

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held 7.00pm, 2 February 2010, The Hive, Leuchars

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Jim Finnie, Joyce Edmonston, Wing Commander Patrick O'Donnell (OC Base), Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Cllr Tim Brett, Cllr Ron Caird

Item	Action point
<p>1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for all their efforts to do with the pharmacy application over the Christmas holiday period. She then introduced Paul Docherty from Waste Aware Fife who spoke about the results of the recent pilot of food waste in brown bins and also the results from other areas of Fife, including Markinch which had been the most successful. The pilot scheme in Leuchars will change to the Markinch system for the next six months: Green bins will be issued for cans and plastics (emptied every 4 weeks); grey bins will switch to holding paper/cardboard (emptied every 4 weeks); blue bins will switch to hold landfill (emptied every 2 weeks; and brown bins will continue as is (emptied every 2 weeks). The switchover will be on 23.03.10. Information will be delivered to all households on 22.02.10 with public meetings in Strathkinness on 03.03.10 and in Leuchars on 10.03.10 at 7.00pm in the Henderson Hall. Mr Docherty could not confirm that the biodegradable bags for food waste would be issued free of charge after the end of the pilot, but he hoped that this would be the case. Waste collection from businesses in the village will remain as they are now.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Susan Budd (Community Development Officer), Cllr Maggie Taylor</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Minutes of 01.12.09 AOB point 4: Arthur Hailey should read Arthur Hadley, otherwise minutes were proposed as accurate by CF; seconded by TG</p>	
<p>4. RAF issues: a) <u>Regiment Squadron:</u> Wg Cdr O'Donnell confirmed that a Regiment Squadron will be coming to Leuchars – date to be confirmed. Six Squadron will arrive in the autumn. b) <u>RAF houses Hampden Close:</u> a number of these are just being kept empty for now. There may be demand for them when the regiment squadron arrives. c) <u>Runway repairs:</u> scheduled for 15.03.10, therefore flying will be out of RAF Lossiemouth for 6-8 weeks. d) <u>Rugby Club:</u> No further complaints regarding this – PC Gavin Ray, the new community police officer will be made aware of the problem. e) <u>New Community Centre:</u> building work is progressing well. f) <u>National families week:</u> This will be running from 31.05.10-06.06.10. Flt Sgt Mitchell asked for any ideas for this to be sent to him. g) <u>Skate Park:</u> There will be football and skating 'roadshows' going around the area during the Easter school holidays. Unfortunately, owing to work on the community centre, the skate park cannot be used this year. Questionnaires will be issued to the children to see what else they want. h) <u>Sports day for local schools:</u> this will go ahead again this year. i) <u>Leuchars & Guardbridge primary schools:</u> a visit to the camp is to be arranged.</p>	

<p>5. Police issues:</p> <p>Community policing in the area is undergoing changes. Rather than a community officer attending community council meetings, a separate meeting will be held by the new community police officer once a month, whereby anyone can 'drop in' to report any concerns. There will be a 3 community officers (Leuchars, Guardbridge & Balmullo). Cllr Brett will e-mail details of the new arrangements to TG</p>	TB
<p>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>a) <u>Dooocot field development</u>: No further update.</p> <p>b) <u>General improvements</u>: No further update</p> <p>c) <u>Local and Structure Plans</u>: Deadline for comments is 24.12.09. The CC do not have any comments to make.</p> <p>d) <u>Road signs</u>: Still be done.</p> <p>e) <u>Exit from Meadow Road</u>: No further update. Changes to the exit to be made when 20mph improvements are made</p> <p>f) <u>Pharmacy application</u>: In an article in Citizen it has been stated by Mr Semple that local residents were being intimidated into boycotting the Post Office. This is completely untrue as far as CC members are concerned. CF has responded to this report by writing to the newspaper. The outcome of the latest application for a pharmacy to be sited in the Balmullo surgery is expected when the PPC meets on 16.02.10.</p> <p>g) <u>CC Action Plan</u>: Kate Hughes will likely attend next month to guide the CC on this as she will shortly be taking up a new post.</p> <p>h) <u>Comfort stop scheme</u>: Hendies still to respond. No further update.</p> <p>i) <u>Buses outside Madras (Kilrymont)</u>: the member of the public who reported this problem has reported that matters have improved as the buses are now arriving earlier before the pupils come out. The teachers come out after the pupils but that is to be expected. The problem will only really be solved if the buses don't double park.</p> <p>l) <u>Leuchars Community Drama Group</u>: Cllr Caird reported that funding may not be possible. KL dealing with MS directly regarding this.</p> <p>m) <u>St Bunyan's Place depression in pavement</u>: This is being looked into.</p> <p>n) <u>Overgrown trees 30 Main Street</u>: these will be removed and bushes planted. I Barbour is just waiting for a line for approval.</p> <p>o) <u>Noise complaints about Commercial Arms</u>: The resident who has complained about the noise will keep a diary. JF queried why the licence standard officers had not been involved. He felt matters could have been settled amicably rather than having this 'official' take on things.</p> <p>p) <u>Pitlethie Road lamp posts</u>: These are undergoing replacement, so the problem reported with overgrown foliage blocking the light and rusty lamp posts should be taken care of.</p>	
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p><u>Action pt 53</u>: Vacant/unsightly areas Meadow Road entrance: work has started on improving this.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48</u>: Road leading to Golf Club. Patching of the road of the bridge is being done. The Golf Club will be contributing towards this.</p> <p><u>Action pt 43</u>: Additional lamp standard. This will have to go to Committee as it will cost over £5000.</p> <p><u>Action pts 44</u>: School Hill bench: JE will meet with Ian Barbour to show him the suggested new site of the bench.</p>	JE

<p>8. Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Development Newsletter. TAYplan 14.12.09. 2. Fife Structure Plan 2006-26. Development Services 11.12.09 3. Community Engagement Model. Fife Constabulary 6.1.10 4. Fife Environment Trust Newsletter Issue 10 5. Fit n Fun in Fife Issue 11. Fife Sports & Leisure Trust 6. Nature of Scotland. Winter 2009 Scottish Natural Heritage. 7. Updated Financial Guidelines for Community Councils. 8. Tay Views Winter 2010 edition. Tay Estuary Forum e-mail 29.1.10. 9. Fife Elderly Forum Newsletter Jan 2010. E-mail 21.1.10 10. Litter Picking Programme. E-mail Cllr Brett 20.1.10 11. Review of Community Council Scheme. Consultation on draft scheme 8.1.10-5.3.1. e-mail 13.1.10 12. Winter policy statement (gritting and snow clearance). E-mail Cllr Brett 12.1.10 13. Expression of interest in RAF housing. E-mail 3.12.09 14. Trust Reorganisation. Standards & Governance e-mail 19.1.10 15. Madras College update Dec 2009. E-mail T Brett 22.12.09 16. Community Council Working Group minutes 10.12.09. <p>Weekly planning applications: nothing of note Planning committee agenda 26.01.10 NE Fife area committee agenda 20.01.10</p>	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr Caird reported he had written in support of the Balmullo pharmacy application. 2. Cllr Caird had attended a Fuel Poverty seminar. He reported that Fife Council and Scottish Renewable Energy were contributing a substantial amount towards the cost of residents purchasing solar panels (approx 2/3 of the cost), and that air-source heat pumps can attract a maximum grant of £6000. Contact Les Brown, Fuel Poverty Officer, Fife Council on 444537. 3. Cllr Caird gave an update on the new school: There will be no need to acquire Greenfield land for the school as the school will be sited at the Langlands B site. The whole of the footprint will be on University land. The new school will share expanded sports facilities with the University. There will be access directly from the A91 to the school which will avoid buses having to go into the town centre. This will go before the Education committee in April 2010 and if approved the new school will be build in 2013. The University will take over the South Street site. 	

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 2 March 2010 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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