

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Carroll Finnie (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Mark Sharp (Treasurer), Cllr Ron Caird, Cllr Tim Brett, Wg Cdr Patrick O'Donnell (OC Base), Flt Sgt Simon Mitchell, Kate Hughes (Locality Manager), Sheena Kenny (Policy Officer, Grants & Funding), Barbara Solway (LEADER in Fife Co-ordinator), Irene McNair (Balmullo Community Council), one member of the public

Item	Action point
<p>1. Chair's opening remarks: CF welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Jim Finnie, Joyce Edmonston, Susan Budd (Community Development Officer), Cllr Maggie Taylor.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of Minutes of 02.02.10 Under Chair's opening remarks 'Paul Doherty', not 'Paul Docherty', otherwise CF proposed as accurate; seconded by TG.</p>	
<p>4. RAF issues:</p> <p>a) <u>Regiment squadron:</u> arriving next month</p> <p>b) <u>Runway repairs:</u> on schedule for 15.03.10, therefore flying will be out of RAF Lossiemouth for 6-8 weeks.</p> <p>c) <u>New Community Centre:</u> building work is progressing well. PO'D was asked if the Youth Club would staying where it is and whether there would be a consultation if it is to be moved? PO'D thought it was too early to say. SM confirmed the Youth Club has developed its own identity with where it is currently located.</p> <p>d) <u>National families week:</u> Running from 31.05.10-06.06.10. Suggestions for events have been: an 80s/90s disco; film night; music workshop; treasure hunt on the beach; carvery in the Delta.</p> <p>e) <u>Skate Park:</u> There will be football and skating 'roadshows' at Bell Baxter and Madras. SM is hoping to provide transport for local youngsters to go to these.</p> <p>f) <u>Sports day for local schools:</u> scheduled for 26.05.10 and 29.09.10.</p> <p>g) <u>Leuchars & Guardbridge primary schools:</u> a visit to the camp to be arranged soon.</p> <p>h) <u>Airshow 2010:</u> scheduled for 11.09.10. In order to avoid the severe congestion problems experienced at the 2009 Airshow, there will be three, free Park & Ride areas. Security checks, tickets and toilets will all be situated at the Park & Ride areas. Parking on base will be limited to 1000 - parking tickets will need to be bought in advance. Separate buses for local residents have also been proposed.</p>	
<p>5. Police issues:</p> <p>a) Nine windows at the school have been smashed by vandals. Police are looking at the CCTV footage.</p> <p>b) Pitcairn Park: police have been involved in neighbour disputes regarding parking. Markings are to be put down at the same time as the traffic calming measures are installed.</p> <p>c) Beaufort Crescent: foot patrols are being carried out.</p> <p>d) Reports of youngsters throwing stones and windows and cutting cables, but this has been dealt with.</p> <p>e) Traffic wardens have been patrolling because of double parking.</p>	

<p>f) Next community police meeting is 9.3.10 in The Hive. g) NE Fife Policing Plan event to be held at Cupar Police Station on 25.03.10.</p>	
<p>6. Matters arising from previous minutes:</p> <p>a) <u>Doocot field development</u>: No further update. b) <u>Local and Structure Plans</u>: No further update. c) <u>Road signs</u>: Beautiful Fife silver award sign on Station Road has been daubed with graffiti. TB said he would report this to Tom McLaughlin, Fife Council. d) <u>Exit from Meadow Road</u>: There has been a complaint from a Leuchars resident about how the recently erected fence is obstructing the view for traffic exiting Meadow Road. This has been passed to Gordon Hughes, however, the exit will be brought forward at the same time as the traffic calming measures are installed. e) <u>Pharmacy application</u>: An official letter of complaint from the CC about the conduct of the PPC has been sent to Joyce Kelly. NHS Fife should respond within 21 days. CF and MS have visited Sir Menzies Campbell at his surgery to see what other avenues are open to the CC. MS has not received the minutes of the PPC meeting from NHS Fife requested under Freedom of Information within the required timeframe. MS is in contact with the Information Commissioner regarding NHS Fife's tardiness. TB is pursuing the matter of the CC and local residents being misinformed about where letters of complaint should have been sent with George Brechin, NHS Fife. f) <u>St Bunyan's Place depression in pavement</u>: Will be dealt with in the next financial year. g) <u>Overgrown trees 30 Main Street</u>: these have been dealt with. h) <u>Noise complaints about Commercial Arms</u>: No further update. i) <u>Feature arch/clock</u>: the CC's plans for this were discussed with Sheena Kenny and Barbara Solway, total cost of which will be £7650 plus VAT. CF confirmed the CC can contribute £300 to either this or the feature wall. SK confirmed that as Fife Council already own the land any funding would be unlikely. There was further discussion about private sponsorship but no-one wants to fund anything for council-owned land. There was also discussion about the CC forming a Community Trust to take over ownership of the plot but this would be very costly. BS explained that LEADER in Fife was set up to help improve quality of life in rural areas and that there is money for local collaborative strategies such as setting up Trusts etc. The CC will investigate further with SK & BS to see if there are any other funding opportunities including the Community Spirit Fund. The discussion ended with SK saying she would investigate if Fife Council would donate the plot to the CC, although she thought this would be unlikely. TB suggested that the CC approach the RAF to see if they would be able to help and said he would contact the RAF to see which charities it currently supports. j) <u>Feature wall</u>: It was agreed that, as the CC has enough money without seeking additional funding, building of this should go ahead. It was confirmed by KH that planning permission would be needed and that it was up to the CC to apply for this and pay the fee. k) <u>CC Action Plan</u>: KH spoke further about this and encouraged the CC to invite other members of the community, eg church minister, teachers, police, RAF as well as local residents, to come along to the next meeting to see what they would like to see addressed. l) <u>Public toilets</u>: KH confirmed that the demolition contract was out to tender.</p>	
<p>7. Fife Council issues and action points</p> <p>Cllr Brett:</p> <p>a) Reported potholes have been repaired. b) Dog fouling in Tentsmuir has become an issue but no further information as yet. c) There have been reports of speeding in Hunter Crescent. d) There will be an open evening on 8.3.10 regarding the new school. A note is going out</p>	

<p>to all parents.</p> <p>Cllr Caird:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) New school: there will be input of £10m from the University to add the £40m. It is proposed there will be indoor/outdoor tennis courts/laboratories/conference facilities. Final decision will be made on 8.4.10. First move will be to build an access road from the A91 to the Langlands B site. b) Concessionary travel: this is being reviewed by the Council. <p><u>Action pt 53:</u> Vacant/unsightly areas Meadow Road entrance: a fence has been erected fronting onto the pavement, but the area is still exposed on the side as you enter Meadow Road. KH confirmed that matters were ongoing with the owner.</p> <p><u>Action pt 48:</u> Road leading to Golf Club. Patching of the road over the bridge leading up to the Club will be done when the necessary machines are available.</p> <p><u>Action pt 43:</u> Additional lamp standard. This will have to go to Committee as it will cost over £5000. KH confirmed that this may have to be prioritised as money is limited.</p> <p><u>Action pts 44:</u> School Hill bench: JE is waiting for a reply from Ian Barbour to arrange a meeting.</p>	
<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notification of consultation on various Planning Supplementary Guidances (including educational contributions from new developers where school capacity is limited) Development Services 26.2.10 2. Proposed long-term plan for managing Craigie Farm woodlands. Scoping meeting on 24.03.10 RTS Ltd (Woodland Managers & Consultants) 24.03.10 3. Response (to Mark Sharp) from NHS Fife on questions posed at the NHS Annual Review. 4. Reminder of annual fee due (22.03.10). Information Commissioner's Office. 5. Scottish Health Council Annual Report 2008-09.# 6. Letter of introduction from Chief Inspector John McDonald Fife Constabulary 3.2.10 7. Complaint from resident (via website) regarding fencing at exit from Meadow Road. 24.02.10 8. Digital UK newsletter 23.02.10 9. Community Consultation meeting 23.02.10 10. Bus service changes 15.02.10 11. Drop in events for Fife Greenspace Strategy. Parks & Countryside e-mail 05.02.10. 	
<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposed cycle path Balmullo-Leuchars: Irene McNair from Balmullo Community Council explained that a sub committee of Balmullo CC has been set up to deal with building a cycle path from Balmullo along Toll Road as far as the bridge over the railway in Leuchars. At this stage he sub committee are in communication with the local farmer about the required land. IMcN asked if Leuchars CC would support Balmullo CC in its quest. All agreed that to have a cycle path was a good idea and an official letter of support will be sent from Leuchars CC. 2. Quotes are to be obtained from the blacksmith (known to JE) for the brackets for the hanging baskets on the lamp posts. 3. CF & MS have attended a composting awareness session at the primary school. CF asked that everyone save their toilet roll and kitchen towel cardboard tubes to be used as holders as the children will be planting the seeds soon. CF will request small pots be made available via a letter to the newspaper. 	

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. TG reported that she had seen a large lorry used for transporting timber from Tentsmuir travelling at speed along Pitlethie Road when children were on their way to school. CF suggested contacting PC Gavin Rae.5. MS reported there was a pile of grit/sand located at the top of Norman View which might affect the drains. TB said he would investigate this. | |
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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 13 April 2010 at 7.00pm in The Hive

Members of the public are welcome to attend

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