

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 1 April 2008, The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Jim Finnie, Susan Budd (Community Liaison Officer), Cllr Tim Brett, Joyce Edmonston, Sqn Ldr Keith Wardlaw (MCO RAF Leuchars),

Item	Action point
<p>1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Cllr Ron Caird, Mark Sharp, Georgina Morrison, Yvonne Anderson, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Jim Michie, Martin Johncock, Suzanne Callan</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Minutes of 4.3.08: JF approved the minutes; JE seconded</p>	
<p>4. RAF issues: Today is the 90th anniversary of the RAF. <u>Flying activity:</u> Helicopters 14-18.4.08; VC10 flying 12.4.08. Six Tucanos flying for one week. Hawk trainers flying at the end of the month. Flypast for 56 Squadron disbandment on 22.04.08. <u>Community Support:</u> SB reported that £105,000 has been awarded to a proposed Youth Activity Project Area (YAPA). This will be for an outdoor activity area which will be built near the RAF Leuchars childcare centre (outside the wire). £10,000 was made available for a Youth Shelter through Fife Council. £55,000-£65,000 is available from RAF Leuchars Defence Estates (DE) for a Multi-use Games Activity Area (MUGA) and a further £35,000 for a proposed Skatepark. SB will give a presentation on Community Support's plans. SB to let TG know when.</p>	<p>SB to confirm date of presentation.</p>
<p>Before the next item on the agenda, JF and TG gave a short report on the 'Planning for People' seminar they attended in Kirkcaldy on 29.3.08. Both agreed that it had been a worthwhile day. They recommended that a member of the CC become responsible for planning issues.</p>	<p>CF to see if anyone would like to be responsible for planning issues</p>
<p>5. Police issues: TG reported that MJ had confirmed by e-mail that the arrangement for police officers to attend CC meetings was only at the CC's request, not on a regular attendance basis. As there was no police attendance at this meeting, no police issues were discussed.</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising from previous minutes: 1. <u>Double glazing at Leuchars PS:</u> noise pollution survey run by school will run from 14.4.08 for two months. JF suggested that Fife Council could make a contribution by the developers of Doocot Field, towards the double glazing, a condition for planning approval. 2. <u>Planning permission for Doocot field:</u> No further update. Awaiting presentation to the CC by Gladedale which Cllr Caird is organising. 3. <u>Gypsy/traveller development:</u> Planning application has been delayed until end of April. Further court appearance at that time.</p>	

<p>4. <u>Planning application for wind turbine at Leuchars station</u>: No objections to be made by the CC.</p> <p>5. <u>Warwick Close</u>: Fife Council housing committee have approved purchasing of houses.</p> <p>6. <u>Parking outside/traffic calming at school</u>: Fife Council transportation department will look at this at the end of April.</p> <p>7. <u>Parking at Cemetery</u>: letter to be sent to Secretary of St Michael's Golf Club requesting members do not park in the cemetery parking area. Letter to be copied to Cllr Brett as he has recently received a complaint from a Balmullo resident regarding the lack of space to park</p>	<p>TG to write</p>
<p>7. Fife Council issues</p> <p><u>Action pt 51</u>: Cars parking in bus bay opposite Spar making access difficult: The possibility of the bus stop being removed. Colin Stirling (Transportation) is looking into this.</p> <p><u>Action pt 50</u>: state of pavements and streets throughout the village and lack of dropped kerbs for wheelchair users: Dropped kerbs in St Bunyans Place are now complete. Further requests are to be discussed shortly (Alistair Drummond Transportation). Roads and pavements are inspected at regular intervals for potholes/trip hazards with the aim of repairs being completed within 5 days. There is a proposed Puffin crossing on the A919 Station Road/St Bunyans Place for this year</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. KH reported by e-mail that Lorna Brown (Transportation) is to inspect to see if the reinstatement is within intervention tolerances.</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. This has been requested and actioned.</p> <p>Cllr Brett confirmed a new secondary school is to be built in St Andrews.</p>	
<p>9. Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Liquor Licensing System 6.3.08 2. Planning Modernisation – Consultation and Electronic Publication 10.3.08 3. Fife Housing Forum – Meeting housing needs to be held 11.4.08 4. Criminal Justice Services 12.3.08 Offer of unpaid work for community organisations/projects. 5. Dundee & Edinburgh City Regions Strategic Development and Defining Fife Boundaries 13.3.08 6. Fife's City Region Boundaries 28.3.08 7. Big Get Together for Culture in Fife on 17.4.08 8. Leader in Fife Programme (17.3.08 support for rural development and support aimed at small scale community driven projects). 9. Consultation on Forestry Commission Scotland's Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2008-2010 (Forestry Commission 11.3.08) 10. Planning Update Newsletter Issue 1 (Development Services) 11. Tay Estuary Forum Management Plan and Conference 12. <i>The Community Councillor</i> newsletter of the Assn of Scottish Community Concils 13. Invitation by e-mail from Balmullo CC for 27.11.08: presentation on the need for low-level flying. 	

<p>North East Area committee meeting agendas: 5.3.08 & 2.4.08 Weekly Development applications – wind turbine Leuchars station</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A question was asked about why there had been such a big increase in the cost of the lockup garages in St Bunyans Place which are leased from Fife Council. JF said that he had been talking to a local fireman who thinks the garages may be illegal from a health & safety point of view as, internally, the garages are only separated by mesh. Cllr Brett will look into this. 2. A large vehicle has knocked down the Meadow Road sign and destroyed some of the fencing around the building foundations. Cllr Brett was requested to see what could be done as, with the fencing partially destroyed, this could pose a health & safety risk. 3. CF asked if anyone knew who had cleared the strip of waste land next to the Commercial Arms. A general discussion followed about several unsightly aspects in the village centre; JE and JF agreed to walk around the village and show these to Cllr Brett. 4. Mears Court sheltered housing. An extra charge for the warden of approximately £500 per year for each dwelling is being levied. However, the warden is only there part-time. Cllr Brett will clarify details of charges to see what can be done about this issue. 5. There are large potholes in Pitlethie Road at the narrowest point on approach to the school. TB will deal with it in this instance but will send TG (secretary) details of who to report potholes to in future. 	<p>TB to look into increase cost and safety of St Bunyan's Place garages</p> <p>TB</p> <p>JE, JF & TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>TB</p>

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 6 May 2008 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend

See also

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