

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 2 June 2009 The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr, Ron Caird, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Sqd Ldr Keith Wardlaw, FS Simon Mitchell, Sgt James Michie (Community Police), Paul Docherty (Waste Aware, Fife Council), three members of the public

Item	Action point
<p>1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone including the three members of the public and Paul Docherty from Fife Council who presented details of the new pilot scheme for waste collection in Leuchars.</p>	
<p>Pilot scheme for waste collection starting September 2009 PD presented various facts and figures regarding the current level of food waste. The pilot scheme will start in September 2009 and involves using the brown bins for food waste (as well as garden waste). Bio bags will be distributed to all households – food waste to be placed in the bags and then into brown bins. Brown bins will be collected more frequently. Information leaflets will be distributed in July and a public meeting will be held in Henderson Hall 19.08.09 at 7.00pm. More information on www.fifedirect.org.uk/wasteaware or telephone recycling helpline 08451 550022. Paul Docherty left the meeting after his presentation.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), Wilma Coyne</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Minutes of 05.05.09 Proposed as accurate by JF, seconded by CF</p>	
<p>4. RAF issues: a) <u>Youth Club</u>: CF reported that the members were enjoying the re-opened club. Club members had recently helped plant up the village flower tubs on Station Road. b) <u>MUGA</u>: JM reported that there had been problems with underage drinking and broken bottles in the vicinity of the MUGA and Nature Trail. The children have asked if a glass recycling container can be placed there. It was agreed this would be a good idea provided nothing could be removed from the container once deposited. KH to speak to her colleagues about this. The police will monitor the underage drinking issue and the RAF will patrol the area with regard to the discarded bottles. One of the residents who attended the meeting spoke of her personal experience and concerns about the MUGA. She thinks the MUGA is a good thing for the village but there can be a great deal of noise late at night. The fence is made of sheet metal which when kicked makes a loud noise. Older children have been there regularly since last Wednesday until 1.00am kicking the fence to see who can make the most noise which is disturbing to local residents. She had reported this to the civilian police as well as the RAF police. However, the issue of most concern to her is that the MUGA is being dominated by older children and that the younger ones are being intimidated and not allowed to use it. Whilst she acknowledged that teenagers can use bad language, she had been present when her young daughter had been subjected to some particularly foul-mouthed abusive language which they were both shocked and upset by. She had reported this incident to the police. JM had already spoken with some youths at the MUGA who said they do not want a gang culture to develop. JM will take full details of the matter from the resident after the meeting. FS Mitchell will ask RAF personnel to keep a close eye on the site and reported that, following the noise complaints,</p>	<p>KH</p> <p>JM</p>

<p>having holes cut in the metal fence in order to reduce noise was already being investigated. JF suggested setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, pointing out that if several neighbours phone one coordinator, who in turn telephones the police, the number of calls logged by the police are equivalent to the number of neighbours complaining. FS Mitchell will try to get this started.</p> <p>c) <u>Armed Forces Day 27.06.09</u>: KW will be speaking to Lorraine Kelly who will help lead the celebrations locally.</p> <p>d) <u>Flying Helicopter exercise 8-26.06.09</u>. Chinooks flying 22.06.09-03.07.09. Hercules flying for a week (no date). ATC summer camp flying.</p> <p>e) <u>Sports afternoon for P4-P7 children</u>: As there around 400 children interested, this will have be confined to P6 pupils this time. Around 200 children across 11 primary schools will attend the day - 10.06.09 (09.30-15.15).</p> <p>f) <u>Annual cocktail party</u>: 18.06.09 – to thank people who have helped/been involved with the Station.</p>	SM
<p>5. Police issues:</p> <p>a) Resident local to the MUGA has experienced upsetting incident – see under 4b above. JM to take full details from the resident</p> <p>b) JM reported there had been car vandalism at the rail station. Some trees have been uprooted. There have been a few anti-social behaviour incidences. There had been a fire in a house in Hampden Close. The Annual Report has been published – overall crime rates are coming down in Fife. Cllr Brett to e-mail police newsletter to TG.</p>	TB
<p>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>a) <u>Doocot field development</u>: No further news. CF/JF will be attending the Transportation consultation meeting in Lundin Links. The Local Plan Committee meet in two weeks time.</p> <p>b) <u>Gypsy/traveller site</u>: John Watson (Enforcement Officer) has been getting good cooperation from the travellers. Finishing on the outhouses extra ground is still pending. Pitch 6 has two pitches. The soil issue is still outstanding. TB to forward e-mail communication from Chris Smith to CF.</p> <p>d) <u>Floral displays</u>: MS has ordered the liners for the hanging baskets. It is hoped the schoolchildren will help with the planting of the baskets. No further update on the brackets for the street lamps which the RAF are making for the CC. It is still intended to have a polytunnel at the school, so that the children can help raise the village planting from seed. Supervision will be by school staff members. The cost will be about £400. No planning permission required.</p> <p>f) <u>Gala subcommittee</u>: The CC will have a plant stand at the school fete on 13.06.09.</p> <p>g) <u>Public toilets</u>: (i) Graffiti has been cleared. Any further occurrences can be reported via www.fifedirect.org.uk/doitonline . (ii) Gordon Strang has sent relevant documents to Ian Ovenstone regarding the building being used by the pub football team. (iii) No further update on the comfort stop scheme, which has been approved.</p> <p>h) <u>General improvements</u>: (i) Welcome to Leuchars sign: The CC need to discuss this further with Gordon Hughes directly. (ii) Land on Station Road: There will be a general tidy up of the area but no more. As the land is too close to the railway lines, the cost to clear what is under the soil would be prohibitive.</p> <p>i) <u>Adoption of Pitcairn Park</u>: no date yet but will be adopted.</p> <p>j) <u>Traffic vibrations Main St</u>: CF/JF will be attending the Transportation presentation to raise possibility of re-routing traffic around back of houses in Main Street..</p> <p>k) <u>Local and Structure Plans</u>: Fife Council meeting to discuss the draft Plan on 17.06.09. If approved then a public consultation will follow – end of summer.</p> <p>l) <u>Website</u>: This will cost £200 for two years. Invoice is imminent.</p> <p>m) <u>Dog fouling</u>: (i) KH stressed the new scheme aimed at making dog owners more</p>	<p>TB/CF</p> <p>CF</p>

<p>responsible is not being lead by Fife Council, rather the expectation is that the community at large will take responsibility. (ii) One of the members of the public raised the issue that the litter bin by the Rosepark Homes site (second bin down Meadow Road) is not being emptied, consequently rubbish is being put into the dog bin instead. KH will investigate this. It was also reported that dogs are running around loose in the area. Evelyn Ramsay (dog warden) to be contacted.</p> <p><u>n) Dirty road signs:</u> Cllr Brett has requested cleaning of all road signs but will pursue.</p> <p><u>o) Community payback service:</u> (i) CF had spoken to Archie Melville regarding tidying the Nature Trail but as this belongs to the RAF, maintenance of it falls to them. (ii)The Mackenzie Grave area will be tidied by the Church. (iii) Commercial Arms ground: CF will speak to Archie Melville about getting this tidied</p> <p><u>q) Replacement flag at the station:</u> The flagpole mechanism has been fixed and a new flag raised. Hurrah!</p> <p><u>s) Lock up storage for CC:</u> KH pursuing whether this is available free of charge.</p> <p><u>t) Exit from Meadow Road:</u> Gordon Hughes is not keen on siting a 'hidden exit' sign but hopes to move the junction line forward a bit. There was a general discussion about the entrance being easily blocked at times, eg when the bike shop is busy.</p>	KH
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points Cllr Brett reported on the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Car parking extension at Leuchars station. Cllr Brett still waiting for clarification on Fife Council possibly expanding by 100 spaces in the field to the left of the approach to the station. 2. Pharmacy application: The Levenbrae appeal was dismissed, however a new application has been made by Fraser McPherson & Partners. <p>KH spoke of</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How Newport CC had drawn up and implemented its action plan for projects/issue it wished to tackle. Projects/issues are put into themes then into a template and prioritised. She suggested the CC think about what its want to do and she will guide the CC accordingly. KH to forward Newport CC's action plan to CF and TG for information 2. Road humps are to be sited in the village. Phillip Suttie (Transportation) will attend the next CC meeting on 7.7.09 to give details. <p><u>Action pt 54:</u> Replacement sign for St Bunyans – now complete.</p> <p><u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas: KH has written again to the owner of the unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Road.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48:</u> Parking at cemetery. KH & CF had a successful meeting with the Golf Club secretary. KH is investigating costs for patching of the road approaching the Club. The expectation is the Golf Club will make a proportional payment.</p> <p><u>Action pts 43:</u> School Hill bench: CF will speak to the minister regarding whether the resident who has applied to use the ground has been successful. If so, the bench will need to be re-sited as JE suggested.</p> <p><u>Action pt 44:</u> Additional lamp standard: It is not known whether planning permission was granted.</p>	KH KH CF
<p>8. Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analytical report on website activity. E-mail from CF 6.5.09 2. Improved kerbside collections. Environmental Services e-mail 8.5.09 	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Official opening of MUGA. E-mail from CF 8.5.09 4. Town Centre Regeneration Fund. E-mail from TB to CF 9.5.09. Forwarded to MS and TG 13.5.09. 5. Transportation Services consultation meeting dates. E-mailed to all 18.5.09. 6. Choosing Scotland's Future. Have your say. Public event in Kirkaldy 16.6.09. Scottish Govt e-mail 21.5.09 7. Household Waste Collection trials. E-mailed to all 18.5.09. 8. Community Council Support Working Group and Review of Establishment of Community Councils. E-mail from Linda Purdie 25.5.09 9. Confirmation of renewal of insurance policy. Finance & Procurement Service letter 26.05.09. 10. Enquire: Scottish advice service for additional support for learning. Request to raise awareness of this organisation on CC website. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CF queried how honours nominations are made. Cllr Brett to send appropriate application form to CF 2. Cllr Caird gave details of the housing statistics for Leuchars. 3. MS gave an update on the Leuchars Community Drama Group and how there will be a 'Fife's Got Talent' show run by Fife Arts Theatre Trust. This is a fundraising event running every Tuesday in July. MS hopes to approach Lorraine Kelly to award prize to the winner. 4. JF reported there is a barbeque in Henderson Hall 13.6.09 and one at Earlshall Castle 8.8.09 5. TG brought to the CC's attention the newly reformed Community Council Support Working Group. Elspeth Paterson (Guardbridge CC) is the contact on the Group.. The Group is to help with issues concerning CCs in general rather than specific local issues. The Group will meet quarterly. Next meeting September 2009. 	TB

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7 July 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive
Members of the public are welcome to attend

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