

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 1 November 2011

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Dave Baxter (arrived later), Jim Finnie, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Ron Caird (arrived later), J Nicoll, Sqn Ldr Anne MacKean, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell

| Item  | Action Point         |
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| <b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> Everyone was welcomed to the meeting including Sqn Ldr Anne MacKean who is standing in for Wg Cdr Corbould.  |                      |
| <b>2. Apologies:</b><br>Cllr Maggie Taylor, Joyce Edmonston   |                      |
| <b>3. Approval of minutes 4.10.11</b><br>Item 4c Skatepark: the money for the skatepark extension has been withdrawn as the extension is no longer needed.<br>All references to Junction Park should be 'Junction Gardens' otherwise minutes were proposed as accurate by JF; seconded by CF  |                      |
| <b>4. RAF issues:</b><br>a) Night flying: end of Nov/beginning of Dec but nothing after 8.00pm.<br>b) SM's contact e-mail address will be changing shortly. SM will inform everyone, including TG, when it is available.<br>c) The RAF may be able to provide the CC with an empty garage in Meteor Row for £10/month for storing the water bowser and other gardening equipment. SM will confirm and let CF know.<br>d) 58 Squadron 6FP have returned.   | SM<br><br><br><br>SM |
| <b>5. Police Issues:</b><br>CF will take the CC concerns about voluntary Speedwatch scheme to the next community police forum on 8.11.11 (speeding limits are considered to be too tolerant).   | CF                   |
| <b>6. Fife Defence Transition Taskforce (FDDT)</b><br>The FDDT has now replaced the Residents Action Force. Next meeting will be 22.11.11 in Fife House, Glenrothes. Cllr Brett is the councillor on this new group with Cllr Caird as the deputy. Lt Col Nigel Cribb is representing the Army on the group.  |                      |
| <b>7. Matters arising:</b><br>a) <u>Bus shelters in Main St:</u> Fife Council has confirmed that the pavement is not wide enough for a bus shelter.<br>b) <u>Golf Club road:</u> Checks to be made that work has been done.<br>c) <u>Additional lamp standard:</u> application form to be resent to Cllr Brett. He will look at this again as one lamp might be sufficient (cost for 2 lamps is £6000).<br>d) <u>Tay Rail Bridge Disaster Memorial Trust:</u> a memorial site has been identified in Wormit (Bridgehead Park). The storyboard will be drawn up in advance of the memorial. Memorials for both sides of the Tay will |                      |

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| <p>be financed. Cllr Caird will let the CC know when contributions are needed.</p> <p>e) <u>Floral enhancements</u>:</p> <p>(a) the CC agreed to the RAF charge of £10/month for a garage in Meteor Row.</p> <p>(b) A £10 book token has been purchased for the person who named the land on Station Road (Junction Gardens)</p> <p>(c) CF went through the judging scores awarded by Beautiful Scotland and all agreed that the marking on community involvement should have been higher, considering the amount of work that has been achieved this year.</p> <p>(d) CF has met with a landscape gardener from Chance Inn (Miranda ?) who will be giving the CC a planting scheme for wild flowers. Gravel is needed to stop the weeds but would allow the flowers to grow. CF will contact MS regarding the planting scheme.</p> <p>(e) CF has been in contact with I Barbour. He can arrange for weedkilling but does not know if he has the resources for strimming. The CC to contact him again next April.</p> <p>(f) Bench in memory of A Mcgee: these cost approx £600-£700. CF asked if Cllr Brett would see if the CC can obtain through Fife Council at cost price.</p> <p>f) <u>Royal Bank of Scotland Community Fund</u>: MS has estimated costs from the Army for the work done in Junction Gardens and has submitted the claim form.</p> <p>g) <u>Telegraph pole outside Henderson Hall</u>: This is BT's responsibility. The resident will need to contact BT himself.</p> <p>h) <u>Grit bin</u>: lid does not fit. Cllr Brett will follow up.</p> <p>i) <u>Website</u>: M McNicol will vet comments from now on.</p> <p>j) <u>Reasons behind RAF Leuchars closure</u>: MS has written to Jim Murphy (Shadow Minister of Defence) expressing concerns the CC around the decision to close RAF Leuchars. A letter is to be sent to Sir Ming Campbell along the same lines.</p> <p>k) <u>Unadopted areas</u>: Fern Place now done. Fife Council have still to contact Milton Farmers (Mr Black) regarding the ground opposite the school. Then a report will go to committee to adopt all areas.</p> <p>l) <u>Quarry on the B945</u>: at an early stage, undergoing assessment.</p> | <p>CF</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TG</p> |
| <p><b>8. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <p>Cllr Brett:</p> <p>a) Play equipment is being installed in Meadow Road park.</p> <p>b) The 'Slow Down' sign is being moved [on Station Road?]</p> <p>c) Christmas disbursements (£111) are being issued for the needy. All agreed this should go to the Old Folks Committee again.</p> <p>d) The police met on 24 Oct to review the policing plan. There has been a 23% reduction in crime NE Fife.</p> <p>e) New signs are being erected in Tentsmuir to alert people in advance they will need to pay for parking</p> <p>f) Cllr Brett is now the chair of the Eden Estuary Advisory Group.</p>  |   |

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| <p>Cllr Caird.</p> <p>a) Guardbridge Paper Mill site: A technical report from St Andrews University will be presented at the next Guardbridge CC meeting.</p> <p>b) <u>Doocot field</u>: The planners now want to site a circle in the middle of the road. The industrial/commercial patch will remain. There is to be a planning application for 125 houses but this may rise to 147 (extra would be affordable housing). Test bores have been completed and the developers are on track to submit detailed planning at the end of the year. Cllr Caird will e-mail the plans to CF when he receives them.</p> <p>c) <u>New school St Andrews</u>: Refurbishment and rebuilding of Kilrymont School has come out on top but there is still a strong lobby for Station Park for which a petition is underway. For the Kilrymont option there will be problems with decanting the pupils which strengthens the Station Park lobby. In turn, Station Park is not in the local development plan and this would take at least a year to prepare and would need to go to Scottish Government for approval but would mean about approx 17 buses would not have to go through the town. Kilrymont refurbishment would allow the swimming pool to be kept and is scheduled for completion in 2015. If Station Park were to be chosen this would be at least a year later. There is to be an educational consultation.</p>                     | CF |
| <p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Invitation to become part of Fife Local Development Plan Exchange. Letter 31.10.11 Enterprise, Planning &amp; Protective Services.</li> <li>2. Guide to Emergency Planning for Community Groups. [Emergency = bad weather]. Ready Scotland (<a href="http://www.readyscotland.org/my-community/">www.readyscotland.org/my-community/</a>). Community Resilience Team, Scottish Government.</li> <li>3. Fife Forest and Woodland Strategy. Invitation to consultation 16.11.11, Rothies Hall. Letter Enterprise, Planning &amp; Protective Services.</li> <li>4. Sixth Review of Parliamentary Constituencies: Publication of initial proposals.</li> <li>5. Police in the Community course at Elmwood College. E-mail from CF 12.10.11</li> <li>6. Request for website address from Cameron CC so that a link can be put on their website. Gordon Ball e-mail to all Fife CCs.</li> <li>7. Scottish Water – protect your pipes this winter. E-mail from Cllr Brett 6.10.11</li> <li>8. Community Council Training. Planning and Scotland's Zero Waste Plan. Kirkcaldy 29.10.11. Planning Aid for Scotland.</li> <li>9. Pharmacy provision Balmullo. Copy of letter from Balmullo CC to Chair NHS Fife Board.</li> <li>10. Consultation on proposal to suspend Right to Buy in Pressured Areas. Housing &amp; Neighbourhood Services e-mail 7.10.11</li> </ol> |    |
| <p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DB attended Beautiful Scotland awards presentation today. Comrie CC have invited us to visit them. They will be happy to give us any advice we need (see also their website). Recycling Fife Council plants, eg pampas grass was discussed. Cllr Brett will investigate if plants can be given to the CC.</li> </ol>   | TB |

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6 December 2011 at 7.00pm in  
The Community Centre**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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