

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Hive 5 October 2010

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer) [from 7.30pm], Jim Finnie, Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Tim Brett, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Brian Timlin and Gavin Dobson (from the new pharmacy) and Andy Thiesen (from the Post Office).

Item	Action Point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting including Brian Timlin, Gavin Dobson and Andy Thiesen.	
2. Apologies: Hugh Moffat, Cllr Ron Caird, Kate Hughes, Wg Cdr P O'Donnell, Cllr M Taylor	
3. Approval of minutes 03.08.10: Proposed as accurate by JF; seconded by JE.	
4. RAF issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Skate Park: The bins are now in place. b. Disturbances by RAF personnel leaving the Rugby Club: there is a new manager in the Rugby Club who is being proactive about the issue but as still been some trouble. The RAF police are not getting out of the cars; it might help if they did. c. Airshow: this went well and there was no repeat of the traffic problems experienced last year. d. Community Centre: is opening Fri, 8.10.10 at 15.15. The Hive will be used by the Station's Pipes and Drums. The framed Beautiful Scotland certificate recently awarded to the CC is to be displayed in the new centre. e. SM circulated a credit-card sized card with details of who to contact to report dog fouling which had been placed on his car in Cupar. CC members thought these cards were a good idea. Cllr Brett will find out more about these contact cards. f. Storage facility for CC: CF explained that the lock up garage in which the CC stores the water bowser, baskets and other pieces of equipment to do with floral displays around the village would no longer be available after 30.11.10 and asked SM if the RAF could help provide storage. g. MS asked if the Hive is available for use by the Leuchars Drama Group. SM confirmed the LDG could use it and that a week's notice will be given when that changes. 	<div>TB</div> <div>SM</div>
5. Police Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nothing to report. Cllr Brett suggested the CC sign up to receive the electronic police newsletter 	TG

<p>6. Matters arising:</p> <p>a. <u>Doocot Field Development</u>: no further update.</p> <p>b. <u>Meadow Road</u>: The exit junction has been extended outwards and double yellow lines are now on both sides of the road.</p> <p>c. <u>Balmullo pharmacy application</u>: Doctors Johnston & Salamonski will need to apply to NHS Fife in order to continue dispensing at Balmullo until their licence comes to an end.</p> <p>d. <u>Mears Court</u>: the seats are being repainted. Cllr Brett will speak to Paul MacPherson about moving/reducing the number of industrial-size bins outside the lounge window.</p> <p>e. <u>Feature Wall</u>: planning permission has been granted. The boulders donated by Ennstone Thistle are to be used to build the wall. MS is obtaining a quote for doing the work from a builder in Dairsie. The sandstone inlays are to be ordered from G Sweeney (£600 for two).</p> <p>f. <u>Roadworks in Main Street</u>: Mark Dewar and David Smeaton (Roads Management) had met with the member of the public outside the house. Messrs Dewar and Smeaton both stated that sections of Main Street had been patched at present and that more substantial upgrading of the road was being considered in conjunction with other roads in the area. This is a high priority section and it is anticipated work will take place within 2 years. The Leuchars resident was concerned about the vibrations and Mr Dewar said that even when the proper construction of the road takes place he would not be able to say that there would be no vibrations due to the sand base of the road. The defective manhole cover structure has been reported.</p> <p>g. <u>Flag at Station</u>: the CC is disappointed this did not go up in time for The Open or the recent Airshow. Apparently, there is a problem with the mechanism again.</p> <p>h. <u>Lock up garage</u>: Cllr Taylor had confirmed that the CC will have to pay full rent for this once the current lease expires (30.11.10). The CC cannot afford this and has asked if the RAF can help provide storage space.</p> <p>i. <u>Hanging baskets on lamp posts</u>: These will have to remain on the lamp posts until the storage issue is resolved.</p> <p>j. <u>8 St Bunyan's Place</u>: resident's property being used by vehicles for turning. Mary Budd, Local Services Advisor had visited the resident and carried out a site visit. The intention is that prices be sought and bollards placed in the area.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>MS</p>
<p>7. Community Council Priorities List</p> <p>Items on this were discussed and the Priorities List updated accordingly (available on request).</p>	
<p>8. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Taylor's update (received in writing):</p> <p>a. Cleaning of signs: George Duncan (Fife Council) visited Leuchars to assess the extent of the work. He did not consider the signing to be in need of cleaning. G Duncan to be e-mailed with details of specific signs which are of concern.</p>	

<p>Cllr Brett:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. New school in St Andrews: this is still to be sited in the field next to the university sports centre but completion date has slipped to Summer 2014. c. Wind turbines: Sea Inchcape are proposing to site wind turbines 20 kilometres off the St Andrews coast. d. Winter salt stocks: these have been increased for the coming winter. Additional grit bins are required. CF is to give Cllr Brett details of where additional bins are to be sited. e. New Locality Manager: Fiona Mitchell has replaced Kate Hughes as the new locality manager. f. Public toilet: waiting on the utilities being switched off before demolition takes place. g. Review of byelaws prohibiting consumption of alcohol in public places: The CC is to confirm it does not require any change to the existing byelaws. h. Pitcairn Park: road is to be resurfaced (prior to adoption) by end of March 2011. The blocked drain is being followed by Cllr Brett. i. Out of hours school care report: HMIE have not changed the grade. j. Toll Road cycle path to Balmullo: Balmullo CC are still pursuing this but there are some problems. k. Guardbridge Paper Mill site: a public meeting will be held to discuss the future of this once St Andrews University takes it over in December 2010. <p><u>Action Point 48:</u> Golf Club Road: this has still not been done.</p> <p><u>Action Point 43:</u> Additional lamp standard Schoolhill: CC apply to Community Safety Partnership for funding/part funding of this. TG to ask KH for the necessary application form.</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TG</p>
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of supplementary guidance on affordable housing (consultation runs 7.9.0-29.10.10) 2. Children's Panel recruitment campaign. 3. ASCC Mid Scotland & Fife Regional meeting agenda (to be held 04.12.10, Fife House, Glenrothes). 4. Review of byelaws prohibiting consumption of alcohol in designated public places (consultation ends 10.12.10). 5. E-mail from J Semple (10.08.10) asking for corrections to website regarding disabled access to pharmacy. 6. E-mail from M Dewar (18.08.10) confirming Pitcairn Park to be resurfaced (prior to adoption) by end March 2011. 7. E-mail from G Dobson (18.08.10) requesting pharmacy and Post Office be listed on the Leuchars website. 8. Invitation to Beautiful Scotland annual seminar in Stirling, 24.10.10 9. Fife Development Plan September bulletin (14.09.10) 10. Community Council Support Working Group agenda and papers for meeting on 2.9.10. 11. Tay Estuary Forum Autumn newsletter 29.09.10 (by e-mail) 	

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1. Dr Salamonski's presentation is scheduled for Sun, 17.10.10 in the Henderson Hall.
2. MS reported that the CC funds stand at £2710.71.
3. JE reported that there is a large pothole on the approach to the Golf Club/Cemetery. The pothole is causing problems for hearses. Cllr Brett will investigate this.
4. JF wondered if the usual grant to the CC by Fife Council will be affected given the impending spending review. Cllr Brett said that consultation regarding this will take place in November but could not comment further at this stage.
5. Brian Timlin and Gavin Dobson from Leuchars Pharmacy thanked the Chair for allowing them the opportunity to speak and introduced themselves to the CC. BT explained that he had bought the business from James Semple and that Mr Semple was no longer involved with Leuchars Pharmacy. BT asked what the CC's position was on the new pharmacy as he had noted there was reference to CC members writing letters of complaint to NHS Fife surrounding the pharmacy issue in recent CC minutes. CF confirmed that although the CC had opposed the application for a pharmacy in the Post Office in order to protect existing GP services in the village, the CC does not have a position on the pharmacy now it is in situ. She also confirmed that members of the CC are writing letters of complaint to NHS Fife and the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman about NHS Fife's handling of the applications and that these letters were being written as individual members of the public, not as representatives of the CC. BT asked if the CC knew the number of patients per GP; the CC were unable to confirm the numbers. GD outlined the services offered by the pharmacy which include a minor ailments service and a free collection and delivery service for the Leuchars, Guardbridge, Balmullo and Newport areas. GD hoped that once the doctors were no longer dispensing that things would be able to move on. Andy Thiesen commented on the lack of custom from CC members and confronted each individual CC members as to why they were no longer using the Post Office. Each member in turn gave their reasons. There was disagreement between AT and the CC about events surrounding the initial meeting two years ago between Levenbrae, the doctors, Mr & Mrs Thiesen and the CC which remained unresolved at the end of the meeting.

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 2 November 2010 at 7.00pm in The Hive
Members of the public are welcome to attend

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