

## LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 7 October 2008, The Hive, Leuchars

**Present:** Trish Graham (Secretary), Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Ron Caird, Sqd Ldr Keith Wardlaw, Cllr Maggie Taylor, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager)

Item	Action point
<p><b>1. Chair's opening remarks:</b> In the Chair's absence JE chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies:</b> Carroll Finnie, Jim Finnie, Jim Michie (community police), Suzanne Callan, Cllr Tim Brett, Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), Wilma Coyne.</p>	
<p><b>3. Approval of Minutes of 2.9.08</b> Minutes were unable to be approved as, excluding the Chair and Secretary, only one member was present who had attended the previous meeting. Approval to be carried over to the next meeting.</p>	CF
<p><b>4. RAF issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Integrated Welfare Facility: this will start March 2009.</li> <li>b) Youth Shelter: this will be sited when the MUGA is built. It has been confirmed that planning permission for the MUGA will have to be applied for.</li> <li>c) Skatepark: money has been secured for this. Meeting on 20.10.08 to discuss start date.</li> <li>d) Airshow 2008: No problems had arisen. Weather had hampered the day but the Airshow had been reasonably successful.</li> <li>e) Flying activity: Flypast for the de-commissioning of the QEII will be on 7.10.08. There will be a 15-minute Typhoon display for RAF personnel on 10.10.08. Flypast at Stirling Castle on 27.10.08. III squadron on exercise this week and next. A TriStar will be flying this month (during working hours).</li> <li>f) RAF personnel will be stood down 24-27.10.08 (time in lieu for the Airshow).</li> <li>g) Gypsy travellers site: there have been reports in the papers about the MoD's concerns regarding the fuel pipeline on the site. The gypsies have been warned about the consequences of any damage to it. Babcocks (MoD's agents) are keeping an eye on the situation.</li> <li>h) Miss Scotland will be visiting the base 5.11.08. This is being arranged by 'The Sun' as is part of its promotion of St Andrew's Day.</li> <li>i) RAF NIGS 2004 report has been published, but does not contain anything further to what KW had presented to the CC in Dec 2007.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Police issues:</b> Nothing reported.</p>	
<p><b>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <u>Double glazing at Leuchars PS:</u> Revised costings are being worked up by the Council for a trial of the soundproofing. The work will require removal of some asbestos tiles (not considered a significant safety problem), so the work will not be able to take place until Summer 2009. Confirmation that this will go ahead is expected in November.</li> <li>b) <u>Doocot field development:</u> As the proposed change of use of the industrial area by the developers is contrary to policy, it is likely this will have to go back to the NE Fife</li> </ul>	

<p>Area Committee for consideration.</p> <p>c) <u>Gypsy/traveller site</u>: Cllr Brett has written to the new Council Planning Enforcement Officer (John Watson) seeking an update to check on the position in relation to the conditions that were imposed for the first site. He has also written in response to the appeal that has been lodged against the reinstatement of the 'second' area indicating it should be returned to its original state. Cllr Caird had received a letter from Chris Smith regarding the appeal that had been lodged and that certain conditions from the first application have not been adhered to.</p> <p>d) <u>Traffic calming at school</u>: Cllr Brett has written again to Gordon Hughes regarding the required extra length of pedestrian barrier.</p> <p>e) <u>Floral displays</u>: (i) Winter planting (including Commercial Arms) to be considered. MS to contact Yvonne &amp; Jim Anderson regarding this.  (ii) Assessment of lamp posts (for hanging baskets) is to be carried out early Nov. If they are structurally sound then the CC will have to apply for planning permission.  <b>Application form available from Transportation Services - TG to get..</b> KH had met with Keith Jackson who would like to come along to talk to the CC about floral displays.</p> <p>f) <u>Public Toilets</u>: Jim Hooton (Fife Council) is investigating whether this building can be made available for use by the Football Club rather than have it demolished.</p> <p>g) <u>Gala subcommittee</u>: Subcommittee needs to be revised.</p> <p>h). <u>General improvements</u>: (i) Samples expected from the stonemasons.  (ii) Feature wall: waiting to hear from St Andrew's CC regarding cost of their wall.  (iii) Network Rail repair of fencing on Station Rd: Cllr Brett waiting for confirmation from JF whether this has been completed satisfactorily. CF has asked (via e-mail) <b>TG to look into this.</b></p> <p>i) <u>Alcohol free zone</u>: siting of additional signs to be decided upon, then contact Helen Mackenzie. CF had asked TG to look into this.</p> <p>j) <u>Unlicensed cars parked in Pitcairn Park</u>: KH confirmed that although repairs are carried out by FC the road is unadopted, although Mears Court is adopted. Dave Smeaton is investigating how to go about adopting the road. KH also confirmed that the police can act if there are problems involving vehicles - except for tax evasion.</p> <p>k) <u>Large potholes</u>: Pothole by the Spar now filled. Unsure whether that by Meteor Row has been filled. MS may be able to provide an update on this.</p> <p>l) <u>Extra doggie bin in Station Road</u>: this has been approved.</p> <p>m) <u>LCD traffic warning signs</u>: Cllr Brett has written to Colin Stirling asking if this can be installed permanently. However, KH confirmed that these signs are peripatetic and serve 3 communities so will come back in time as they are too expensive to site permanently.</p> <p>n) <u>Traffic vibrations Main St</u>: Transportation meeting with residents (13.10.08). JE mentioned houses near her which are cracking and suggested that this be looked at at the same time. <b>Cllr Caird to see if this is possible.</b> Cllr Brett is investigating possibility of a machine to record vibration.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TG</p> <p>RC</p>
<p><b>7. Fife Council issues</b></p> <p>a) Reorganisation of Trusts: Answers to the questions posed by TG as secretary to Andrew Ferguson (FC solicitor) were read out (already circulated to CC members). Further update expected after FC meeting on 23.10.08.</p> <p>b) Core Path network: 'Strictly private' sign has been removed.</p> <p>c) The new 'Areas of Great Landscape Value' (AGLVs) were not approved. It has been proposed that the previous areas be retained. Matter is now to be considered by Development Services committee.</p> <p>d) Availability of plans to the public: Cllr Brett confirmed that plans will be available</p>	

<p>electronically through all libraries which will mean greater accessibility for the public</p> <p>e) Sports Facility Strategy 200-2018: Cllr Brett provided this – it has been circulated to all CC members.</p> <p>f) Scottish Water: the new contact for Fife is Steve Scott who has replaced Brendon Williams.</p> <p><u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas: The unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Rd will be improved, however, the Meadow Road sign has not yet been replaced and needs to be followed up further.</p> <p><u>Action pt 52a:</u> Garages in St Bunyans Place: Josie Urquhart informed Cllr Brett that work on improving garages will be considered as a funding request from the Local Office Initiatives Budget. Cllr Brett assumes the estimates for the work were provided by the Housing Service.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48:</u> Parking at cemetery: KH reported that there appears to be a tacit agreement regarding this. Drew Bryce is looking into the background. KH is in touch with Mike McArdle (Estates) regarding the road leading to the Club but in the meantime confirmed that the bridge belongs to Network Rail.</p> <p><u>Action pt 44:</u> School bench has been ordered. KH chasing when it will be sited.</p> <p><u>Action pt 43:</u> Additional lamp standard at car park on School Hill. Cllr Brett confirmed that approval has been given for the additional lamp standard. KH confirmed that there must be two lamps (circa £7000) and that it has to be confirmed that the car park is Fife Council land first.</p>	
<p><b>9. Correspondence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of byelaws prohibiting consumption of alcoholic liquor in public places (Performance &amp; Organisational Support 2.10.08)</li> <li>2. Digital switchover event for CCs (Digital UK at BBC Scotland 5.9.08)</li> <li>3. Alteration to Fife Minerals Subject Local Plan (Development Services 10.9.08)</li> <li>4. Postwatch Scotland Newsletter (independent watchdog for postal services).</li> <li>5. Confirmation of siting of Puffin crossing in Station Road (e-mail T Brett 8.9.08)</li> <li>6. Ongoing investigation of lampposts structural integrity for floral displays (e-mail T Brett 8.9.08)</li> <li>7. Contact in Newport with interest in Fife Allotment Programme (e-mail T Brett 26.9.08)</li> <li>8. Several e-mails from Andrew Ferguson, Solicitor regarding Trusts reorganisation 2.10.08</li> <li>9. Invitation to ASCC conference in November (e-mailed to all CC)</li> <li>10. Sports Facility Strategy (e-mail T Brett 25.9.08 forwarded to CF only)</li> <li>11. RAF NIGS 2004 (Noise survey) (e-mail T Brett 12.9.08)</li> <li>12. Advocacy service for older people (e-mail Fife Elderly Forum 19.9.08)</li> <li>13. Data Protection Training Seminar 29.10.08</li> <li>14. Consultation on Town Centres &amp; Local High Streets (e-mail Linda Purdie 2.9.08)</li> </ol>	

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1. Application for pharmacy licence: A meeting between the owners of the Post Office, Levenbrae Ltd and members of the CC had been held to discuss the implications for the surgery. Following that a public meeting had been held in Balmullo. Cllr Brett has also met with the doctors. Following that meeting and other discussions with the PCT of NHS Fife, Cllr Brett has written to the Chair of the Pharmacy Practices Committee (copy of letter available). [Post-meeting note: a letter of thanks for the support given by the CC has been received from the doctors. In it the doctors reported that they had approached the owners of the Post Office about leasing part of the premises to provide an over the counter service, but that the owners had declined the offer and prefer to remain with Levenbrae.]
2. JE reported that the pavements in her area of Main Street need be repaired. This was supposed to have been done after the repair of the canopy of the houses. The pavements are in a poor state. KH will ask S Scott to have a look at this problem.
3. Cllr Caird reported that in England COSLA were taking up the cudgels regarding community empowerment. Scotland is investigating this and an empowerment task group is launching an action plan in Spring 2009.
4. CF had asked (via TG) if the CC would approve paying for two train tickets to Edinburgh for the ASCC meeting in November. There was no objection to this.

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 4 November 2008 at 7.00pm in The Hive  
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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