

## LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars, 6 March 2012

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Dave Baxter, Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Ron Caird, Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell

Item	Action Point
<b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> Everyone was welcomed to the meeting	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Cllr Maggie Taylor, Wg Cdr Clayton, Jean Nicoll, Jim Finnie	
<b>3. Approval of minutes 7.2.11</b> ACOB: Wing Cdr Clayton (not Group Capt). The CC is not putting up the small hanging baskets this year. JN is looking after two of the planted tubs, not all of them. Approval of minutes should be '4.12.11' not '4.10.11'.	
<b>4. RAF issues:</b> a) Typhoon flying displays: visits will be made to Leuchars, Guardbridge and Balmullo primary schools to explain about the need for additional flying. b) There will be some flying up to 20.00. c) The £92,000 service education money has allowed for funding of a deputy head teacher at the primary school. The next tranche is now open. SSAFA has asked about funding for independent schools and whether FC would be involved. Cllr Brett will investigate whether the academies would apply in their own right. d) A community covenant has been signed (between FC and the Armed Forces (to assist with resettlement of leavers from the forces). e) A sub committee to look after Junction Gardens is needed. MS asked SM if it someone from the RAF could be part of this. SM suggested approaching the Youth Club for volunteers or maybe the local cubs/scouts/brownies. SM to e-mail MS with contact details. f) The fallen tree in Warwick has now been cleared.	TB       SM
<b>5. Police Issues:</b> Speed checks have recently been carried out. No other issues.	
<b>6. Matters arising:</b> a) <u>Doocot Field development:</u> possibly coming to Committee 21.03.12. CF has asked Gladedales for a contribution to the feature clock. b) <u>Tay Rail Bridge Disaster Memorial Trust:</u> a donation from the CC has been made. c) <u>Floral enhancements/Junction Gardens:</u> (i) The large hanging baskets are to go to Falkland in Bloom for planting. There will be no small hanging baskets this year. (ii) Still no contact from M McDonald re wild flower planting at Junction	

<p>Gardens.</p> <p>(iii) The memorial bench is now in place in Junction Gardens. The school will be making a donation toward this.</p> <p>(iv) MS has applied for match funding but if successful it will be from next year's budget.</p> <p>(v) MS will order 20 x litter pickers (84p each exc VAT)</p> <p>d) <u>Unadopted areas:</u> Fife Council to contact Mr Foster at Craigie Farm regarding the ground opposite the school. Cllr Brett to pursue.</p> <p>e) <u>Pitlethie Road road sign:</u> needs replacing. Cllr Brett to chase.</p> <p>a) <u>Path at the Olde Hotel:</u> Has been done but is not satisfactory as there is still pooling of water. Inspection needed. The wall at St Bunyan's Place also needs to be inspected also. Cllr Brett to pursue.</p> <p>a) <u>Guardbridge Paper Mill site:</u> proposals still to go before the University Court.</p> <p>b) <u>New school St Andrews:</u> this is 'going back to the drawing board'. There is to be an investigation to find out if the consultation was properly conducted. There may be a further consultation. No decisions will be made until after the elections (3.5.12).</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues and action points</b></p> <p>Cllr Brett:</p> <p>b) Mears Court: paving slabs are to be levelled.</p> <p>c) Tentsmuir Forest will be one of 8 red squirrel project sites.</p> <p>d) Aiming for the end of March for the reduction in speed limit through St Michael's.</p> <p>e) St Michael's residents do not want a change to their addresses as it will mean paying for their title deeds to be changed.</p> <p>f) Letter of support for R Kelly's application for a pharmacy at Pitcairn Practice to be sent.</p> <p>g) It is likely FC will take over enforcement of parking fines.</p> <p>Cllr Caird.</p> <p>c) Potential park and ride at Forgan roundabout: the reporter is still making the final assessment.</p> <p>d) Transitional Task Force (TTF): there was a main meeting in Glenrothes last week which was well attended. A second squadron will be arriving soon as an add-on to No 6 squadron. There is no more information about the Army deployment/extraction from Germany. It will be some months before anything is known. Peter Grant (TTF Chair) has not had a reply from Philip Hammond.</p> <p>e) Local Plan: the reporter has not finalised all the points. However, there will be an extra £1m available, with £140K for this area. This will allow for an additional dog fouling warden, Speedwatch and other community matters.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information about holding street parties for Diamond Jubilee. E-mail from William Welsh 5.3.12</li> <li>2. Request to form sub committee for ongoing development of Junction Gardens. E-mail M Sharp 5.3.12</li> <li>3. Reply from Bruce Crawford on behalf of Alex Salmond to M Sharp's letter of 19.01.12.</li> </ol>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Affordable rented housing consultation event booking form (Dundee, 12.03.12). Email Sarah Bruce, Social Housing and Management, Scottish Government.</li> <li>5. Fife's Cultural Roadshow., 27.03.12 at Rothes Hall. E-mail Karen Taylor, Area Cultural Coordinator, Fife Council.</li> <li>6. Keep Scotland Beautiful litter picking campaign (1.04.12 – 31.05.12). E-mail from CF 15.02.12.</li> <li>7. Fife Health &amp; Social Care Partnership Service Delivery Plan 2012-15. E-mail from Liz Mitchell, Fife Council 16.02.12.</li> <li>8. Copy of e-mail sent to Sir Ming Campbell in response to Philip Hammond's reply to MC's letter re closure of RAF Leuchars. E-mail from M Sharp 16.02.12.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. MS: As the beehive planter is listing, MS suggested removing the compost and levelling the planter. MS to ask his contact at the school about getting suitable slabs for levelling the planter.</li> <li>2. DB: asked how the Curriculum for Excellence would be affected by the disruption to Madras pupils should they need to be decanted. Cllr Caird agreed and pointed out that the split site is seen by some as a problem. The target date for the new school is now 2015.</li> <li>9. DB will be attending the Planning and Scotland's Zero Waste Plan training on 17.3.12 in Perth.</li> <li>3. CF: the flag at the station needs replacing. Cllr Brett to investigate whether a new flag can be obtained from the locality budget.</li> </ul>	<p>MS</p> <p>TB</p>

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3 April 2012 at 7.00pm in  
The Community Centre**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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