

TUESDAY, 2 May 2017

## LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Community Centre, Leuchars, 4 April 2017

**Present:** Steve Simpson (Chair), Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Carroll Finnie, Jillian Russell, Samantha Cullen, Trish Downie, Wilma Henderson, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Cllr Bill Connor, Martin Kinsey (Station Staff Officer)  
Members of the Public: Athole Stewart, Jane Harrison.

<b>1. Chairs opening remarks:</b> SS welcomed everyone to the meeting. As Cllr Maggie Taylor is retiring and will not be standing in the forthcoming council elections, SS thanked her on behalf of the community council and village residents for all her work over the years and wished her well for the future.	<b>Action Points</b>
<b>Apologies:</b> Veronica Taylor, Cllr Tim Brett, Lucy Jess, Susan Budd, Community PCs (written report sent instead)	
<b>Approval of minutes of 7 March 2017</b> Proposed as accurate by JR, seconded by TD	
<b>Army issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Still no news on the MOD estates optimisation strategy, which covers up to 2032, and Army 2020 Refine.</li><li>b. A statement from the Prime Minister's office is expected w/c 13.04.17 regarding plans for 6000 empty MoD properties. It is anticipated 128 properties in Leuchars (Hampden Close) and 24 properties in Cupar will be privately let on a short-term lease (3 years). Hopefully, the timescales for this will become known with the announcement next week. The Army's preference is that one organisation will deal with the lettings.</li><li>c. An exercise is expected in the summer with a follow on RAF exercise, 18.9.17-20.10.17. There will be an increase in ground activity and aircraft (day time only). Joint Warrior exercise in mid October. There will be no night time flying.</li></ul>	
<b>Police Issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Thirty calls were made to the police from the Leuchars area, with three minor crimes being recorded.</li><li>b. Youths that have been causing a nuisance in the area have been spoken to in front of their parents. They have been advised that should anymore anti social behaviour continue, and they are responsible, they will be reported to the youth justice.</li><li>c. 'Bob' (cardboard policeman) has been out on Main Street facing traffic from St Michaels where the police have also been out with the UNIPAR speed gun. No offences detected.</li><li>d. Police Scotland 2026 – the Community PCs have requested this is added to any online sites with the message that local opinion helps influence local policing.</li><li>e. Coffee with Cops will be held in the community centre, 10.00-11.00 on the following dates: 4.4.17, 2.5.17, 13.6.17, 11.7.17.</li></ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. Any issues can be e-mailed to the PCs at <a href="mailto:FifeTayBridgeheadCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk">FifeTayBridgeheadCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a></li> <li>g. CF has received a letter from a Pitcairn Park resident with details of several incidents, mostly during February, of young people congregating in Pitcairn Park, knocking on doors and windows, damaging a fence and generally causing the residents concern. There had been one occasion when a hedge had been set alight. The police are aware of this – see point (b) above. Cllr Connor said that the youth workers in Leuchars are aware of this issue and will be looking at what can be done.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Primary school issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Nothing reported - the school is closed for the Easter break.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. New school St Andrews: CF had recently attended a consultation which she said was excellent. The next consultation is at Tayport Primary School on 26.04.17, 18.00-19.30. A copy of the consultation response form was circulated for information.</li> <li>b. Colin Lavety, Planning Director, Bartonwilmore has been in contact to say the proposed housing development in the Doocot Field is on hold for the time being.</li> <li>c. Doocot Field development, AS has contacted Nicholas Lopez (Fife Council) regarding the discrepancy in the wording describing the location of the area to be developed but has had no response. Cllr Connor will follow this up with Mr Lopez.</li> <li>d. Work on the railway station car park extension is now due to start on 10.04.17. Work is expected to last 8 weeks</li> <li>e. MD confirmed the £855 for the picnic benches for Junction Gardens had been received. CC accounts to be audited next week.</li> <li>f. Before TG places the order for the benches, SS will speak with 71 Eng about helping to assemble and site them.</li> <li>g. TG will get quotes for community noticeboards and then apply to the Locality Budget. Cllr Connor will send TG the contact details of the suppliers of the Tayport noticeboards.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Fife Council issues:</b></p> <p>Cllr Connor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dog fouling fine has been issued in Newport.</li> <li>b. Details of the Easter activities at the Rio Centre are available. Cllr Connor will send the poster to WH to put on CC Facebook page.</li> <li>c. Book Bug training in Anstruther on 20.04.17. Further information available from A Sutherland, 03451 555555 ext 450690 or <a href="mailto:alex.sutherland@fife.gov.uk">alex.sutherland@fife.gov.uk</a></li> <li>d. Improved Parking consultation launched. Scottish Government is undertaking a detailed review of parking. Everyone is encouraged to give their views on the SG's Citizen Space <a href="https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/road-policy/improving-parking-in-scotland/">https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/road-policy/improving-parking-in-scotland/</a> . Consultation runs 31.3.17-30.6.17.</li> <li>e. FIFEPlan as modified will be adopted within 28 days unless Scottish</li> </ul>	

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<p>Ministers indicate otherwise.</p> <p>Cllr Taylor:</p> <p>f. Cllr Brett has written to M Kinsey about use of the old Hive building for teaching the bagpipes.</p>	
<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Eden News March, April. Email from R Strachan 8.3.17. 31.3.17</li> <li>2. Leuchars railway station car park. Contractors compound to be established 24-27 March for work on the Clayton Road bridge deck. Email from Cllr Brett 9.3.17 and S Simpson 10.3.17</li> <li>3. Assessment of speed limits on Pusk Road, Toll Road and Station Road in June. Email from Cllr Brett 9.3.17</li> <li>4. Advance notice of a planned consultation on four statutory supplementary guidance planning policy documents, part of the Fife Development Plan 17.3.17-5.5.17. Email from J Whittle 10.03.17</li> <li>5. Replacement of white space on road opposite the Spar with double yellow lines. Email from Cllr Brett 11.3.17</li> <li>6. Statutory Consultation Notice - Proposal to relocate Madras College from the existing school sites of South Street and Kilrymont Road, St Andrews to a new single site at Langlands, adjacent to the University of St Andrews. Email from A Graham 13.3.17</li> <li>7. Survey of community councillors information literacy. Email from B Flynn 13.3.17</li> <li>8. CoINEF Community Broadband Project newsletter. Email from J Montador 14.3.17</li> <li>9. Planning approval on protected open space. A Stewart's concerns e-mailed to Cllr Brett. 16.3.17</li> <li>10. Fife Pride 1.7.17. Open Day for getting involved 27.03.17. Email from S Duffy 18.3.17</li> <li>11. Refurbishment work at St Athernase by the CoS Regeneration Group starting in April 2017 for 6 months. Email from Cllr Brett 18.3.17</li> <li>12. FIFEPlan (Fife Local Development Plan): Notice of Intention to adopt. Email from J Whittle 20.03.17</li> <li>13. Invitation to Community Asset Transfer briefing 25.4.17. Email from C Finnie 22.3.17</li> <li>14. General Reassurance Message: issued by Police Scotland (Fife P Division) following terrorist attack on Westminster Bridge. Email from Sergeant S Allan 24.3.17</li> <li>15. Consultation on unconventional oil and gas in Scotland until 31.05.17. Email from B Flynn 24.03.17</li> <li>16. Easter activities for Tay Bridgehead. Email Cllr Brett 28.3.17</li> <li>17. Railway station car park extension. Work to start 10.04.17 for 8 weeks. Email Cllr Brett 29.3.17</li> </ol> <p>NE Fife Area Committee agenda and papers 22.3.17</p> <p>Planning: proposed extensions and alterations to Ye Olde Hotel. Planning application 12.03.17</p>	
<p><b>A.O.C.B</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. AS: asked if hustings for the forthcoming council elections should be arranged by the CC. There was some discussion about this but no action will be taken.</li> <li>b. CF and JF had tidied the large planters and are willing to look after these. CF will get costs for planting with perennials.</li> <li>c. SS will contact Falkland in Bloom regarding the large hanging baskets. Cllr Connor volunteered to use the water bowser for watering the baskets.</li> <li>d. CF: Iain Barbour has confirmed the council will fix the bench on Station Road.</li> </ol>	

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 2 May 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre**  
**Members of the public are welcome to attend.**

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