

TUESDAY, 5 September 2017

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre, Leuchars, 1 August 2017

Present: Steve Simpson (Chair), Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Trish Downie, Wilma Henderson, Veronica Taylor, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Martin Kinsey (Station Staff Officer), Col Dominic Coombes (Leuchars Station HoE), 7 members of the public (including 4 from St Michael’s)

	Action Points
<p>1. Chairs opening remarks: SS welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that a new trial agenda would be used for the evening to address topics the CC wants to discuss and hopefully make the meetings more effective and informative.</p>	
<p>Apologies: Trish Graham (Secretary), Fiona Barnett, Samantha Cullen, Jillian Russell, Susan Budd (Community Liaison Officer), Taybridgehead Community Police, Leuchars Primary School</p>	
<p>Approval of minutes of 4 July 2017 SB had e-mailed an amendment to the Army para b. “There was no significant update regarding the future of Leuchars. The CSO advised the meeting that there were potentially 4 options: Option 1: No change. 2 Bn REME replaced by another Unit the same size. Option 2: Pop will increase to 1200 Option 3: Pop will increase to 1600 Option 4: Pop will increase to 1800” Proposed as accurate by TD; seconded by WH</p>	
<p>Army:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MK introduced Col Dom who explained that the Scots DG Regiment are due to deploy shortly for a period of 6 months. This will decrease the activity around Leuchars Station and numbers will be reduced at key events such as Remembrance Day Parades and the Christmas Carol Concert. b. Hampden Close - MK had circulated an e-mail regarding the letting of the houses in Hampden Close. This had been a fast-ball indicating a change in direction for various reasons. Eighty-eight properties, including 7 in Warwick Close, are to be advertised on the open rental market (14x4-bed, 26x3-bed, 48x2-bed). Seventeen properties have been advertised, through an agency in Edinburgh, with 7 reservations pending the outcome of the reference process. Leuchars Primary School has been made aware. Cllr Brett asked if Fife Housing Associations could be considered but MK did not think it would be in their best interests as the properties are being let on 6-monthly terms up to a max of 3 years. Cllr Brett asked if the figures included the properties in Cupar. MK clarified that they had been considered in isolation and, of the 22 properties, 5 have been let. c. MK clarified that one RAF exercise had been cancelled but an 	

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<p>exercise is due to take place from 28 Aug – 15 Sep. There will be routine low and night flying but aircraft will be going out towards sea. The proposed complaints card had been rejected by RAF Lossiemouth. The procedure for making a complaint during the exercise is:- Under 5 miles from the airfield – Contact Air Traffic Control Over 5 miles from the airfield – Contact MOD Low Flying Complaints & Enquiries Unit. Cllr Brett asked if a press release was being issued to local media and MK confirmed this. Cllr Brett asked for him and Cllr Connor to be sent a copy for distribution to Balmullo and Guardbridge CCs respectively.</p> <p>d. Meteor Row Garages - The CC currently occupies two garages on Meteor Row. MK handed over a plan of the site and asked the CC to identify which garages they had. An encroachment application can be made. SS advised he would get this completed.</p>	<p>MK</p> <p>SS</p>
<p>Police:</p> <p>a. Cllr Brett, on behalf of the police, handed out an update on activity in and around Leuchars.</p> <p>Police Report</p> <p>b. Speeding St Michael's/Tayport (B945) - The St Michael's residents raised concerns about the speeding and number of accidents on the B945 St Michael's/Tayport Road. They have met with the police. Concerns are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Boy Racers in modified cars which make a lot of noise racing up and down the road at all hours of the night. – Traffic Inspector being advised and asked to carry out speed checks when possible. Unipar and Pop-up Bob to be deployed.2. Issue with commuters especially in the early evenings – Police will monitor this.3. Poor road signage. 30mph sign on the left side of the road is obscured by a larger directional sign in front of it and the one on the right is obscured by foliage. There are no warning signs that advise you are approaching a 30 mile limit nor is there an electronic sign to indicate a driver's speed. During discussions with the police, residents suggested an electronic sign be erected, improved signage as people come into the village and either move the 30mph limit further out of the village or create a 40mph limit from the guest house at the left hand bend prior to the straight into the village. The police recommended the Community Speedwatch and new volunteers have come forward who will be getting trained shortly. The police have also contacted Fife Council who have provided statistics for the speed strips that were in place in April 2015 and have also requested accident statistics to analysis if there has been an increase.	

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<p>At the meeting residents advised that the “You are leaving St Michael’s” sign is in the wrong place. St Michael’s village ends at Pinewoods/Agricultural cottages and they would like the sign moved. This would save a lot of confusion for those visiting Pinewoods as many guests stop at Lomericht for directions thinking they have left the village and missed Pinewoods. Residents expressed their concerns of the danger of crossing the B945 to get to bus stops/back home and asked if pedestrian crossings were feasible. They intimated that cars are taking the bend in the road too quickly and walls are being damaged. They experience problems turning right from the B945 onto the main Dundee road and often rely on the goodwill of other motorists on the main road stopping to let them out. The trees also obscure the visibility of traffic coming from the Dundee direction. Could a yellow box on the main road at the junctions be considered? Cllr Brett agreed to take their points back to the police and Fife Council and asked for their e-mail addresses to keep them informed. SS also agreed to contact the police to enforce the residents’ concerns. The St Michael’s residents thanked the CC for listening and left the meeting.</p> <p>b. Community Speedwatch Volunteers - Two residents from Leuchars have volunteers for the Community Speedwatch.</p> <p>c. Coffee with Cops - No update on how well Coffee with Cops went in July or whether the police are going to continue with it.</p>	<p>SS Cllr Brett</p>
<p>Primary school :</p> <p>a. The school is on holiday.</p> <p>b. Polytunnel/Gardening Club - When the new terms starts SS is going to visit the school and assess the state of the polytunnel He will discuss with the school head teacher about what their Gardening Club does and whether they would be interested in helping with growing and planting around the village. Depending on the outcome of the meeting(s), the CC will make a decision on whether to get the polytunnel repaired. WC suggested approaching the local farmers for a new covering to be donated to the school.</p> <p>c. Lucy Jess, HT may share the school’s vision values and aims at the next CC meeting.</p>	<p>SS</p>
<p>Councillors:Cllr Brett: Report circulated</p> <p>Cllr Brett's Report.rtf</p> <p>a. Railway Station Bridge – A response from Minister Humza Yousaf to Willie Rennie MSP has been received and copied to Cllr Brett. Discussions have been taking place between Network Rail and Fife Council regarding Network Rail taking ownership of the bridge. Maintenance work is scheduled for FY17/18. Concerns were raised that rust is now falling from the bridge. A question was raised as to whether the bridge could be replaced with a</p>	



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<p>single “up and over” type bridge but Cllr Brett said this would not be an option. Residents in Aitken Place and St Bunyans are having problems with cars being parked in the cul-de-sac and left for a week by people using the station. There has also been a car parked on the grass at Meteor Row (outside the wire). Cllr Brett advised he would ask Transportation to look into these points.</p> <p>b. Station Road/Left onto Main Street – WH advised that the pavement at this section of the village has now been broken. Cllr Brett will follow this up.</p> <p>c. 19 St Bunyans Place – Ongoing</p> <p>d. Fern Place Zebra Crossing - In response to a request for a pedestrian crossing around the location of Fern Place/Main Street, he advised there was not enough footfall to justify this.</p> <p>e. Litter Bin at Spar – Resolved</p> <p>f. Cllr Brett asked if the telephone number for the Big Capital D, a finance initiative in Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy, could be put on the Community Website.</p> <p>Cllr Connor: Report circulated</p> <p>Cllr Connor's Report.rtf</p> <p>g. A garage door missing at St Bunyans has been reported.</p> <p>h. The grass ways at the Railway Station/Bypass have not been getting cut back and are hazardous to pedestrians/cyclists passing each other.</p> <p>i. Station Park is not getting regular grass cutting. Cllr Connor advised that the goalposts are being removed for painting. He will check the frequency of grass cutting in the park.</p>	<p>Cllr Brett</p> <p>Cllr Brett</p> <p>MD</p> <p>Cllr Connor</p>
<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a. SS advised that he had discussed JR’s resignation. Due to various commitments she felt it unfair to the CC to continue as she could not attend every meeting. SS pointed out the value she brings to the meetings from the area she resides in. JR has withdrawn her resignation.</p> <p>b. WH asked if the e-mail about volunteers for the NHS Fife Urgent Care Review could be forwarded to FB.</p> <p>c. MD advised that Saje Scotland Ltd were starting in the Community Centre on Friday 11 Aug from 12.00 – 2.00pm.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>Finance: Reports circulated</p> <p>a. It is hoped that the CC can reduce costs by growing our own plants for the tubs etc.</p> <p>b. MD advised she had purchased flowers for TG at a cost of £29.95.</p> <p>c. VT asked if she could purchase more paint for the tubs. Agreed</p> <p>d. MD advised that the lawnmower had to be repaired at a cost of £52.50. Waiting for receipt.</p>	<p>VT</p> <p>WH</p>

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<p>e. Two strimmers had been hired to tackle Junction Gardens. Exact cost is not yet known as hire is based on the length of time we have the machines plus fuel used. Company are forwarding invoice to WH.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>a. Community Council Vacancies – Steven Davies was proposed by WH and seconded by TD to be a CC. WH was proposed by TD and seconded by MD to be Vice-Chairperson.</p> <p>b. Junction Gardens/Planters/Baskets – WH proposed a vote of thanks to Steve Davies, Ian, Rory, Jimmy and Taylor for the work they have done to get Junction Gardens cleared. SS will contact the Community Payback Team to come back and have a look at maintaining it. SD advised there are some big branches that will need to be taken away. It was suggested the trailer be used for this. He has volunteered to manage Junction Gardens. It was recommended that the CC keep the lawnmower as hire costs are £45 a day. Agreed. It was asked if anyone knew why St Andrews University were in Junction Gardens planting up the Rotunda. Cllr Brett confirmed that St Andrews University have no involvement with the gardens and anyone wanting to do work in the gardens should be approaching the CC to ask for permission. It was noted that Mr Finnie had intimated in his resignation letter that he was prepared to continue to maintain the Rotunda. MD will contact him to get a receipt for the plants and reimburse him as per his letter. Discussions about where to site planters next year will be deferred until the spring. A fruit trail in Station Park leading to Junction Gardens is to be scoped. Cllr Connor and TD are meeting Peter Duncan from Fife Council to scope allotments in Junction Gardens. SS is to ask the school if the children can design a poster about dog fouling to be put up around the village and the gardens. It was suggested that land at Junction Gardens could be made available to put in a storage facility for the equipment currently in the garages at Meteor Row. It was agreed this would be looked at in the longer term. MD agreed to pass out the number for the dog wardens – Note: Environmental Enforcement Team 03451 555555 ext. 450869.</p> <p>c. Christmas Lights/Fundraising – WH gave an update on the meeting with St Andrews who were very helpful. If we are successful in getting Xmas lights, lamp-post checks will need to be carried out and a trench may have to be dug. Cllr Connor advised POC was Jim Coleman and Fife Council. WH asked if the Cllrs could find out who Fife Council's preferred supplier for lights is as the CC would save on VAT if we used them.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>SD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>TD/Cllr Connor</p> <p>SS</p> <p>MD</p> <p>WH</p> <p>Cllrs</p>

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<p>An application for lottery funding has been submitted but it is 10 weeks before we will have a response. Charity boxes are waiting for labels and will hopefully be ready to go out by the weekend. WH is proposing to hold a fund raising disco at Ye Olde Hotel. Fundraising letters to local businesses are to be produced. Other avenues of funding to be looked at are: St Andrews Trust, Rotary Club, Round Table, Common Good Fund and 5p Spar Bags.</p>	<p>WH WH</p>
<p> Lets Light Up Leuchars Fundraiser .</p>	
<p>d. Bonfire Night - MD intimated that Leuchars Station had no objections to us fundraising at the Fireworks night. Discussions took place as to what we should have on our stall, tombola and glow-sticks. MD agreed to check what SSAFA were proposing to do to prevent overlap. MD to ask Spar if they will allow is to have a basket where people can leave their donations for the stall.</p>	<p>MD TD</p>
<p>e. Newsletter and Websites – JH distributed a draft newsletter for approval. MD advised the Westport printers had quoted £255 for a 1000 leaflets. TD has a friend in Cupar who may do it cheaper. Vron at the Hive has kindly agreed to ask her road reps to distribute the leaflets round the MQs.</p>	<p>WH</p>
<p> CC Newsletter.tif</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>WH advised that Facebook and Twitter were both up and running. She asked if the CC wanted a Just Giving page for fundraising although there is a fee and a percentage that will be taken. Agreed. MD advised the Leuchars Community Website was not fit for purpose/out-of-date and did we want to continue paying £50 a year for it being maintained. It was agreed that MD would re-design the pages and ask Yellow Marker to upload them to the website. MD has sent a link to the site to the St Athernase Session Clerk to ask him to update the church page.</p>	<p>SS</p>
<p>f. New Picnic Benches – The benches have been delivered and are currently in the car park at Ye Olde Hotel. SS to organise with 71 Engr Regt getting them built and placed in Station Park. Cllr Connor asked if they could ensure any concrete was laid level with the grass for the grasscutters.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>g. MD passed out a list of assets/equipment that the CC currently holds and what is missing. As most of the equipment was purchased using public money SS asked what the procedure was for writing-off items. Cllr Brett suggested we do six-monthly physical checks and have the list audited along with our annual accounts. He praised the CC for their forward thinking.</p>	<p>TG</p>
<p>h. Community Noticeboards – TG has this in hand and will be scoping costs once she is back to fitness. Once the CC decides where to</p>	

