

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 4 November 2008, The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Joyce Edmonston, Cllr Tim Brett, Sqd Ldr Keith Wardlaw, Jim Michie (Community Police), Mark Sharp (Treasurer)

Item	Action point
<p>1. Chair's opening remarks: Suzanne Callan has resigned from the Community Council.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Jim Finnie, Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), Cllr Ron Caird, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Wilma Coyne</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Minutes of 7 October 2008 Taken as read as not enough people in attendance at the last meeting to approve.</p>	
<p>4. RAF issues: a) KW issued the RAF newsletter and went through it with CC members (see attached). b) CF has had a letter from a resident in Henderson Terrace whose house is single glazed to see if there is any assistance or grants for double glazing available from the RAF/MOD. KW confirmed that there was a NIGs grant on offer at one time but there is no money now. KW suggested waiting until the Typhoon is phased in and see what effect that has on the noise footprint – maybe something could be done then. The first squadron arrives in March 2010. TG to write to resident.</p>	TG
<p>5. Police issues: The police are receiving fewer calls now that evenings are darker. Nothing of note to report.</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising from previous minutes: <u>b) Doocot field development:</u> Doocot field development: this is coming to committee next week. Cllr Brett will ring CF regarding this. <u>c) Gypsy/traveller site:</u> Gypsy/travellers: Cllrs Caird & Brett are watching developments closely and are keen that all is being done to ensure the travellers are complying. <u>d) Traffic calming at school:</u> Cllr Brett confirmed the extra barrier had been ordered. <u>e) Floral displays:</u> (i) There is a cheque for winter planting of the tubs only (not the baskets). MS to speak to the local businesses regarding them storing their hanging baskets over the winter. (ii) Jim Anderson has permission from St Andrews University to site a polytunnel on university ground for use by the CC. It was agreed that the CC should have something in writing regarding the costs and ownership of the polytunnel. TG to contact Yvonne & Jim Anderson. CF also suggested that the primary school children might like to grow plants from seeds donated by the CC in the school greenhouse. CF to ask at the next school Parent Council meeting. <u>f) 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. Ongoing. <u>g) Gala subcommittee:</u> Subcommittee needs to be revised. <u>h). General improvements:</u> (i) Samples expected from the stonemasons. Ongoing. (ii) Feature wall: CF still waiting to hear from St Andrew's CC regarding cost of their wall. Ongoing (iii) Network Rail repair of fencing on Station Rd: Some work has been done but does</p>	TG CF

<p>not appear to be complete and remains unsightly. Cllr Brett will contact Network Rail.</p> <p>i) <u>Alcohol free zone signs</u>: It was decided to put these at all entrances to the village, ie Pitlethie Road, Main Street and Station Road.</p> <p>j) <u>Unlicensed cars parked in Pitcairn Park</u>: No further update on the possibility of adopting the road.</p> <p>k) <u>LCD traffic warning signs</u>: Cllr Brett confirmed these would be sited permanently next year.</p> <p>l) <u>Traffic vibrations Main St</u>: Cllr Brett to speak to Cllr Taylor to see if there is equipment to measure the level of house vibration.</p> <p>m) <u>Trust reorganisation</u>: the council lawyers are looking at this in more detail and further consultation with the CC will be needed</p>	TB
<p>7. Fife Council issues</p> <p>b) Transportation work plan: work will be carried out on Warwick footway and street lighting on Pitlethie Road (lamp column to be replaced). Cllr Brett asked to be informed if there is anything else the CC thinks should be done.</p> <p>c) The pharmacy licence application meeting is scheduled for 4.12.08</p> <p>d) Meadow Road: street nameplate will be replaced in January.</p> <p><u>Action pt 53</u>: Vacant/unsightly areas: The unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Rd has yet to be improved. TG to contact Kate Hughes regarding this.</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. Ongoing.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48</u>: Parking at cemetery: No further update.</p> <p><u>Action pt 44</u>: School bench has been ordered. KH to confirm 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. Ongoing.</p>	TG
<p>9. Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Slow down sign will be permanently sited next year (e-mail from Tim Brett 24.10.08) 2. Meadow Rd sign order in Nov, siting in Jan 2008 (e-mail from Tim Brett 23.10.08) 3. Letter of thanks from (Drs Johnston & Salamonski 23.10.08) E-mailed to all. 4. Community right to buy and setting up a Community Trust seminar on 11.11.08 (e-mail from VONEF 14.10.08) E-mailed to all CC members. 5. Fife Development Plan update (e-mail Development Services 20.10.08) e-mailed to all. 6. Proposed Re-establishment of CC support work group (Democratic Services e-mail 30.9.08) 7. Citizen Advocacy Development Project - formalization of new voluntary organisation 'includeME' (29.9.08). 8. Volunteer of the Year Awards 2008 (Cllr Brett 27.10.08) 	

<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JE will be laying the CC wreath on Remembrance Sunday. 2. Recruitment of CC members. There was some discussion regarding the dwindling membership and how this could be addressed. TG is still to do a leaflet drop and it was suggested an advert could be put in The Hive Flyer. 3. CF confirmed that the mast Network Rail want to site by the bridge leading to the Golf Club is not a tetra mast. 4. TG had attended a Data Protection workshop at Fife House and confirmed that the CC has to be registered under the Data Protection Act as, although a CC is classed as a statutory organisation. TG to register the CC with the Information Commissioners Office. MS provided £35 cheque for registration 5. As secretary, TG received a cheque for £100 from CC funds, this being £50 secretarial expenses for the period Nov 2007-Nov 2008 and £50 for the period Nov 2008-Nov 2009. 	<p>TG</p>
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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 2 December 2008 at 7.00pm in The Hive
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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ROYAL AIR FORCE LEUCHARS COMMUNITY LETTER

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER at Leuchars will see our flying squadrons commit to a number of exercises and detachments on top of routine training, with all supporting wings heavily involved.

Both 43 (Fighter) Squadron and 111 (Fighter) Squadron are involved with Tactical Leadership Training exercises at RAF Kinloss and at home. 43 Squadron will host a 2-week exercise for elements of the Polish Air Force, they are also making preparations to parade through Stirling in the New Year as part of the RAFs 90th anniversary celebrations, the squadron, whose standard was raised in Stirling Castle over 90 years ago holds the Freedom of the City of Stirling. Elements of 111 Squadron will travel to Malta to attend their Remembrance Day Parade and provide a flypast; the squadron was involved in defending Malta during WW11.

Operations Wing, as well as providing facilities for the Polish detachment, will also look after a 2-week helicopter detachment, a one-week Hercules C130, and a further one-week helicopter detachment in the run up to Christmas.

The station will hold a 2 minutes silence and remembrance service on the 11 of November, to which all station personnel and civilian workers will be invited. We will also send representatives to Remembrance Parades throughout the central belt. An honours and awards ceremony will also take place, presenting medals and commendations to station personnel and civilian staff, the Presenting Officer will be Air Officer Scotland and Station Commander RAF Leuchars, Air Commodore Clive Bairsto. The station has arranged to hold an Electoral Registration Day in November for service personnel. The Chaplain in Chief of the RAF, the Reverend Air Vice Marshal Mills will also pay a visit to the station over this period and the Station Charities Action Group (SCAG) will hold its annual Christmas Party for 250 disadvantaged children and their carers.

The Youth Activity Project (YAPA) will now not be built until the New Year, it is proposed to be finished by February 09 – funds for the project have been secured from the RAF Benevolent Fund, Fife Council and RAF Defence Housing. The CDO is looking to host a Sports Day Event (just before the summer holidays) for primary aged children from the North East Fife area. The CDO will be meeting with all key players next year to look at this initiative in more detail.

Christmas leave this year is from the 19 December 08 until 5 January 09, however, the station will as always be manned over this period and Quick Reaction Alert will continue to stand by for any breaches of the United Kingdom Air Space.

We hope all your readers have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.