

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting held in the Community Centre, Leuchars

7 June 2016

**Present:** Alisdair Gilbert (acting Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Jillian Russell, Samantha Cullen, Trish Downie, Steve Simpson, Veronica Taylor, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Jennie Ramsay (Leuchars Primary School), Susan Budd, Ryan Donnelly (Military Police Community Engagement Liaison Officer), Members of the Public: Athole Stewart.

<b>1. Chairs opening remarks:</b> AG welcomed everyone to the meeting.	<b>Action Points</b>
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Carroll Finnie (Chair), Jim Finnie, Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Joyce Edmonston, Dave Baxter, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Martin Kinsey (SSO)	
<b>3. Approval of minutes of 3 May 2016:</b> Proposed as accurate by SS; seconded by JR	
<b>4. Army Issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There will be a military exercise with some night time flying taking place between 28.8.16-16.9.16.</li> <li>b. The planned Army Open Day will be scheduled during 2017.</li> <li>c. Empty married quarters: Fife Council are raising the issue of the future of the empty quarters with Scottish Government.</li> <li>d. The road between the Main Gate and Meteor Way will be closed between 27.06.16-1.7.16 for installation of a raised crossing and speed bumps.</li> <li>e. There have been some issues with speeding in the village. The Military Police are taking an educational approach to the problem.</li> <li>f. Safer routes to the school: Fife Council has undertaken a review. Some improvements will be carried out next year.</li> <li>g. JR reported that children have been climbing on the shed roofs at the back of Hampden Close/Beaufort Place and trying to set light to the grass. RD hopes to increase high visibility patrols.</li> <li>h. Children knocking on doors seems to have stopped.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Police issues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There has been very little reported crime; some money has been stolen in Leuchars and golf clubs stolen in Drumoig.</li> <li>b. Speeding is the main issue: Bob (cardboard cutout policeman) and the Unipar (speed gun) have recently been used.</li> <li>c. There is still a problem with a driver parking on the Pitlithie Road/top of School Hill junction. The police will keep checking this.</li> </ul>	
<b>6. Matters Arising:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Junction Garden: AG has still not heard when Air Officer Scotland is able to visit. AG to polish the stone. SS will help</li> </ul>	AG

<p>cut the grass as it is too much for DB alone. JF will show SS how to operate the equipment. CF will also contact the Payback team for its assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. St Andrews university donation: Cllr Brett has contacted the university about how much the university is thinking of donating to the village.</li> <li>c. Pears trees in Junction Gardens are still to be inspected. AG has tulip and daffodil bulbs for planting.</li> <li>d. Parish Trust Fund application: CF has forwarded this to MS. There is no update on this.</li> <li>e. Balmullo Pharmacy application: There are two applications ahead of the one for Balmullo. This means an outcome is expected very soon.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Dog fouling: the school publishing committee have A3 posters made by the children ready to display. Press coverage is to be arranged.</li> <li>b. The Tay Road Bridge 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the building of the bridge are to be held in Dundee on Sunday, 21.8.16. Boats from all the sailing clubs roundabout will be on the Tay. Celebrations will also be held in Newport and Tayport. on the bridge on Sunday 21.08.16.</li> <li>c. Madras College replacement: All of the previous options will be reviewed again and any new ones considere. In the meantime, Fife Council has committed to spend money for short term improvements (decorating, floor coverings) on both sites. This will not be at the expense of the main budget.</li> <li>d. City Deal Funding: The university is exploring getting cash funding for Guardbridge regeneration.</li> <li>e. Police Scotland Survey: this is still ongoing.</li> <li>f. Bill Welsh. Community Council liaison officer is retiring. Beth Flynn will be taking over from him.</li> <li>g. Newport summer event will be on 18.06.16</li> <li>h. Mears Court: bins (which are not commercial waste bins as reported by Fife Council) have been removed to the Norman View site.</li> <li>i. There will be cycling event in Tentsmuir on 19.6.16.</li> <li>j. Waterston Crook has a programme of events over the summer when the schools are closed.</li> <li>k. Kingdom Housing provides a Care and Repair Service (small household repairs only) for home owners aged over 60.</li> <li>l. TAYPlan is now lodged with Scottish ministers. Leuchars is not affected by this.</li> <li>m. Pitcairn Practice has come out well in a report on GP waiting times in Fife and Tayside.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>8. Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extension of station car park – now likely end of Oct 2016. Email from Cllr Brett 10.05.16</li> <li>2. Rural manifesto event reminder. Email Francesca Harding 11.05.16</li> <li>3. Eden Newsletter May 2016. Email from Ranald Strachan 11.05.16</li> <li>4. Taybridgehead ward road reports. Email from Cllr Connor 13.05.16 and 17.05.16</li> <li>5. Leuchars Air Base Personnel Transition Evaluation Report. Email Business Gateway Fife. 16.05.16</li> <li>6. Funding opportunities to do with greenspace, outdoor play, biodiversity, etc. Email K Jackson 17.06.16</li> <li>7. Living Lomonds Legacy Roadshow 22.06.16 Rothes Hall. Email Karen Taylor 17.05.16</li> <li>8. 5<sup>th</sup> Reviews of Electoral Arrangements. Email from Alistair Grant, Scottish Boundary Commission 26.05.16</li> <li>9. <b>Removal of recycling bins at Mears Court. Email to Fife Councillors from Paul Doherty 27.05.16. Queried by CF as to why the CC was not informed.</b></li> <li>10. Adult Protection/community safety info (re doorstep crime and trading standards scams). Email from Cllr Brett 2.6.16.</li> <li>11. Health and Social Care Partnership publish full Strategic Plan. Email from Bill Welsh 4.5.16</li> <li>12. Invitation to Fife Communities Climate Action Network event. Email from FCCAN 23.05.16</li> <li>13. Fife Forum Spring/Summer newsletter. Email from Fife Forum 24.05.16</li> <li>14. Eden Estuary News June. Email Ranald Strachan 31.5.16</li> </ol> <p>NE Fife Planning Committee 11.05.16 – papers Weekly planning lists</p>	
<p><b>A.O.C.B</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. TG: Beautiful Fife competition requires someone to show the judges around in July. TG will e-mail CC members with the date.</li> <li>b. VT &amp; A Stewart: would like to move several of the tubs on Station Road and place three by the Aero Café and one opposite the café. VT will keep them watered. It was suggested the CC approach local businesses and ask them to sponsor the tubs/containers. CF is waiting for plants from Falkland in Bloom. Pittormie Farm has said it will beat any price. Cllr Connor will give Pittormie's contact details to VT.</li> <li>c. J Ramsay: reported that a theatre group (Theatre And) had performed at the school. The theme was road safety and was aimed at those pupils soon to move to secondary school. This event had been very successful.</li> <li>d. AG: proposed that a £50 gift voucher should be given to Mrs Moyer (?spelling), a teacher at the primary school who is retiring soon.</li> <li>e. AG: reported that DB will give SS the key to the garage where the grass cutter is stored. .</li> </ol>	

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 5 July at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre**

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

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