

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 2 December 2008, The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Ron Caird, Cllr Tim Brett, Sqd Ldr Keith Wardlaw, Jim Michie (Community Police), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Jim Finnie, Lucy Jess (teacher at Leuchars PS)

Item	Action point
1. Chair's opening remarks: CF introduced Lucy Jess, a teacher at Leuchars PS. She is attending this meeting as the school is keen to build relations with the CC.	
2. Apologies: Joyce Edmonston, Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Wilma Coyne	
3. Approval of Minutes of 4 November 2008 MS proposed minutes as accurate; CF seconded	
4. RAF issues: a) KW circulated the December RAF community newsletter and a newspaper cutting (Courier 29.11.08) regarding the Typhoon jets coming to Leuchars in late 2010. The Typhoon is likely to be here for the next 30 years. A lot of movement of personnel is to be expected over the next few years. b) KW reiterated that unfortunately the minister will not grant funds for the NIGs. c) Disadvantaged children's Christmas party to be held on camp 3.12.08. There will be reduced numbers this year because of Health & Safety regulations. d) Puma helicopters will be flying this week and next. e) RAF personnel have leave 19.12.08-6.1.09. f) Funding for the Skatepark is currently £25,000 short. SB is vigorously pursuing this matter. Cllr Brett reported he had suggested to SB that she contact KH (Locality Manager) regarding the shortfall.	
5. Police issues: a) Only a few calls of an anti social nature had been received. b) Complaints had been received regarding someone having walked on the bonnets of several cars parked in Pitlethie Road. c) The planning application is now in for the MUGA. In the meantime the Youth Shelter which is stored down South needs to be moved up to Leuchars.	
6. Matters arising from previous minutes: a) <u>Doocot field development:</u> This will still go ahead. Cllr Brett reported that it was confirmed at the last NE Area Committee that, because of the drop in numbers at Madras College, Gladedale no longer have to make a contribution towards secondary school provision. There was some discussion about what the developers had contributed to at a development in Ladybank. CF asked Cllrs Brett & Caird if they could find out about this. Gladedale will meet with the CC but only after proposals for the industrial site have been to committee. (Gladedale want this site to be changed from industrial to community use.) b) <u>Gypsy/traveller site:</u> Further planning applications have been submitted by the travellers. However, the travellers continue not to comply fully with existing planning regulations. The planners are most concerned about the soil. A new Enforcement	TB/RC

<p>Officer has been appointed (John Watson). Travellers have appealed against returning the extra land. CF has written a personal letter of objection. CC to send a letter of objection. Cllrs Caird & Brett continue to closely follow the situation.</p> <p>c) <u>Traffic calming at school:</u> LJ reported that installation of extra length of barrier to be done by 12.12.08.</p> <p>d) <u>Floral displays:</u> (i) Cllr Brett confirmed that hanging baskets can be put on the lamp posts. (ii) Winter planting of the tubs was discussed. CF suggested conifers be planted. As Rotary Clubs get bulbs for free, CF to contact St Andrew's Rotary Club to see if they can help. (iii) MS is waiting for an estimate from Yvonne Anderson in order to complete the floral enhancement application (worth £500). He has also been to the local businesses that had hanging baskets during the Summer and has asked them to take down and store the baskets over the winter. (iv) Keith Jackson (Fife Council) will help source things the CC needs.</p> <p>e) <u>Public Toilets:</u> Cllr Brett to get an update from Jim Hooton (Fife Council) who is investigating whether this building can be made available for use by the Football Club rather than have it demolished. Cllr Brett also informed the CC about the forthcoming 'comfort stop' scheme the Council is hoping to implement, whereby local businesses would be given money for allowing members of the public to use their toilet facilities.</p> <p>f) <u>Gala subcommittee:</u> As the number of CC members has dwindled, it was suggested that maybe the RAF could help with the organisation of a gala or maybe it could be combined with the school fete. Currently the Parent Council organise the school fete. LJ to speak to the Headteacher regarding this suggestion.</p> <p>g) <u>General improvements:</u> (i) Samples still expected from the stonemasons. JF may be able to get a quote. (ii) Feature wall: CF still waiting to hear from St Andrew's CC regarding cost of their wall. (iii) Network Rail repair of fencing on Station Rd: Cllr Brett to arrange for Network Rail, himself and JF to meet on site to resolve issue of incomplete work.</p> <p>h) <u>Alcohol free zone signs:</u> It was decided to put these at all entrances to the village, ie Pitlithie Road, Main Street and Station Road. CF to contact relevant person regarding siting of the signs.</p> <p>i) <u>Unlicensed cars parked in Pitcairn Park:</u> No further update on the possibility of adopting the road. Cllr Brett to contact KH regarding progress of this.</p> <p>j) <u>Traffic vibrations Main St:</u> Cllr Brett reported that a seismograph had been used in Tayport to measure vibrations. Cllr Caird said he would write to relevant person [Mr Mezetes?] after he had visited G Davidson who had originally complained about the vibrations.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>TB</p> <p>LJ</p> <p>TB/JF</p> <p>CF</p> <p>TB</p> <p>RC</p>
<p>7. Fife Council issues</p> <p><u>Action pt 55:</u> Complaint from Leuchars resident regarding their parent (a wheelchair user) having access problems because of vans being parked on pavement in Guardbridge. Cllr Caird said he would raise this with Guardbridge CC.</p> <p><u>Action pt 54:</u> CF asked if Cllr Brett had put in for a replacement nameplate for St Bunyans Place. TG reported that Cowbakie Crescent nameplate needed to be replaced.</p> <p><u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas: The unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Rd has yet to be improved. KH to take this forward.</p> <p><u>Action pt 52a:</u> Garages in St Bunyans Place: JF had asked if the garages could be purchased. Cllr Brett confirmed they could not.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48:</u> Parking at cemetery: TB to speak to KH about who owns the field which the Golf Club sometimes uses for overspill parking.</p> <p><u>Action pt 44:</u> School bench has been ordered. KH to confirm when it will be sited.</p>	<p>RC</p>

<p>Action pt 43: Additional lamp standard at car park on School Hill. Cllr Brett confirmed that approval has been given for the additional lamp standard. KH confirmed that there must be two lamps (circa £7000).</p>	
<p>8. Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Michael's Inn application for premises licence (Fife Licensing Board 7.11.08) E-mailed to all 17.11.08 2. Guidance note on roles & responsibilities for flooding issues (Transportation Services 11.11.08) 3. Guardbridge Mill, Consultation on future use drop in event on 26.11.08. (GVA Grimley 12.11.08) Emailed to all 17.11.08 4. Regulation of Bus Services Bill (Charlie Gordon MSP 28.11.08) Emailed to all 1.12.08. Comments by 28.2.09. 5. Fife Transportation Contact List Nov 2008 (Transportation Services) Emailed to all 1.12.08 6. Climate Challenge Fund – Information for Local Authorities (e-mail from Tim Brett 14.11.08) Emailed to all 1.12.08. 7. Best Kept Town & Village being rebranded as Beautiful Fife in 2009 (e-mail from Tim Brett 13.11.08) <p>North East Fife Area committee 12.11.08 Weekly planning applications: 10.11.08 Travellers' application: Vary condition 3 of consent.</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lucy Jess (PS teacher) informed the CC about the school's fundraising activities: SSAFA Big Brew; Children in Need; a sponsored skip had raised £3000, BHF over £2000. The school is holding a Christmas Fayre on 5.12.08. 2. JE had laid the CC wreath on Remembrance Sunday. Some villagers have suggested the war memorial be moved to the village (apparently it had once been there although no one is sure of its location). Costs are likely to be prohibitive. As an alternative Cllr Brett suggested a sign be erected directing people to the monument. He will enquire about this. 3. CF raised the publication of the Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) and the Local Area plan. There is some confusion about this and the Cllrs could not comment at this stage. 4. CF and TG had visited the 'drop in' event regarding the future use of Guardbridge Mill. CF is hoping to attend the next meeting of Guardbridge Community Council regarding this matter. 5. The pharmacy licence application meeting is scheduled for 4.12.08 	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 3 February 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive
Members of the public are welcome to attend

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