

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 6 November 2012

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Wg Cdr Neville Clayton, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Community Council elections will be next year, not tonight. Dave Baxter will be arriving later.	
2. Apologies: Cllr Maggie Taylor, Jim Finnie	
3. Approval of minutes from 2 October 2012 Item 6b (iv) should be Clive Allan and Ruth ? [surname not known Item 6f: Petheridge Bridge should be Petheram Bridge. Item 6i: Jacqueline O'Donnell, not Jacqueline Macdonald. Item 7b: Lights being installed in St Michaels are street lights not traffic lights.	
4. RAF issues: a) The Fife Defence Transition Partnership meeting was cancelled today as there is no further news. More news is expected at Christmas, meantime the RAF continue to plan for the move to Lossiemouth. b) Planning for next year's Airshow will continue. An announcement as to whether the 2013 Airshow will take place is expected in the next few months. c) 6 th Squadron is now out in the Middle East. An exercise is planned during the winter. Hercules tactical training to take place at night. d) Charging for disabled car drivers will be looked during the planning of the next Airshow. e) CF queried if there are any programmes left over from the Airshow. NC said that most are sold. Cllr Connor asked if residents are involved with ticket sales. f) Cllr Connor asked why RAF Leuchars do not send a representative to local Remembrance Sunday services. NC explained that marching contingents go all over Scotland and asked Cllr Connor if he knows of a local serving airman/woman who would like to represent the RAF. Cllr Connor will send NC an e-mail about this. g) The annual OAP Christmas party is scheduled for 12.12.12. h) MS asked about the community covenant regarding items for Junction Gardens such as picnic benches. MS to e-mail SM about this for the next round of applications. i)	
5. Police Issues: a) None	

<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <p>a) Floral enhancements/Junction Gardens:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) MS has applied for the Fife Council floral gant. (ii) Application for a road-legal bowser to be sent to Cllr Brett. (iii) Community Payback team would like a planting diagram of Junction Gardens. DB would like the team to start with litter and stone picking, then meet again with Clive Allan to further plan the team's involvement. If the team are able to stake the trees then MS will buy the stakes. (iv) MS asked DB to put in for his travel expenses for his trips to Forfar to return equipment used in Junction Gardens. <p>b) Paper Mill site: The brewery is now open.</p> <p>c) New school St Andrews: public meetings have been held. There are eleven possible sites. The new administration favours the Pipelands site by the hospital. However, as this is green belt land, the local green belt forum are objecting. The area committee will be asked for a view in early December. The consultation after that will be a 'yes/no' situation, rather than a further debate. There was some discussion about farmland at East Kincaple which is up for sale, however, Cllr Brett said there are problems with this site.</p> <p>d) Waste collection: the new shift system has now started. There does not appear to be any problems, however, JE thinks it is only a matter of time before refuse collectors meet with accidents while working in the dark.</p> <p>e) Aitken Place access: MS is still trying to contact D Johnson and the TA. Once they confirm they are still able to drop the kerb in Aitken Place, MS will put in planning permission for this.</p> <p>f) Dog fouling: the community council were expecting a presentation tonight. Cllr Brett will check why this did not take place.</p> <p>g) Remembrance Sunday: JE will lay the wreath with Cllr Taylor.</p> <p>h) Missing manhole cover School Hill: Cllr Brett will pursue.</p> <p>i) Pupils on work experience paying bus fares: Pupils should get special passes for bus travel when doing work experience. DB will let pupils know when they board the bus.</p> <p>j) Fife Environmental Trust: there was some discussion about what the community council could apply for. MS suggested tennis courts possibly in Meadow Road playing fields, or apply to them if the community council are not successful with getting a grant from St Andrews Community Trust.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>BC</p> <p>TG</p>
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<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Connor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Fife Council has issued information about getting ready for winter. Residents can now register for text alerts (go to www.fife.direct.org/alerts). b) The Dundee waterfront development is set to offer employment opportunities. Meetings about this will begin next year. c) Funds will be available from the 2014 Commonwealth Games legacy. The funding is mainly for youth apprenticeships associated with activity and sport. d) Cupar Court is due for closure as a cost saving measure. Any objections to this should be made by 4.12.12. <p>Cllr Brett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e) Balmullo Surgery has been successful with its application for a pharmacy on the premises. f) Fife Council has started discussions about next year's budget. g) There will be a Christmas Fund award to the community council of £111. It was agreed by the community council this would be given to the Old Folks' Treats committee. h) Dog wardens: Members of the community council were asked to find out from residents how effective the dog wardens are. i) Tay Bridge Disaster Memorial signs are now in place. j) The 30mph speed limit through St Michael's is being looked at as residents are not happy that the speed limit is not being adhered to. k) The Annie Maclean Fund (Dundee) provides financial support for services to support older people. JE to investigate whether funds could be made available for The Coach House. l) Pitcairn Park road adoption. Adoption by Fife Council has been overlooked. This is now being addressed. 	<p>JE</p>
<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>MS reported that there is a £1705.85 balance in the bank. £311.17 is the balance from the locality budget grant. £689.50 is the profit from the 'Party in the Park' in the summer, so approximately £700 left. The community council is spending what it gets. The accounts were submitted in June. MS made it clear that the money is ring-fenced for items for Junction Gardens.</p>	
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report of the Community Council short-life working group. Anna Gilbert Community Empowerment Unit SG 3.10.12 http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CommunityCouncils/CCShortLifeWorkingGroup/CCWGRepAndRecs 2. Update on Guardbridge Mill. E-mail Cllr Brett 6.10.12 3. Formation of Fife Voluntary Action (merger of CVS Fife, VONEF and/or Volunteer Centre Fife). E-mail Kenny Murphy, FVA 5.11.12 4. Street Parade: Santa Sleigh application (9.12.12 through Leuchars & Balmullo). Susan Grant, Licensing Administrator. 1.11.12 5. Scotland's Towns Partnership Conference 7.11.12, Perth. Email 5.11.12 6. Balmullo Pharmacy decision. E-mail CF 2.11.12. 7. Winter Campaign 2012. E-mail PaulineBogie, Communications Officer 1.11.12 	

<p>8. Fife Elderly Forum (would like to present to Community Council). E-mail Wayne Matheson. 31.10.12.</p> <p>9. Older Person's Housing Approach. Consultation ends 21.1.13. Email Cllr Brett 28.10.12.</p> <p>10. Special Needs Housing Approach Consultation ends 21.1.13 Email Cllr Brett 26.10.12.</p> <p>11. Public meeting to update on new school St Andrews at Tayport PS 31.10.12. Email CF 23.10.12.</p> <p>12. Fife Development Plan update. Email 22.10.12.</p> <p>13. Edible and Tasty Spaces seminar Inverkeithing 5.12.12. E-mail CF 10.10.12.</p> <p>14. Request for information on Ward flooding areas. E-mail Cllr Brett 10.10.12.</p> <p>15. Tay Estuary Forum Autumn news 2012. E-mail 10.10.12.</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>a) MS: He will speak to Ian Barbour about rotavating Junction Gardens in order to sow wild flower seed with a few apple and cherry trees.</p> <p>b) JE: Reported there was a letter in the Courier about whether the gates at [?] are original. Cllr Taylor has replied.</p> <p>c) Fife Elderly Forum would like to come to a community council to explain what they do. TG to contact Pat at the Old Folks Treat Committee to see if they would like to attend. Then contact Fife Elderly Forum.</p>	TG

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 4 December 2012 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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