

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 3 February 2009 The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Ron Caird, Cllr Tim Brett, Sqd Ldr Keith Wardlaw, Jim Michie (Community Police), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Susan Budd (Community Development Worker), Ian Ovenston and Grant Clark (members of the public).

Item	Action point
<p>1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone and introduced Ian Ovenston and Grant Clark, members of the public interested in converting the public toilets due for demolition into changing rooms for the football club.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Jim Finnie.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Minutes of 2 December 2008 Section 6 (b) Travellers' issue: Should read '...have appealed against returning the extra land <u>to its original condition</u>'. MS proposed minutes as accurate; TG seconded.</p>	
<p>4. RAF issues: a) YAPA/MUGA: SB reported that the YAPA should be started within the next three weeks. Total funding for this project has been £160,000 (Defence Estates) and £10,000 (Fife Council). SB will be looking for extra funds to further develop the skate park. The CC congratulated SB and acknowledged the hard work she had put in to securing this project for the community. b) Integrated Welfare Facility: SB presented plans for this building which will be sited opposite the MUGA. Work should start in March this year and be finished in December. c) Youth Club: Leuchars Youth Association will be closing for a month because of lack of support/direction. This will be subject to a separate meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Police issues: a) Another quiet month. Only a few minor calls received regarding anti social behaviour. b) Reports of garden furniture being stolen. c) Three bicycles had been stolen which were all recovered in Dairsie.</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising from previous minutes: a) <u>Dooocot field development</u>: Ladybank had received £35,000 from the developers but it is still not clear how Ladybank had secured this money and what it was for. b) <u>Gypsy/traveller site</u>: There are two conditions still outstanding. Landscaping is complete – the enforcement officer will be checking this. This leaves ground contamination tests to be done and the finish of the buildings to be addressed. CF also reported that on a recent visit to the travellers' site, although expected, Chris Smith had not communicated that he was unable to attend. CF asked the councillors that they report back to the Council on this to avoid it happening again. c) <u>Traffic calming at school</u>: This should have been completed early December. TB to check if done. d) <u>Floral displays</u>: (i) CF and MS had met with Amberol regarding fixing hanging baskets to the lamp posts. CF reported that the RAF have offered to make the</p>	TB

<p>brackets for the village but will need a template to work from. MS reported that Fife Council will be putting a big order in and hoped that the CC could piggy bank on this. He had also been in touch with, and was waiting to hear back, from Strathkinness and Balmullo CCs regarding their arrangements. The application for the floral enhancement grant had been made. The CC should receive £500. (ii) There had been no further news of the polytunnel. TG to contact J & Y Anderson to see if there was any progress. MS will speak to K Mains at primary school to see whether the school would like to set up seed trays.</p> <p><u>e) Public Toilets:</u> (i) Mr Ovenston and Mr Grant both spoke of the need for somewhere the football club could use for changing facilities. The CC agreed that converting the public toilets for this use would be ideal. It may also help to foster the development of a new football team. It has already been arranged that Jim Hooton (Fife Council) will be contacting Messrs Ovenston and Grant regarding this. (ii) TB is still pursuing the 'comfort stop' scheme, whereby local businesses open up their toilet facilities to members of the public.</p> <p><u>f) Gala subcommittee:</u> it is hoped to combine this event with that of the primary school. CF to speak with the headteacher at the next school meeting.</p> <p><u>g) General improvements:</u> (i) JF has costs for the stone feature (approx £250) but a design is needed. TB to contact Sara Wilson (Fife Council) to see we could have by way of a sign, eg 'Welcome to Leuchars'. The CC may be able to get funding from the locality fund. (ii) Network Rail repair of fencing and clearing of land on Station Rd: It has been confirmed Fife Council own this land, not Network Rail. CF has spoken to Ian Barbour (Fife Council) to see if this can be landscaped. Money may be available from the locality fund.</p> <p><u>h) Alcohol free zone signs:</u> CF has contacted the relevant person regarding the siting of the additional signs.</p> <p><u>i) Adoption of Pitcairn Park:</u> a meeting has been arranged to discuss this.</p> <p><u>j) Traffic vibrations Main St:</u> Copy of letter to Mr Davidson from G Miezitis (Roads Services Team) received, but stating that the unevenness of the road is not contributing to the vibrations felt in the house and general statement that improvements to traffic management is being sought. The CC felt this was not a satisfactory resolution to this matter and will address this again with the developers of the Doocot Field when they visit the CC.</p> <p><u>k) Local and Structure Plans:</u> CF has written a letter of objection following the latest round of information. CC members felt understanding the Plans is becoming more and more difficult. It was agreed the CC would also write a letter of objection.</p> <p><u>l) Website:</u> It was agreed that the website should be maintained. Approximate cost is £500.</p> <p><u>m) Disposal of Christmas trees:</u> CF reported on the poor communication regarding the deadline (which had not been advertised) for requesting uplift of used Xmas trees, and requested the Councillors pass her comments to the relevant department.</p>	<p>TG/MS</p> <p>CF</p> <p>TB</p>
<p>7. Fife Council issues</p> <p>a) Dog fouling School Hill area: a member of the public had reported regular dog fouling in the School Hill area. The Dog Warden has been informed and is monitoring the situation. Warning signs have been erected.</p> <p>b) Temporary road closures are in place (Meteor Row to A919 bypass junction) until 13.2.09.</p> <p>c) Fife Council will be changing the road sweeping arrangements.</p> <p>d) The new hospital is due to open in July 2009.</p> <p><u>Action pt 55:</u> Parking on pavement in Guardbridge: The person accused of parking</p>	

<p>on the pavement maintains that there is enough room for wheelchair users to get by. <u>Action pt 54:</u> Replacement street nameplates: it is expected these will take several months. <u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas: The unfinished site at the entrance to Meadow Rd has yet to be improved. KH to take this forward. Ongoing. <u>Action pt 48:</u> Parking at cemetery: TB confirmed that Fife Council own the adjoining field but not the road leading over the bridge to the Golf Club. TB suggested that there should be designated car park spaces with the field as a possible option. The CC agreed to this. CF, TG and KH meet again with the Golf Club. <u>Action pts 43:</u> School Hill bench: JE reported that the lady who lives in the house where the bench is to be sited has asked the Church if she can use the land (owned by the Church). If permission is granted then the bench will not be sited there. <u>Action pt 44:</u> Additional lamp standard at car park on School Hill. No further update.</p>	CF/TG/KH
<p>8. Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2009 St Andrews & E Fife Finalised Draft Local Plan (Development Services 2.12.08): Meetings in Cupar. E-mailed to all 10.12.08. 2. St Andrews & E Fife Local Plan – SEA first stage environmental report (Development Services 11.12.08). Consultation period extended to 6.2.09 3. Planning application for the MUGA (Development Services 3.12.08) 4. Climate Change and the National Forest Estate (Scottish Govt 11.12.08) 5. Management Rules for Public Parks and Open Spaces (Performance & Organisational Support 12.12.08). E-mailed to CF 6. New Cultural Strategy (Karen Taylor Fife Council 22.1.09) 7. Namplates update (e-mail from Cllr Brett 12.12.08) 8. National Planning Framework (E-mail from Clare Symonds 30.12.08). 9. North East Fife Area Directory (e-mail from Cllr Brett 19.12.08) 10. Summary of responses to CCWG consultation (e-mail from Cllr Brett 19.12.08) 11. Temporary Road Closures 26.1.09-13.2.09 (e-mail from Cllr Brett 7.1.09) e-mailed to all 12. Joint Management of Small School consultation paper (Education Services 29.1.09). 13. Training workshops (Rural Community & Trusts Support Programme 1.2.09) e-mailed to all. 14. Copy of letter sent to Mr Davidson re vibrations in Main Street (Roads Services 28.1.09) 15. Beautiful Fife Campaign 2009 (Community Services 26.1.09). <p>North East Fife Area committee 10.12.08, 21.01.09, 29.01.09 Planning Committee 27.01.09 Weekly planning applications: nothing of note except planning application for MUGA</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grit bins in St Bunyans Place: should be sited next year. 2. Council tax: will be due the first of the month rather than mid month (unless paying by direct debit). 	

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 3 March 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive
Members of the public are welcome to attend**

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