

# LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 6 May 2008, The Hive, Leuchars

**Present:** Georgina Morrison (Vice-chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Joyce Edmonston, Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Suzanne Callan, Yvonne Anderson, Jim Michie

Item	Action point
<b>1. Vice-chair's opening remarks:</b> GM welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>2. Apologies:</b> Carroll Finnie (Chair), Jim Finnie, Cllr Ron Caird, Cllr Tim Brett, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Susan Budd, Flt Lt Keith Wardlaw	
<b>3. Approval of Minutes of 4.3.08:</b> TG not sure whether the figure of £35,000 for the skatepark from Defence Estates is correct – should this be £3,500. JE approved the minutes; TG seconded.	TG to check correct amount with SB.
<b>4. RAF issues:</b> Nothing reported from SB/KW.	
<b>5. Police issues:</b> Jim Michie introduced himself to the group. Martin Johncock has retired. There was nothing serious to report just a few antisocial behaviour calls. TG asked about the Domehawk. JM confirmed that this would only be sited if complaints are made. YA reported that youths had been congregating in the woods (Nature Trail). JM will keep an eye on this. There was a general discussion about how young people go about obtaining fake IDs over the Internet.	
<b>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</b> <u>1. Double glazing at Leuchars PS:</u> TB has approached Fife Council to see if it will approach the developers (Gladedale & Ogilvie Homes) of the Doocot Field for a contribution. Response from the council was that the contribution of £281,000 is to address 'capacity' issues (for several schools, not just Leuchars PS). However, the planning application goes on to state (under 'Recommendations') that '[the money is]...to improve educational facilities...'. CF feels this may be a negotiating point. RC had advised the CC to wait for Chris Smith's comments [not received as yet]. TB has asked the council that work on updating the estimates for the double glazing should continue. TG suggested revisiting the noise aspect of the environmental impact assessment as it has been confirmed that the Typhoon aircraft will definitely be based at Leuchars. This point to be pursued at the next meeting with Cllrs Caird & Brett. <u>2. Planning permission for Doocot field:</u> RC had sent an update by e-mail: Gladedale will complete test bores in June and will seek a meeting with the CC thereafter. GM expressed concern about the doocot being vandalised once the site is developed. <u>3. Gypsy/traveller site:</u> Two of the travellers have received fines of £2000. All 8 travellers to pay Council fees. Planning decision has been deferred until 28.05.08. It was felt by a member of the public who had attended the court that planning officials will recommend approval of the	CF to raise at next meeting

<p>site. However, if this is the case, because SEPA has objected to the site, the decision would have to go to Government.</p> <p><u>4. Parking outside/traffic calming at school:</u> No update on this.</p> <p><u>5. Parking at Cemetery:</u> A letter has been sent to the Secretary (George Dignan) of St Michael's Golf Club. CF and TG met with him to discuss further. GD was concerned by the potholes in the road over the railway bridge leading to the Club; he feels the Council should maintain this. As the Club has repaired the road in the past and currently allow the public to use the club toilet facilities, they feel entitled to use the car park. Parking signs have been erected by the Club. The field adjacent the cemetery car park is used sometimes as an overspill parking area if there is a large tournament on. For the use of the field, the Golf Club seeks permission from Mr Black or Mr Mackenzie (GD said he would find out who). In return the Golf Club cuts the grass in the field. As the maintenance of the road is a separate issue, CF informed GD that this problem would be raised through the Community Council. GD has forwarded the paperwork the Club has regarding discussions about ownership of the road in the past to CF/TG. In the meantime, TG to contact Kate Hughes to see who owns the road and the field adjacent the car park. This matter to be discussed again at the next meeting in order to find a way forward as Club members continue to takeover the cemetery car park, particularly on a Sunday.</p> <p><u>6. Floral displays:</u> CF had reported that parents at the school have suggested children get involved. CF has suggested getting a couple of wooden barrels with Leuchars PS painted on them and have the children plant them up. MS reported that he had been sent an additional £500 for floral enhancement. The CC now has £1000 in total for displays which allows for purchase of the large self-watering tub and several hanging baskets. MS has already contacted local businesses to see if they would be willing to maintain the hanging baskets if the CC were to provide them. MS/CF/JF will be attending the Falkland in Bloom seminar before making any purchases. MS to order self-watering display and hanging baskets after attending seminar.</p> <p><u>7. Sign above CC noticeboard:</u> TG to speak to KW to see if RAF painters can repaint removable sign above noticeboard.</p> <p><u>8. Public Toilets:</u> CF has contacted KH to see if gates from Tayport Harbour could be used on the toilets and if Parks &amp; Recreations will assume responsibility for opening and closing them. KH thinks toilets are to be demolished but is checking with Community Services who will contact CF directly.</p> <p><u>9. Gala subcommittee:</u> YA to contact Dawn Brook to come and talk to subcommittee. There was a general discussion about how successful Balmullo gala is.</p>	<p>TG to contact KH re ownership of road/field</p> <p>CF to raise at next meeting.</p> <p>MS to order tub and purchase hanging baskets</p> <p>TG to contact KW</p> <p>YA to contact Dawn Brook.</p>
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues</b></p> <p><u>Action pt 55:</u> Potholes in Pitlethie Road: now repaired.</p> <p><u>Action pt 54:</u> Mears Court: sheltered house has been unoccupied for some time, but warden charges increased considerably (warden is there only part-time). TB raising this issue with Housing.</p> <p><u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas: Possible dates for the walkabout provided by TB. TG to check availability of CF/JF. JE unable to do any of the proposed dates.</p>	

<p><u>Action pt 52:</u> St Bunyan's lock up garages: safety aspect being investigated by Sheila Dickson (housing maintenance officer). If required, maintenance will be put forward for minor works but no timescale at present. Explanation of the big increase in cost of these garages still to be sought.</p> <p><u>Action pt 51:</u> Possibility of the bus stop being removed. Colin Stirling (Transportation) is looking into this. No further update.</p> <p><u>Action pt 50:</u> Dropped kerbs: further requests regarding these are being discussed (Alistair Drummond Transportation).</p> <p><u>Action pt 49:</u> Trip hazard outside old police house: Inspection being arranged by KH. Facilities to be involved. Ongoing</p> <p><u>Action pt 46:</u> Water board have left dip in road at circle in Main Street. Remedial work to be done quite soon. Scottish Water have to investigate depression in road on Main Street. If this turns out to be theirs, they'll repair at the same time. Where the road is breaking up around manhole at roundabout is to be fixed in 2 weeks (from 24.04.08).</p> <p><u>Action pt 44:</u> School bench has been ordered.</p> <p><u>Action pt 43:</u> Additional lamp standard at car park on School Hill. Need confirmation whether existing lighting has be improved.</p>	
<p><b>9. Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fife Development Plan Update March 2008 (quarterly e-bulletin). (E-mailed to all 7.4.08)</li> <li>2. Falkland in Bloom seminar 16.05.08 (e-mailed to all 2.4.08)</li> <li>3. Community Council Seminar 10.05.08 (e-mailed to all 2.4.08)</li> <li>4. Greenspace Conference 28.05.08 (e-mailed to all 2.4.08)</li> <li>5. Best Kept Town and Village Campaign meeting 23.04.08 (e-mailed CF 11.04.08)</li> <li>6. Reminder of ASCC Regional meeting in Perth on 10.5.08 (received by e-mail).</li> <li>7. Annual Grant Arrangements 2008/09 14.03.08 (e-mailed CF/MS 2.4.08 – h/copy to MS)</li> <li>8. Postwatch Scotland Issue 18 (not e-mailed)</li> <li>9. Scottish Govt survey of ASCC Stakeholders 25.03.08 (e-mailed to all 2.4.08)</li> <li>10. Scottish Calor Village of the Year Award 2008.</li> <li>11. The Public Gathering – Next Step in the Culture Talk Challenge (by e-mail 1.5.08).</li> <li>12. Information Commissioner letter concerning CCs and Data Protection Act (by e-mail 2.5.08)</li> <li>13. Community Councils' model scheme of establishment/code of conduct (by e-mail 2.5.08)</li> <li>14. Notice to CCs: Application for Premises Licence 17.03.08 (e-mailed CF/MS 25.04.08)</li> <li>15. Fife Health &amp; Social Care Partnership: Service Delivery Plan 2008-11. (e-mailed CF/MS 25.04.08)</li> <li>16. ASCC Membership Renewal 2008 invoice. (e-mailed CF/MS 25.04.08)</li> <li>17. Renewal of CC Insurance Policy 31.03.08 (e-mailed CF/MS 25.04.08)</li> <li>18. Introduction to Traditional Building Skills (Scottish Lime Centre) 31.05.08. (e-mailed CF/MS 25.04.08)</li> <li>19. Naming and Numbering of Streets 01.04.08. (e-mailed CF 11.04.08)</li> <li>20. Forest Enterprise Scotland – Framework Strategic Plan. Forestry Commission 25.03.08. (e-mailed CF 11.04.08)</li> </ol>	

<p>North East Fife Area committee meeting agendas: 5.3.08, 2.4.08, 15.04.08, 06.05.08. Weekly Development applications. Nothing of note.</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Locality Budget</u>: TB has asked for suggestions for use of the Locality Budget (£50,000 across Taybridgehead). This request has been put on the website. (a) MS suggested some go to the Stage Fund but first needs to confirm whether funding is available from another source. (b) JE requested that the car parking spaces at the church be whitelined.</li> <li>2. <u>Fife's City Region Boundaries</u>: TB would be pleased to receive any views on this.</li> <li>3. <u>Suggestions for new street names</u>: CF: Doocot Place, Castle Road, GM: St Athernase Street/Road. TG: Henderson St/Rd etc, Lady's Well St/Rd etc. TG to send these suggestions and any others to Development.</li> <li>4. <u>ASCC membership</u>: a renewal of membership form and request for £15 has been received, but MS reported that it appears the CC has never paid for membership before. The question was raised whether membership of this organisation is compulsory. JE felt the ASCC had done little in the past. CC members to look at the ASCC website and give their opinion to the Chair at the next meeting.</li> <li>5. <u>End of year accounts</u>: MS reported end of year accounts have been completed by postmistress. CC has £1815.70, plus cheque additional cheque for £500 (specifically for floral enhancement).</li> </ol>	<p>TG to send to Development</p> <p>All</p>

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 3 June 2008 at 7.00pm in The Hive**

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

**See also**

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