

TUESDAY, 1 August 2017

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre, Leuchars, 4 July 2017

Present: Steve Simpson (Chair), Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Samantha Cullen, Jillian Russell, Trish Downie, Wilma Henderson, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Susan Budd (Community Liaison Officer), PC Ewan McIntosh, Jean Nicoll, Fiona Barnett

1. Chairs opening remarks:	Action Points
<p>SS, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Carroll and Jim Finnie have resigned from the Community Council. TG read out their letters of resignation. SB expressed her thanks for the good service, commitment and support they have both given to the community over the last 17 years. Cllr Brett endorsed SB's comments and expressed his thanks to them both. It was acknowledged that Carroll & Jim Finnie resigning is a huge loss to the Community Council.</p>	
<p>Apologies: Martin Kinsey (Station Staff Officer)</p>	
<p>Approval of minutes of 5 May 2017 [there was no meeting in June] Proposed as accurate by MD; seconded by TD</p>	
<p>Army issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There is no further news on the short-term letting of the houses in Hampden Close. There is a possibility the Army population might rise to 1800 in the future. The RAF exercise has been cancelled. The Army Open Day in June had been very successful with about 5000-6000 attending. There will no Open Day next year. 	
<p>Police Issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There have been 89 calls made to the police. Two crimes committed at Castle Farm Windows broken at the school. The person(s) have been caught. The play area is open again in the Community Centre. This may help increase attendance at the Coffee with Cops meetings. Community Speedwatch. The police will train volunteers in the village to use the speedguns. Minimum of three volunteers are needed. WH expressed concern about large vehicles coming around the corner by the Olde Hotel (Station Road, left onto Main Street) and mounting the pavement. The pavement is very narrow at that point and poses a danger to pedestrians. Cllr Connor has reported this to Gordon Hughes and will follow this up with him. JN reported that signage for events in St Andrews is blocking the view of drivers exiting Fern Place. Cllrs Brett & Connor will report this. Posters are available for the Summer Fun days – Thur 13 July and Thur 10 August at Leuchars Community Centre. 	<p>BC</p> <p>TB/BC</p>

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<p>Primary school :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The school is on holiday. b. Cpt Connor has let SS know the dates of the parent-teacher meetings. c. Lucy Jess, HT may share the school's vision values and aims at the next CC meeting. 	<p>LJ</p>
<p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. New school St Andrews: A further consultation event will be held at Kilrymont on 23.08.17 and at Tayport Primary School on 24.08.17. Both days will be a drop in event – 2.00pm -8.00pm. b. Railway station car park: work has completed and the car park was officially 'opened' on 3.7.17. Charges will be £1/day. Payment is by app (Ringo). c. Hanging baskets: Cllr Connor will water these using the bowser. Regarding the planting of the beehive planters, SS will meet separately with Cllr Connor to see what can be done. d. MD will e-mail Veronica Taylor to find out how much she (VT) is to be reimbursed for plants and paint for the tubs. e. Junction Gardens: SS had met with the Community Payback team to see if they could help with cutting back the overgrowth. The Payback team will not be able to help as they consider there is too much dog fouling which poses a health & safety risk. WH said that her husband would pay for someone to strim the area if the CC could not find a solution to the problem. WH will also put a message on the Leuchars Facebook page asking for volunteers to help out at Junction Gardens. f. With Junction Gardens overgrown, TD suggested siting the 3 picnic benches on Meadow Road playing field. Everyone agreed this was a good idea. Cllrs Connor and Brett said this would not be a problem as far as Fife Council is concerned. g. TG to order the 3 picnic benches and have them delivered to Cllr Connors house. SS to speak with 71 Eng about assembling and cementing the benches in when they arrive. h. TG to get a quote for noticeboards. i. Taybridgehead Community Council Forum: a date is awaited for the next meeting. j. Eden Mill site Guardbridge: No date set yet for further public consultation. The transfer of university staff is now likely to be later in 2019. k. Railway bridge: Willie Rennie has written to Humza Yousaf (Minister for Transport). Ownership of the bridge lies with Network Rail. 	<p>SS/BC MD WH TG/SS TG</p>
<p>Fife Council issues: Cllr Brett:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Work on St Athernase is due to start soon and last for 6 months. b. Broadband deployment. There is now 100% deployment in Leuchars and Guardbridge with good uptake. c. There is no safe place in Leuchars to site a speed van with 	

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<p>camera..</p> <p>d. Get Active this Summer: 7-11 Aug, 9.00am-12.30pm at Waterstone Crook, Newport.</p> <p>e. Forgan Arts Centre: Kid's Holiday Club from 31 July-4 Aug and 7-11 Aug. Ages 5-12 years only.</p> <p>f. Veterans First Point (VIP): a new signposting service for veterans. www.veteransfirstpoint.org.uk , tel 07770 730268..</p> <p>Cllr Connor:</p> <p>g. Planning notifications: from w/c 3.7.17 public notification will be in one newspaper only – The Courier, every Thursday.</p> <p>h. East Fife Open Doors will be on Sunday, 3 Sep 2017.</p> <p>i. Ferryport Gala – Tayport Common 12.07.17; St Andrews Harbour Gala 15.07.17; Kilt Walk 20.07.17; Sea Eagle Festival – Tayport Common, 26.08.17.</p>	
<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>1. Improve</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>a. WH: Xmas lights – Cllr Connor will advise WH if VAT is to be paid.</p> <p>b. SS: Station Bonfire Night will be held 2.11.17</p> <p>c. JN: large puddle covering pavement outside 19 St Bunyans Place. Work was done on this several years ago but failed. Fife Council has said that it is not straightforward and would need to be looked at again.</p> <p>d. There was a suggestion about a new zebra crossing. Cllrs Brett & Connor will look into this, but it is thought that it is unlikely this will be agreed.</p> <p>e. MD: the public litter bin outside the Spar is overflowing. Cllr Connor will follow up on this.</p> <p>f. MD: correction the CC accounts. Figure is £1821.96. Copy of accounts is available.</p> <p>g. MD: Banking. Online banking has been set up. The CC agreed that MD could authorise small online payments up to £100 without a second signatory. For payments over £100 and between CC meetings, then two office bearers to authorise.</p> <p>h. TD: garden fences at Aitken Place backing on to Junction Gardens are becoming rotten because of the overgrowth.</p> <p>i. SS: there was some discussion about the polytunnel at the Primary School and whether the schoolchildren could grow plants for baskets/tubs in the future. SS will discuss with Lucy Jess.</p> <p>j. Fiona Barnett was voted onto the CC as a co-opted member. Proposed by WH, seconded by SS.</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>TB/BC</p> <p>BC</p> <p>SS</p>

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1 August 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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