed, plus enhanced signing and lining of road. Email from Cllr Brett 27.09.12 5. All Fife Planning Committee. Leuchars CC response. Email from CF 25.09.12 6. Beautiful Fife silver award and judging sheets. Email 17.09.12 7. Sixth Review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies. Public consultation ends 7.11.12. Details on www.bcomm-scotland.gov.uk or on Fife Direct. 8. Culture Talk Issue 3 Sep 2012. Fife's Cultural Consortium Network e-mail 	

<p>14.09.12.</p> <p>9. Neart na Gaoithe offshore wind farm development. Zoe Crutchfield Mainstream Renewable Power. Offering to meet the CC to explain more about this. Email 13.09.12</p> <p>10. Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust. Asking for any details of a decoy airfield (Eden Mouth) during WWII.</p> <p>11. New school St Andrews. Consultation papers. Email from CF 4.9.12</p> <p>12. Falkland in Bloom Community Enterprise. Invitation to Autumn seminar 5.10.12. Email CF 28.08.12.</p> <p>13. Community Payback team can help with Junction Gardens. Email CF 8.8.12</p> <p>14. Carter Report and associated documents. Email from MS 8.8.12.</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>a) DB: reported the strimmer had been dropped off at Falkirk.</p> <p>b) DB: asked about bus fares for Leuchars pupils doing work experience as, if the place of work is not on the school route, they are having to pay. MS confirmed that pupils get a pass for after-school activities. Cllr Connor will look into this and let CF know. CF will let DB know the outcome.</p> <p>c) DB: had been given £5.00 donation for flowers from a passerby while working at Junction Gardens.</p> <p>d) DB: reported the 99 bus service is going to be running every 10 minutes.</p> <p>e) MS said that an application for funding is still be made to Fife Environmental Trust. Cllr Connor recommended MS approach Fife Rural Partnership for help with the forms and that soon there is going to be one portal on Fife direct website for all funding applications which will applying for funding easier. JF also suggested approaching Falkland in Bloom as they will have experience in applying for funding.</p> <p>f) CF informed everyone that the next meeting would be the AGM and new election of officers.</p> <p>g) JN: queried whether the community council noticeboard could be put in a more prominent position. CF confirmed there will eventually be a noticeboard in Junction Gardens.</p>	<p>BC</p>

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6 November 2012 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre**

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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