

## LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 7 April 2009 The Hive, Leuchars

**Present:** Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Ron Caird, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Sqd Ldr Keith Wardlaw, Susan Budd (Community Development Worker),

Item	Action point
<b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> CF welcomed everyone and congratulated JE on her fundraising efforts which had been reported in the Citizen.	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Tim Brett, Jim Michie (Community Police)	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes of 2 December 2008</b> Section 4 (a) Funding from Defence Estates for the YAPA/MUGA was £150,000 (not £160,000 as minuted). In addition £30,000 had come from the RAF Benevolent Fund. Section 6 (k) CF had written a letter of objection on the Strategic Environmental Assessment. Other than these points, the minutes were proposed as accurate by CF and second by JE.	
<b>4. RAF issues:</b> a) YAPA/MUGA: will be open within the next two weeks. An informal opening for the youngsters has been arranged for 25.04.09 12.00-15.00 and will include a 'skate jam' with professional skaters and football. The official opening will be 12-14 May 2009 to coincide with a ministerial visit. b) Integrated Welfare Facility: this will now start June/July and be completed March 2010. c) Strategic Youth Plan: Sports afternoon for P4-P7 children being arranged by SB who will be liaising with schools in June. d) Youth Club: will open after children go back to school in April until June and then close for summer holidays, although there will be a 1-2 week summer programme for RAF dependent children on a first-come-first-serve basis. e) There is a new Station Commander in post – Air Commodore Atkinson. f) With the disbandment of 56 Squadron RAF personnel are reduced in number to 1600. This reduction will continue until the Typhoon arrives (2010-2012). g) Typhoon will be flying at 21.04.09 (08.00-08.15) and 23.04.09 (15.00-15.15).	
<b>5. Police issues:</b> Nothing to report.	
<b>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</b> a) <u>Doocot field development:</u> Cllr Caird has spoken with Gladedale who are close to an agreement with the Planning Dept. regarding developing the south site as affordable housing (previously planned to be light industrial). Gladedale will be engaging with the community council regarding the whole development. Cllr Brett has sent CF details of the development at Ladybank and more generally on developer contributions for education facilities. b) <u>Gypsy/traveller site:</u> There are two conditions still outstanding. Soil test results are due this week. Cllr Caird will be speaking with the enforcement office this week. The Reporter has given the travellers six months to put things back to how they were. JF raised the point that the travellers had withdrawn the change of condition 3, but this had still gone on the planning committee agenda. He asked why this was. Cllr Caird read out part of a letter from Mr Milius the owner of land adjacent to the site. Mr Milius has had to move a watercourse and has	

<p>been greatly inconvenienced by the development of the site. Cllr Caird reported that there is a similar situation developing at Windygates.</p> <p>c) <u>Traffic calming at school</u>: Cllr Brett has asked Transportation (G Hughes) to check the position as there is still a need to extend the barrier in Hunter Crescent. He has also asked Sgt J Michie if he can do spot checks as the school's Parent Council is concerned that the speed limit is not being adhered to.</p> <p>d) <u>Floral displays</u>: (i) Still need to obtain templates for brackets for lamp posts. (ii) Vandals had tipped the beehive planter on its side – this was reported in The Citizen. (iii) MS has given the school information on polytunnels. The CC will fund the purchase. JF to speak to Ron Moscorp. Funds may be available from the common good fund under KH's control.</p> <p>e) <u>Public Toilets</u>: (i) Jim Hooton has contacted Mr Ovenston, however there is a financial issue with the conversion which will need to be resolved. (ii) No further update on the 'comfort stop' scheme, whereby local businesses open up their toilet facilities to members of the public.</p> <p>f) <u>Gala subcommittee</u>: CF had spoken with the Mrs Knox (headteacher) - the school is happy for the community council to 'piggy back' on the school fete. It was agreed that the CC would have a flower stall at the fete. <b>CF to provide date of school fete.</b></p> <p>g) <u>General improvements</u>: (i) JF has costs for the stone feature (approx £250) but a design is needed. (ii) Cllr Brett waiting for a response from Sara Wilson (Fife Council) regarding a 'Welcome to Leuchars sign. (ii) Land on Station Road: Cllr Brett waiting for confirmation from KH whether this comes under housing and how clearance will be funded. Housing will welcome further discussion with the CC about what this area could be used for.</p> <p>h) <u>Alcohol free zone signs</u>: CF has informed Fife Council where these are to be sited.</p> <p>i) <u>Adoption of Pitcairn Park</u>: Work required to bring the carriageway and footway up to adoptable standard. D Smeaton liaising with Asset Management team to identify way of progressing the work that will allow adoption. D Smeaton to update Cllr Brett by end of April.</p> <p>j) <u>Traffic vibrations Main St</u>: No satisfactory resolution to this matter. The CC will look for a solution with the developers of the Doocot Field when they visit the CC.</p> <p>k) <u>Local and Structure Plans</u>: Awaiting response from Scottish Govt. It is the intention to take the draft Local Plan to the May meeting of the NE Fife Area committee for consideration with a full period of public consultation likely Sep/Oct/Nov. CF has received information from M McGroarty and will report on this next month.</p> <p>l) <u>Website</u>: <b>Maintenance costs to be obtained from Matthew McNicols.</b></p>	<p>CF</p> <p>MS</p>
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues</b></p> <p>a) Dog fouling School Hill: no further update.</p> <p>b) The new hospital is due to open in July 2009 and will be called St Andrews Community Hospital. The CC were a little disappointed as they had suggested 'The Saltire Hospital'.</p> <p>c) Change in Planning System: Cllr Caird highlighted the new pre-application consultation with local communities which developers will have to undertake. More information expected after 6.4.09.</p> <p>d) Local holiday dates: it is recommended that these will follow a set formula and be the same across Fife. CCs have been invited to comment. The CC is in agreement with the proposed formula (Linda Purdie e-mail 2.4.09)</p> <p>e) Madras College: the new school will cost in the region of £30m – a free-flowing architectural style is favoured. There had been a successful meeting for stakeholders. Mrs Sharon Watson, Leuchars was elected as a member of the stakeholder group.</p> <p>f) Notifying planning development: Cllr Caird reported on the relaxation of the planning process.</p> <p>g) Scottish Gas Energy Assistance Package: Tel 0800 512012 for information and assistance with improvements to help conserve energy in the home.</p>	

<p>h) Cllr Caird reported on the Community Payback service whereby offenders pay back to the local community for their offences, eg by clearing land, erecting fences etc.</p> <p>j) Dirty road signs: Cllr Brett is in touch with G Duncan regarding this.</p> <p>k) Cllr Taylor brought several funds to the attention of the CC (i) People's Millions (ii) Heritage Lottery Fund for parks and (iii) Local Community Safety Projects (£200,000).</p> <p>l) National Spring Clean week will be taking place in April. Unfortunately, no one is available to take part in this.</p> <p>m) Cllr Brett has been advised that a replacement flag at Leuchars Railway Station is on order but the technician from Transportation Services is trying to trace a keyholder for the flagpole mechanism. They may be able to access the flag by modifying the lock or using a vehicle with a lift platform.</p> <p>n) Another dropped kerb has been requested at the entrance to the primary school in Pitlethie Road. Cllr Brett has asked Mrs Knox (headteacher) for her views on this.</p> <p>o) Review of waste collection services: there has been some publicity that grey bin collection will move to a four weekly collection cycle. This is not the case. A joint Officer/Member Group has been established to consider a range of options. Any proposals will be piloted before being rolled out across Fife.</p> <p><u>Action pt 55:</u> Parking on pavement in Guardbridge: person concerned maintains that the van is there for unloading/loading and that there is room for passing.</p> <p><u>Action pt 54:</u> Replacement street nameplates: Cowbakie Crescent sign now repaired. St Bunyans expected to be completed by end of April.</p> <p><u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas: KH wrote to the owner of the unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Road in March. No response to date.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48:</u> Parking at cemetery: CF/KH had met with the Golf Club secretary. Club will provide dates of main golfing fixtures and Fife Council will inform Club when funerals are to take place. There is still an issue with potholes on the road over the bridge and it is still not clear who owns the adjacent field. KH looking into these issues.</p> <p><u>Action pts 43:</u> School Hill bench: If the application to use the church-owned ground by the owner of the house where the bench is to be sited is successful, then the bench will need to be re-sited. <b>TG to contact KH.</b></p> <p><u>Action pt 44:</u> Additional lamp standard at car park on School Hill. There is a planning application regarding two lamp posts on School Hill. JE did not think this would be a problem for the owner of the house near where these are to be sited.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p><b>8. Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tentsmuir Newsletter 20 December 2008.</li> <li>2. Letter from Sir Ming Campbell 23.2.09, regarding noise when Typhoon aircraft arrives at Leuchars (sent to all Leuchars residents).</li> <li>3. St Andrews &amp; NE Fife Local Plan: Letter from Cll A Arbuckle (13.2.09) Call for dispersal of numbers of houses throughout NE Fife.</li> <li>4. Fife Licensing Board (13.2.09): application for premises licence for The Spar; Henderson Hall; St Michael's Golf Club; Commercial Arms. Objections to be in by 20.03.09.</li> <li>5. Fife Constabulary (4.2.09): Policing Plan for 2009-10. Comments to be in by 16.2.09 (!).</li> <li>6. Fun Time Carnivals Ltd: Promotional letter (no date) regarding galas etc.</li> <li>7. Review of Waste Collection Services (e-mail from TB 27.2.09).</li> <li>8. Confirmation of planning approval for MUGA (e-mail from TB 26.2.09)</li> <li>9. North East Fife Transportation Services Contact List Mar 09 (received 20.03.09). Emailed to all.</li> <li>10. Tay Estuary Forum Plan e-mail 24.03.09</li> <li>11. Local Community Safety Fund (e-mail VONEF 5.4.09)</li> <li>12. Community Engagement – Making it Work. One day seminar Edinburgh 21.4.09. Email from ASCC.</li> </ol>	

<p>13. ASCC annual insurance scheme (£52 pa) (e-mail ASCC 24.03.09)</p> <p>14. Local Holiday Report. (e-mail Linda Purdie 2.4.09) e-mailed to all 6.4.09</p> <p>15. Changes to the Scottish Planning System. (e-mail Linda Purdie 19.3.09). Emailed to all 19.3.09</p> <p>16. Annual Grant Application. (e-mail Linda Purdie 11.3.09) e-mailed to CF/MS 19.3.09.</p> <p>17. Fife Development Plan update March 2009. e-mailed to all 1.4.09.</p> <p>18. Madras meeting 27.3.09. (e-mail from Kay Skinner 16.3.09) Emailed to all 19.3.09.</p> <p>19. PREF update including Fordelhill from CF (e-mail 19.3.09)</p> <p>20. Setting CC priorities. (e-mail from TB 27.3.09)</p> <p>21. Changes to the requirements for notifying planning application (email TB 1.4.09) Emailed to all 6.4.09.</p> <p>22. Nameplate update (e-mail TB 2.4.09).</p> <p>23. Pitcairn Park unadopted road update (e-mail TB 18.3.09).</p> <p>24. National Spring Clean 2009 (e-mail TB 24.3.09).</p> <p>25. Community Service Offenders Payback to the community. Fife &amp; Forth Valley Community Justice Authority 31.3.09.</p> <p>26. East Fife Sports Council Awards. East Fife Sports Council 6.3.09.</p> <p>North East Fife Area committee 25.2.09</p> <p>Planning Committee 17.03.09</p> <p>Weekly planning applications: nothing of note except erection of 2 street lighting columns at School Hill</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pharmacy in Post Office: Levenbrae is appealing against decision not to site a pharmacy in the Post Office in May 2009. This decision will be final.</li> <li>2. Setting CC priorities will be discussed at the next meeting. KH to advise.</li> </ol>	KH

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 5 May 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive**  
**Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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