

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Ron Caird, Cllr Tim Brett, Joyce Edmonston, Jim Finnie, Flight Sgt Simon Mitchell, Kayleigh Lewis (Community Policewoman), Lucy Jess (teacher Leuchars PS teacher) Bob Moyes (Land Director, Ogilvie Homes), Robert Richmond (Land Agent for John Foster), one member of the public

Item	Action point
<p>1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone including Bob Moyes and Robert Richmond who visited to update the CC on the Doocot Field development. JF began by asking for clarification of what is in the Section 75 for the satellite site, and asked if the main road could be re-routed from the proposed roundabout around the back of the gardens of those houses in Main Street (Doocot Field side) to exit by the Commercial Arms. Bob Moyes explained that John Foster (landowner) is in the process of clarifying what is in Section 75 which is a legal agreement by the developer to (i) Contribute to education [this has been waived by Fife Council], (ii) Build a percentage of affordable housing (iii) Improve traffic arrangements [proposed roundabout]. The Section 75 is currently being registered. There are 41 conditions. Outline planning permission is expected in 1-2 weeks, with 18 months allowed to submit reserve matters. There was a lengthy discussion about whether a road re-routed around the back of Main Street could be achieved and the impact it would have. Transportation had led the CC to believe it still had time to make such suggestions, however BM felt that things were a long way along with the development of a roundabout. There is to be a traffic assessment with regards to the development, including the roundabout, however the CC remains sceptical about what impact the roundabout will have. TG asked that, if the roundabout goes ahead, then could a feature be made of it, eg floral enhancement. BM confirmed that the roundabout specification would be dictated by the Council. Regarding the satellite site, BM confirmed that Ogilvie Homes had applied to reassign this from Class 4 business use (offices) to additional affordable housing, but this has not been approved by the Council. JF suggested this should be used for siting shops as that would relieve congestion in the village centre. Cllr Caird pointed out that a decision about the Guardbridge Mill site was beginning to impact on decisions to be made about the satellite site and the South Field site. The noise survey carried out by the RAF is to be looked at, but BM anticipated this would mean that any new houses would have to be triple glazed and have acoustic vents. FS Mitchell to give information on the Typhoon noise assessment to BM.</p>	SM
<p>2. Apologies: Cllr M Taylor, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager)</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Minutes of 06.10.09 Rank of Patrick O'Donnell (OC Base) is Wing Commander George Brechin is Chief Executive NHS Fife, not Chairman NHS Fife Catriona Main is the primary school's eco issues representative Otherwise minutes proposed as accurate by JF; seconded by MS</p>	

<p>4. RAF issues:</p> <p>a) <u>The Air Show</u> Lack of use of the Park & Ride facilities was being investigated and will be better promoted next year.</p> <p>b) <u>Noticeboard:</u> there is a new notice board outside The Hive.</p> <p>c) <u>Flying:</u> nothing to report. Complaints about noise remain below target.</p> <p>d) <u>Rugby club:</u> There has been another complaint regarding disturbance of residents by people walking from the Rugby Club to the pubs. This last complaint included the resident being subjected to a mouthful of abuse. SM will speak to OC base again to see what can be done.</p> <p>e) <u>Brackets for lamp posts:</u> SM asked if another letter could be written requesting the RAF's help with manufacturing the brackets for the floral displays on the lamp posts.</p> <p>f) <u>Gala subcommittee:</u> No update available.</p> <p>g) <u>Community Centre/The Hive:</u> SM confirmed The Hive will remain once the new community centre has been built.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>CF</p>
<p>5. Police issues:</p> <p>a) There have been two bicycle thefts.</p> <p>b) There have been no more incidents in Rosebank Park of dog waste being thrown at doors as the dog bins are being emptied regularly now.</p>	
<p>6. School update:</p> <p>a) School exhibition: LJ informed the group that there is to be an exhibition on the history of the village at the school on 11.11.09 at 2.30-4.00pm.</p> <p>b) Polytunnel: needs to be erected. MS to speak to Catriona Main. The RAF will be helping with laying the foundations. LJ confirmed the school is still collecting plastic pop bottles.</p> <p>7. Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>a) <u>Doocot field development:</u> See under Chair's opening remarks.</p> <p>b) <u>Floral displays:</u> Beautiful Scotland Neighbourhood Awards. MS confirmed the CC had received a Certificate of Merit.</p> <p>c) <u>General improvements:</u> KH has confirmed that funds are available from the Locality Fund but not the full amount. The CC is expected to raise some of the funding, even if this is acquiring funding from other budgets. CF and Sheena Kenny to speak further about the Community Spirit Fund (only available in 2010).</p> <p>d) <u>Local and Structure Plans:</u> Drop in events are being arranged. Likely to be 12.11.09 in St Andrews (tbc).</p> <p>e) <u>Road signs:</u> delay in cleaning has been due to staff sickness.</p> <p>f) <u>Exit from Meadow Road:</u> hatched markings and realignment of the middle line of road will be dealt with along with the 20mph scheme.</p> <p>g) <u>Pharmacy application:</u> CF, JE & MS attended a Balmullo CC meeting in their capacity as members of SODS (Save Our Dispensing Surgeries). Balmullo CC would not commit to SODS proposals and the general attitude toward the pharmacy issue was disappointing. SODS is now a countrywide organisation. Following discussion about the Fraser Macpherson & Partners survey, it was agreed that Leuchars CC would run its own survey before 1.12.09</p> <p>h) <u>CC Action Plan:</u> Kate Hughes will guide the CC on this in due course.</p> <p>i) <u>Poor road repair in Norman View:</u> The poor repairs have been acknowledged by the Council and are being reviewed again.</p> <p>j) <u>Overgrown vegetation/crumbling walls</u> Leuchars to St Michaels: Cllr Brett confirmed that Transportation will not deal with this as it is not a retaining wall. Cllr Caird added that David Francis (Road Services) has confirmed the wall does not seem to be a danger.</p> <p>k) <u>Comfort stop scheme:</u> Hendies still to respond.</p> <p>l) <u>New school:</u> proposed sites are Kilrymont, Langlands, Langlands (B). The school will share sports facilities with the university. Kilrymont would be sold 3 years before de-listing.</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>All</p>

<p>m) <u>Buses outside Madras (Kilrymont)</u>: Cllr Caird has reported the problem of buses double parking at the Kilrymont site and lack of supervision to Ian Jones (Rector). Mr Jones has confirmed there are always 3 teachers on duty when the children board. He thinks the situation could be vastly improved if the buses are in position at 15.20 each day. Their piecemeal arrival contributes to the hazard.</p> <p>n) <u>Main Street vibrations</u>: Cllr Brett confirmed he had had confirmation that it is not the road surface contributing to the vibrations, although there is 'slight ponding'.</p> <p>o) <u>Garage lock up</u>: this is now available to the CC. Form still to come from KH. Cllr Caird to speak with KH.</p>	RC
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Update from Cllr Brett</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 'Balancing the Books' booklet: this allows everyone to have an input to Fife Council's budget for 2010. Meeting in Cupar 16.11.09 3.00-7.00pm. b) 'Celebrating Fife 2010': £1m available for local events. c) Steps at entrance to the Coach House. The Church Minister has complained about the poor state of these which has been caused by water damage. Although not adopted, Dave Smeaton is investigating. d) 30mph flashing signs: Cllr Brett will follow up getting these in place. e) Digital Switchover: this is scheduled for Aug 2010. f) Energy Packages: Cllr Brett will send these to the CF <p><u>Action pt 53</u>: Vacant/unsightly areas Meadow Road entrance: KH taking forward.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48</u>: KH is investigating costs for patching of the road approaching the Club. The expectation is the Golf Club will make a proportional payment. No further updated.</p> <p><u>Action pts 43</u>: School Hill bench: Cllr Brett to arrange for the Council to come out and approve the suggested new site which is the grassed area at the top of the steps on the left. Confirmation is needed that the plaque is ready.</p> <p><u>Action pt 44</u>: Additional lamp standard: It is not known whether planning permission was granted. Cllr Caird to check the outcome of this.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>TB</p> <p>KH</p> <p>KH</p> <p>TB</p> <p>RC</p>
<p>8. Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lights out outside station, e-mail from TB 16.10.09 2. Fife Elderly Forum newsletter, 14.10.09 3. Fife Development Plan update e-mail 13.10.09. E-mailed to all. 4. Balancing the books – consultation on Fife Council budget 2010-11. Emailed to all 1.11.09. 5. Community Spirit Fund, Details of, e-mail from KH 6.10.09 6. Fife Housing Land Audit 2009. e-mail 9.10.09 7. Fife Sports & Leisure Trust – long term business strategy, stakeholder consultation 29.10.09 8. Data Protection Scotland seminar 25.11.09 Our Dynamic Earth, e-mail 15.10.09 9. Chris Smith e-mail 9.10.09 confirming 50% planning fee for wall/archway/clock. Suggested sending sketch in order to provide more accurate information. 10. Tay Estuary Forum Autumn Newsletter 15.10.09 11. ASCC: letter to non-member councils together with autumn newsletter. Non-members will no longer receive ASCC communications. 12. Nature of Scotland Autumn 2009. Scottish Natural Heritage. 13. Lightways Contractors: suppliers of Christmas festive lighting 14. STUC: Rebuilding Collective Prosperity Campaign. 12.10.09 15. SUSCOD (Sustained Coastal Development in Practice) invitation to official launch at The Scores Hotel, St Andrews, 18.11.09 at 5.30pm 	

<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leuchars Community Drama Group: MS asked about the possibility of funding from the Council and/or the Locality Fund. As the LCDG will be improving Leuchars PS premises, it is hoped that £5500 could be donated from the Locality Fund towards the LCDG's target of £40,000 (they already have £30,000), with a possible further donation from Fife Council of £5500. Cllr Caird will speak to KH regarding this as the school will be benefiting from what LCDG want to do. MS/CF will also speak to Sheena Kenny regarding possible donations from the Community Spirit Fund. 2. Warwick Place: pavement and lights to be repaired starting 11.9.09 for 9 weeks. 3. JE reported that the occupants of 19 St Bunyans Place have a deep depression in the pavement outside their house which is causing problems. Cllr Brett will follow up on this. 4. JF informed everyone there is a Hogmanay Party to be held in Henderson Hall. Proceeds will go to Maggie's Centre Dundee. Tickets £10 each. Advertising flyer to go on the website. 5. JE asked if the CC would help with funding for planting two half barrels to line the church path. It was agreed that the CC will reimburse the costs of the compost and bulbs. 	<p>RC/KH MS/CF TB TG</p>
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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 December 2009 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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