

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 3 December 2013

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Bill Connor, Dave Baxter, Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Gill Russell, Jean Nicoll, Mark Sharp, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell and Wg Cdr N Clayton

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: As the election of office bearers was to take place at this meeting, Cllr Brett chaired the meeting until nominees for elections were dealt with.	
2. Apologies: Trish Graham (Secretary), Cllr Maggie Taylor, Mark Sharp,	
3. Approval of minutes from 5 November 2013 Fife Council Issues 'c' should read 'from Leuchars to Guardbridge and 'k' should read NE Fife Area Committee and not NE Planning Committee. Otherwise, CF proposed the minutes as accurate, JE seconded.	
4. RAF/Army issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) NC confirmed that plans for the drawdown continue; finer details will be notified later. b) 56 Sqn is presently in Afghanistan c) As part of the work of the Defence Transition Group the Local Authority has issued a voluntary survey to current personnel. If personnel know their next move the LA should be better able to work out school requirements. The Education Authority at this stage believes both Leuchars and Guardbridge schools can remain open. d) NC asked for any information regarding the proposed Farewell Gala to be made available by Jan/Feb for publicity. e) SM advised that exercise Tartan Flag will run from 2-12/12/13, with a variety of planes represented. f) There will be night flying from 9th to 12th. 	
5. Police issues None	
6. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) TB advised that the application to the Locality Fund for a new trailer has been approved. b) MS will contact the Community payback Team regarding the new noticeboard for Junction Gardens c) The mound of earth in Junction Gardens needs to be moved – CF will give DB the availability dates for the Community Payback Team so that this can be arranged. d) The Cupar seats mentioned by Cllr Connor are actually past using, so are no good for Meadow Park. e) Although the number of vehicles speeding through St Michaels has fallen dramatically, there are still some isolated complaints. f) TG will submit an application to the Locality Fund for the purchase 	

<p>of apple trees for Junction Gardens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) The re-application for approval for 50 houses at the back of Motray Park, Guardbridge met no opposition from the GB Community Council. It is believed the owner of the land is in the USA and plans to sell the ground with planning permission. h) The last tranche of funding for the Balmullo MUGA (£25K from Fife Environmental Trust) has been refused. i) Plans for the work in Henderson Terrace, Leuchars are still ongoing. j) The parking situation at Leuchars Station is being monitored. 	
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points Cllr Connor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Housing Land Audit 2013 – The report monitors housing completions and makes predictions about future house building in Fife. Available at; http://publications.1fife.org.uk/uploadfiles/publications/c64.hla2013.pdf b) Road Report –On Main Street, Leuchars the footpath surface renewal from the junction with Schoolhill to the Turning Circle starts 21/11/13 and finishes on 15/12/13. C25 Pusk Road closure Guardbridge to Balmullo starts at 08.00 on Mon 09/12/13 and finishes at 15.30 on Fri 13/12/13. c) Parking at Leuchars Station – Tolerance has been exercised with the poor parking at Leuchars Rail Station. The service is mindful that full enforcement of parking restrictions may have an adverse impact on surrounding roads due to displacement of parked cars. However, it can be confirmed that current enforcement of the parking restrictions both on-street (bus turning circle etc.) and within the car park at the location is being carried out. The service will continue to monitor the situation. d) The Scottish Civic Trust My Place Photography Competition 2013 – 2014 is now open for entry. Register your interest by e-mail sct@scottishcivictrust.org.uk or phone 0141 221 1466 <p>Cllr Brett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Budget consultations are ongoing. b) The Fife Council Severe Weather Plan has now been issued c) Properties which have been empty for more than 12 months will be charged double Council Tax from April 2014. d) Empty Council Houses should turn around in less than 31 days, under normal practice. e) The Fife Plan is to be published mid- December with consultation ongoing until January 2014. f) Ownership of the car park by Leuchars Church has not yet been ascertained. Transportation Department has access to 3 databases but cannot trace an owner. g) Fern Place has a new grit bin 	

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- a) The Tay Rail Bridge Memorial will be officially opened on 28/12/13. Community councils are invited to send representatives (MS provisionally agreed)
- b) The new headmistress of Leuchars Primary Scchool (Lucy Jess) is interested in coming to community council meetings.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 4 February 2014 at 7.00pm in
The Community Centre**

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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