

TUESDAY, 4 July 2017

## LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Community Centre, Leuchars, 2 May 2017

**Present:** Carroll Finnie (Vice Chair), Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Jim Finnie, Trish Downie, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Martin Kinsey (Station Staff Officer), Jean Nicoll, Athole Stewart

1. Chairs opening remarks:	Action Points
CF, standing in for SS, welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>Apologies:</b> Steve Simpson (Chair), Jillian Russell, Samantha Cullen, Wilma Henderson, Veronica Taylor, Lucy Jess, Community PCs (e-mail update from PC Peter Holmes in lieu)	
<b>Approval of minutes of 7 March 2017</b> Proposed as accurate by MD; seconded by TD	
<b>Army issues:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There will probably be no further news on the renting of houses in Hampden Close until mid June. Fife Council is in contact with Defence Infrastructure Organisation (managers of MOD housing stock) as it is interested in taking on some/all of the houses. AS has been in contact with Steve Riley (DIO SD Accn-Project Manager) and Willie Rennie about the level of deterioration of the houses. He received a reply from both but neither responses reported anything not already known.</li> <li>b. Although there is still a dispute about who owns the lighting stanchions on the footpath at the back of Meteor Row, CarrillionAmey has fixed the lighting as a gesture of goodwill.</li> <li>c. An exercise is expected in August (helicopter flying) with another exercise 2-20.10.17. There will be no night time flying.</li> </ol>	
<b>Police Issues:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. There have been 20 calls to the police and two recorded crimes in the Leuchars area since 1.4.17.</li> <li>b. Teenagers have been playing 'chap door run' around the married quarters.</li> <li>c. Hampden Close and the school grounds are still being used as a hang-out spot by youths. Police have been carrying out patrols of the area, speaking to some of the youths about their behaviour but no offences detected. There have also been noticeably less calls to the Spar since the police have spoken to the youths.</li> <li>d. The Unipar has been used at the site coming on from St Michaels and pop-up Bob has been used in the village.</li> <li>e. There has been a drop off in attendance at 'Coffee with Cops' in the last few weeks. This appears to be due to the closure of the children's soft play area which has been shut for about 5 weeks now due to lack of funds to have it cleaned and have the Health &amp; Safety certificated reviewed. If attendance remains low (nil today), the police may have to review their attendance at the centre. The next Coffee with Cops is 10.00-11.00, 13 June 2017.</li> </ol>	

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<p>f. MD explained that the soft play area in the community centre has been closed because of a funding issue. It currently costs £500 for a deep clean and £500 for the certificate. A decision is still to be made. CF suggested applying to Fife grants.</p> <p>g. Cllr Connor warned that there had been a break-in at The View restaurant in Tayport. Hairdressers are also being targeted.</p> <p>h. MD spoke of three teenagers destroying the bollards on the Main Street/Station Road circle early evening, Sunday 30.4.17. The bus shelters have also been vandalised. TG will report this to the police.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p><b>Primary school :</b></p> <p>a. LJ is working with staff on the school's vision, values and aims and will share this with the community council at the June meeting [June meeting subsequently cancelled].</p>	
<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p>a. New school St Andrews: A planning application notice has been issued with a consultation on this 2.00-8.00pm, 1.6.17 at Kilrymont Road campus and 2.00-8.00pm, 2.6.17 at Tayport Primary School.</p> <p>b. Railway station car park: work has started and should be completed early June. A resident of Toll Road, Guardbridge is concerned that parked cars may be displaced onto Toll Road.</p> <p>c. TD spoke of the need for double yellow lines in Aitken Place. Cllr Brett confirmed this was in his report to Transport.</p> <p>d. Hanging baskets: CF has been waiting for the outcome of SS speaking with Falkland in Bloom. However, as SS has been busy, it was agreed by the CC that CF should contact Falkland in Bloom and order the baskets.</p> <p>e. Tubs: CF has costs (approx. £50) for planting the central tubs.</p> <p>f. MD will put in the orders for the plants and will apply for the equivalent of the floral grant from the Locality Budget.</p> <p>g. Cllr Connor suggested asking the Spar what they do with the proceeds from the carrier bag charge. It may be the Spar would be willing to donate some money towards the planting.</p> <p>h. There has been no update from SS yet about whether 71 Eng can help with assembling the picnic benches.</p> <p>i. Cllr Connor to send TG the contact details of the suppliers of the Tayport noticeboards in order for her to get a quote.</p> <p>j. Teaching of the bagpipes in the Hive: Cllr Brett has been in contact with Lt Col Dom to see if the military band can help with this, but there has been no decision. MK said that the band is too busy but that the RAF Pipe Band is still going. MD will contact Pipe Major Hughes to see if he can help.</p> <p>k. Tay Bridgehead Community Forum: CF reported back on the last meeting: Fiona Mitchell (Fife Council) had advised on a constitution for the Forum; flowers and a commemorative vase had been presented to Cllr Maggie Taylor on her retirement. AS was keen that Forum press on with issues, however, the Forum is still being set up and some time will be needed before issues are</p>	<p>CF</p> <p>MD</p> <p>SS</p> <p>BC</p> <p>MD</p>

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<p>fully taken up and the Forum becomes effective.</p>	
<p><b>Fife Council issues:</b>  Cllr Brett:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. St Andrews University Mill site, Guardbridge: university staff are expected to transfer to the site in early 2019. The university intends holding a further public consultation event in May setting out in more detail its plans for the site. There was some discussion about whether the university will be locating its archive storage to the site, but this is not the case. AS spoke of the bund the university has built near the site, however, this is a Guardbridge Community Council issue.</li> <li>b. Reporting potholes: please report via the FifeDirect website (click on 'report a road fault' option).</li> <li>c. Cross Country rail services: a proposal to reduce cross country rail services services to NE Scotland and Fife will not now go ahead.</li> <li>d. Police Consultation: the public are being encouraged to comment on this. Visit Consult.Scotland.Police.uk.</li> <li>e. The new Police Divisional Commander for Fife is Chief Superintendent Colin Gall.</li> <li>f. Forgan Arts Centre: The centre is flourishing with increased opening periods, more activity, attendances and income generated.</li> <li>g. The Fife Health &amp; Social Care Partnership are holding a Locality and Cluster Planning Event on 1.30-3.00pm 8.5.17 at the Howe of Fife Rugby Club, Cupar.</li> <li>h. Changes to the Benefit Cap/Welfare Reform: Cllr Brett has a briefing on this which he will forward to anyone that is interested.</li> <li>i. Young Carers Spring newsletter is available.</li> <li>j. Fife Health &amp; Wellbeing Alliance April update is available.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Connor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k. The Sea Eagle Festival will be held in Tayport on 26.8.17.</li> <li>l. The university has requested £24m from the Tay City Deals fund.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improved parking in Scotland consultation running until 30.6.17. Email from Beth Flynn 4.4.17</li> <li>2. Lights on footpath at back of Meteor Row – now fixed. Email from M Donaldson/M Kinsey 6.4.17</li> <li>3. St Andrews Community Council Hustings 27.04.17, Supper Room Town Hall. Email from C Finnie 6.4.17</li> <li>4. Volunteering and Voluntary Sector Awards Ceremony 2017, 7.6.17, Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline. Email from Cllr Brett 7.4.17. Nominations can be made. <a href="#">nominations for our Awards Ceremony</a></li> <li>5. Fife Voluntary Action Newsletter and events 7.4.17</li> <li>6. Engagement with Scottish Government and Parliament 10.5.17, Edinburgh. Email from C Finnie 11.4.17</li> <li>7. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust Spring 2017 Newsletter. Email from R Strachan 11.4.17</li> <li>8. Response to A Stewart's query about the discrepancy in the wording used to describe the area to be developed (Doocot Field development. Email N Lopez 12.4.17</li> <li>9. Previous costs for hanging baskets. Email M Donaldson 13.4.17</li> </ul>	

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<p>10. Village of the Year 2017 TV programme. Email from S Kennedy ReelTV 11. Ringing of nestling birds at Leuchars Railway Park by the British Trust for Ornithology in June. Seeking permission from Leuchars CC following guidance to do so from R Strachan. Email from Andre Thiel via Cllr Brett 14.4.17 12. School Travel Plan – lining and signing including Wessex Ave, Nicholls Ave. Hope to have work order issued by end of April. Email G Hughes via Cllr Brett 17.4.17 13. Peter (Falkland in Bloom) regarding hanging basket requirements. SS to respond. Email C Finnie 18.4.17 14. Thank you e-mail from Cllr Maggie Taylor. Email 20.04.17 15. Proposal of Application Notice for new Madras College. E Maclean 26.04.17 16. New Declaration of Acceptance forms for CC. Email B Flynn 28.04.17 17. NE Fife Tenants and Residents Federation information. Email from C Finnie 30.04.17 18. Road reports for Leuchars. Email from Cllr Connor 8.4.17, 20.04.17 and 27.04.17</p>	
<p><b>A.O.C.B</b> a. MD: the Community Council accounts have been audited. Balance of funds at 30.04.17 was £1821.83. [Copy of the balance sheet available from the secretary.] b. JN: asked about dog fouling on (unadopted) Meadow Road. Cllr Brett confirmed that dog fouling should still be reported even though the road is unadopted. c. British Trust for Ornithology requested permission from the CC to ring nestling birds on the land just north of the railway station. There were no objections from the CC. TG will let the Trust know.</p>	TG

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 4 July 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre [The June meeting was cancelled as the quorum of CC members was not going to be reached.]**

**Members of the public are welcome to attend.**

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