LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 5 April 2011

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Hugh Moffatt, Cllr Ron Caird, J Nicholl, Cllr Tim Brett, Susan Budd (Community Development Manager), two residents from Pitcairn Park.

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1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting	
including two members of the public (Pitcairn Park residents).	
2. Apologies:	
Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Dave Baxter, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Wg Cdr P	
O'Donnell	
3. Approval of minutes 01.03.11	
RAF issues, item 4d: Bruce Crawford, MSP is not a member of the	
Residents Action Force (he helped form it only).	
AOCB, item 11: a bus shelter is needed on Main Street (rather than	
there are problems with the bus shelter).	
4. RAF issues:	
a) Overgrown land Station Road: FS Mitchell is still speaking to DCRE	
about the 'grey box'.	
b) Citizens Advice Bureau: sessions will start 13.04.11 (10.00am-	
1.00pm) in the new Community Centre.	
c) RAF Forum: next meeting will probably be 9.6.11, not 8.6.11 as	
previously advised.	
5. Police Issues:	
a) Cllr Caird and Carroll Finnie attended last community engagement	
meeting.	
6. Residents Action Force (RAF):	
Several 'Keep the RAF in Leuchars' banners have been put up in the	
area. Members had recently visited 10 Downing Street to hand in the	
petition and felt that it had been a successful day. The school is	
planning to do something to show support. There have been several	
celebrity endorsements against closure and these have been reported	
in the media. Former Station Commander Sir Peter Bairstow is lending	
his support. Scottish Enterprise has produced a document exploring	
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three possible scenarios: the Base being kept as it is; complete	
closure; and the Army replacing the RAF. Billy Anderson will be giving	
a free concert in the Henderson Hall on 11.4.11 in support of the	
campaign - CF asked for donations for the raffle for the evening.	
7. Matters arising:	
a. <u>Doocot Field Development:</u> no further update.	
b. Meadow Road: double yellow lines still to be painted.	
c. <u>Leuchars Surgery:</u> Dr Johnston finished at the surgery 31.03.11.	
d. <u>Feature Wall:</u> No further progress as B Mudie is on holiday.	

e. <u>Lock up garage:</u> The primary school headteacher is waiting for a container to be delivered on site. JF expressed concern that planting will start soon and nothing definite is known.	
f. Adverts on website: TG to write to advertisers advising them of a	TG
charge of £30 pa for advertising on the website.	
g. Overgrown land Station Road: TA Regiment will help in May. MS	
has drawn up the plans. The Rangers will look after the trees.	
h. <u>Derelict advertising trailer:</u> has been removed.	
i. Hanging baskets: _will be stored on JE's land once removed from	
the lamp posts. CF to give Ian Barber JE's telephone number. Bedding	
plants will cost no more than £200. Pittormie Farm may have bedding	
plants for sale at a reasonable price.	
j. <u>Trees overhanging turning circle:</u> Cllr Brett to check on this.	ТВ
k. Guardbridge Mill site: St Andrews University are looking into the	
possibility of using the site for generation of energy. The distillery and	
power station are now listed. The Hide still remains. Remediation of the	
park ground will be needed.	
8. Fife Council issues and action points	
a. New school St Andrews: discussions are still ongoing however the	
agreement is imminent.	
b. Grit bins: eight bins expected are expected in October.	
c. Public toilets demolition: Cllr Brett will progress chase again regarding	
removal of services in order for demolition to take place.	
d. Pitcairn Park/Norman View: Cllr Brett to check that all the work has	ТВ
been completed ready for adoption.	
e. Rosebank Park: Cllr Brett has written to HM regarding the insufficient	
diameter of the water pipe. The residents will need to request that this	
is rectified themselves. Fife Council have yet to repair the steps. Fife	
Council solicitors have gone as far as they can regarding the water	
charge; residents have been advised they should go to their own	
solicitors regarding this matter.	
Cllr Caird spoke of :	
a) Winter grit: Fife Council expects to be able to recycle/reuse winter	
grit in about two years time.	
b) The Just About Managing' meeting had been held recently. Cllr	
Caird suggested contacting Sheena Kenny, Fife Rural Partnership	
regarding funding for improving community assets.	
c) Station Brae Road onto the A92: this will be closed off soon.	
d) Tay Estuary Forum 15.04.11: Cllr Caird will attend and report back	
anything of relevance.	
Clir Prott issued this year's Council Tay leeflet	
Cllr Brett issued this year's Council Tax leaflet.	
Action Point 48: Golf Club Road: money for repair will come from Locality	
Budget. No further update.	
Action Point 43: Additional lamp standard. Application form for this to be	TG
completed and sent to Fiona Mitchell.	
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Correspondence: 1. Billy Anderson concert 11.4.11: call for donations for the raffle e-mail from Carroll 2. Unison Scottish Community Conference 14.05.11. e-mail from Carroll Finnie 4.4.11 3. Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. Linda Purdie 14.03.11 4. Update on the multi path from Balmullo. E-mail from I McNair 16.03.11 5. Local Community Planning Consultation. E-mail from L Purdie 2.3.11 [letter from S Grimmond dated 28.02.11] 6. A92 meeting 19.04.11. Colin Nikolic 7. Tay Estuary Forum 15.04.11, West Park Conference Centre. Booking form. Email 30.03.11 8. Meeting 23.03.11, School 5, St Salvator's Quadrangle STAND (St Andrews Against Cuts) 9. General Hospitals & Maternity Services Project Feb Newsletter. E-mail from Nicola White 21.03.11 10. Fife Elderly Forum Spring Newsletter. E-mail 14.03.11 11. TAYPlan. Proposed Strategic Development Plan. Briefing meeting St Andrews 16.05.11. 12. Beautiful Fife 2011 application form 13. Eden Estuary Site of Special Scientific Interest: copy of reviewed citation. Letter 24.03.11 Scottish Natural Heritage. **AOCB** 1. JE: the polytunnel at the school is ripped and is likely to get worse in bad weather. CF to contact the headteacher about maintenance of the CF polytunnel. 2. Pitcairn Park residents: non residents are taking the parking spaces and residents find they are unable to park. This is compounded by visitors to Mears Court as they do not use the allotted spaces. It was suggested that the 'residents only' sign outside Mears Court is removed to encourage visitors to park there. Residents might like to

to see if anything can be done.

3. JN: reported that a lot of rubbish is accumulating on the site at the entrance to Meadow Road. It was suggested that the CC write to the owner to see if he would clear the rubbish.

speak to PC Gavin Rae as well. Cllr Brett will speak to Gordon Hughes

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4. TG: Asked if a 'Keep Scotland Tidy' day ought to be arranged. There were no dates when everyone could do this. TG to enquire if equipment is available to use on an ad hoc basis rather than a particular day.

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 4 May 2011 at 7.00pm in The Community Centre Members of the public are welcome to attend

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