

TUESDAY, 7 November 2017




LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre, Leuchars, 3 October 2017

Present: Wilma Henderson (Vice-Chair), Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Trish Downie, Veronica Taylor, Fiona Barnett, Aaron Reid, Andrew Peel, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Martin Kinsey SSO Leuchars Station, Lucy Jess (Head Teacher, Leuchars Primary School), 4 Members of the Public

	Action Points
<p>1. Chairs opening remarks: MD welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Brett intimated that his colleague Cllr Tepp may be joining the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies: Steve Simpson (Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Steve Davies, Samantha Cullen, Susan Budd (Army Rep), Taybridgehead Police.</p>	
<p>3. Approval of minutes of 5 September 2017 Amendments to September's minutes: School Report – amend Warden to read School Crossing Patrol Warden. Fife Council Report, item c. should read 'detailed plans are being submitted by the end of September for Madras College.' Minutes were proposed by WH, seconded by FB.</p>	
<p>4. Army:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Exercise was to be some low flying as briefed at previous meetings and it was disheartening to have received so many complaints. MK re-emphasised the message to the local community and wider audience that it is critical training for the aircrews. Occasionally the weather causes last minute changes to the programme. He gave an apology from MOD for any disturbance and an assurance that lessons have been learnt. A similar exercise will probably take place again next year. b. 28 sub-lets in Cupar have all been taken up, except two properties which are currently occupied by military personnel. Of the 78 in Hampden Close, 12 are occupied by military personnel and 18 have been sub-let. Further details are contained in Cllr Brett's report below. c. MK extended an invitation for the local community to come along to the Bonfire Night at Earshall sports pitches on Thursday 2 November, starting at 5.30pm. d. The nature trail is maintained in partnership with Fife Coastal Trust. There is an aspiration to create a community garden in part of the area, possibly next year. Cllr Brett agreed to contact Ranald Strachan. MK will ask the Station Health and Safety Officer to contact Fife Coastal Trust. e. There has been inappropriate use of Earshall sports pitches by motor cross bikes and fencing is being erected to deter this and to steer people through Adam Close. LJ asked if the path down the side of Earshall Road would be kept open as it is used by the school and MK confirmed it would. 	MK
<p>5. Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The police were unable to attend but have submitted their report 	

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<p>for the meeting.</p>  <p>2017-10-03-Police Report.pdf</p>	
<p>6. Primary School :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The children have settled back well and although the nominal role is lower than last year, new children are coming in. The additional teacher and family support worker are on the last year of funding which was part of the MOD transition funding. The family support worker has established good links with Leuchars Station and plans to be in the Community Centre so that families, not just military, can come along for assistance. b. LJ presented a cheque for £105.50 which they had raised for the LLUL fund. c. Young people are setting fires in the grounds of the school and LJ encouraged people to phone 101/999 if they saw anything suspicious so that the school could check their CCTV. d. New people have joined the Parent Council and would like to organise a Xmas Fayre in the Community Centre. LJ is going to advertise the Community Council to the Parent Council to encourage a representative to come along to the next meeting of the CC. e. LJ is hoping to secure funding to develop the school grounds and has been in touch with the scouts and guides who are keen to get involved as since they moved to the community hall they have no outdoor space. SS had contacted the farmer at The Rhynd Farm but the polytunnels do not belong to him so he cannot donate a new cover – ongoing. 	<p>LJ</p> <p>LJ/SS</p>
<p>7. Fife Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cllr Connor: Report circulated.  <p>2017-10-03 - Cllr-Connor-Report.p</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Cllr Connor passed out leaflets about Meal Makers which is a pilot scheme to encourage people to cook an extra meal and deliver it to an elderly neighbour. c. He stated that the Fife Credit Union is available in Cupar. d. He confirmed that the railway staff are parking on the grass verge on Station Road because, although they have a dedicated space in the car park, they now have to pay the daily £1 charge. It has been identified that if this continues over the winter the grass will be churned up. e. Cllr Brett: Report circulated.  <p>2017-10-03-Cllr-Brett-Report.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. An update from St Michaels confirmed that some trees have been 	

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<p>cut back and the footpath to Pinewoods is not too littered with weeds. Residents will monitor the situation for the next meeting. Residents asked if they could get the results from the speed strips and were advised the results can take some months to produce. Ongoing issues are the moving of signage and the racers. Cllr Brett asked if a record could be kept, whenever possible, of times, make of cars and registration numbers. TB re-iterated that a petition is still an option. He has been contacted by residents on the Balmullo side of the village with similar concerns and is meeting with them on Wednesday morning at the hotel at 11.00am. He felt it would be helpful if the St Michaels residents who were present could attend to discuss similar issues.</p> <p>g. No response yet to Earshall Road resurfacing query.</p> <p>h. Notices are being considered for the garages at Henderson Tce.</p> <p>i. TB asked if a member of the CC could attend the November meeting of Balmullo CC (second Monday of the month at 7.00pm in Burnside Hall) as discussions about the pharmacy in Balmullo are to be discussed. Dr Frances Elliot, Medical Director at NHS Fife has been invited to attend. AP offered to attend on behalf of the CC.</p>	<p>TB TB AP</p>
<p>8. Correspondence:</p> <p>a. The village defibrillator champion has asked if the CC will deliver leaflets for Heartstart to advertise where defibrillators are sited in North East Fife. MD had advised the champion that this could be done with use delivering our own newsletter but not as a one-off. MD asked if the CC would be happy to deliver the leaflets with the next newsletter (probably end Nov/beg Dec) if Heartstart are not in a hurry to have them distributed. Agreed, MD will contact the champion re numbers of leaflets required.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>9. Finance:</p> <p>a. Report circulated.</p> <div data-bbox="363 1384 437 1458" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="300 1458 501 1507">2017-10-03-Finance-Report.docx</p> <p>b. MD has been in contact with Fife Council who has forwarded her a copy of an insurance renewal form submitted in February to cover some of the CC assets. This needs refined and MD will liaise with Fife Council to bring this up-to-date.</p>	<p>MD MD</p>
<p>10. Matters arising:</p> <p>a. Community Council Vacancies – No expressions of interest.</p> <p>b. Junction Gardens/Planters/Baskets – More volunteers are still needed for Junction Gardens and the payback team have been out this week. An area for the poppies needs to be cleared and WH suggested Harry Black, the farmer, may be able to help with machinery. The hanging baskets need to be taken down and stored for the winter. MD advised she has ladders that can be used to take them down and move them to the garages. Consideration may be</p>	

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<p>given to not having the baskets next year to allow the CC time to canvas the village on what people want, to try to get the polytunnel renewed and to encourage people to help. AP suggested floral displays beside the sandstone plaques at the entrance to the village for impact would be nice in the summer. One of the wooden barrels at the bus stop to St Andrews has the metal strapping broken. Cllr Brett suggested contacting Madras College to see if there was interest from youths who are involved with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to help.</p>	
<p>c. Christmas Lights/Fundraising – WH announced that St Andrews Community Trust have awarded the CC £3,500 towards the LLUL fund but lottery funding was declined. She is waiting for a response from Fife Council regarding an application for funding of £4,999. She expressed concern that there may not be enough time to liaise with Fife Council for the connection of the tree lights to a suitable lamppost. MD advised that the Frosty 5k cannot take place on the Earls Hall sports pitches as the event organiser does not have any public liability insurance. WH said she would contact the organiser and offer an alternative route at Comerton Farm</p>	WH
<p>d. Newsletter and Websites – The community website continues to be developed and the company who manage the website have submitted their annual fee with no additional costs for the work done to date and suggestions on developing the site will be welcome. The second edition of the newsletter has been delivered throughout the village and the St Michaels residents have been given leaflets for them to deliver. The outlying farms/houses within the LCC boundary are yet to be done but will be completed by the weekend. WH to pass invoice to MD for reimbursement.</p>	WH/MD VT/BC
<p>e. Number Plates/Towbars – VT and Cllr Connor are continuing to try to source a second-hand towbar from scrap merchants. MD asked about getting Mr Finnie's plates returned to him and Cllr Connor advised there were no plates on the trailer and he had now had a set made.</p>	VT/BC
<p>f. Community Noticeboards – TG has this in hand and will be scoping costs once she is back to fitness. Correspondence has been received about recycled noticeboards. Once the CC decides where to site the second board they will need an onsite visit from Fife Council to check the suitability of the site.</p>	TG
<p>g. WW1 Commemorative Benches - MD advised that two benches would cost almost £2k from the company in Kilmarnock. However she had met with 2 BN Reme who were keen to take this on as a project and make them and was waiting for Maj Bloomfield to sanction the project. They have asked if Fife Council could do the installation using anti-theft bolts. If the CC has to fund the cost of purchasing the materials, MD is going to submit an application through SB to the Community Covenant. Canvassing the village as to where people would like them put will be done early next year.</p>	MD

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<p>11. A.O.C.B:</p> <p>a. AP advised that Dawn Brisbane from Environmental Licensing is to attend the November Rosebank Park residents meeting to discuss the current licence for the Park and the process the owner will need to follow to obtain a new licence. He advised they are planning to hold their meetings in the Leuchars Station Community Hall but they require Public Liability Insurance.</p> <p>b. A member of public asked who the CC minutes were distributed to. MD explained they are distributed to all the CC members and the external agencies that come to the meetings. They are not distributed to the general public but are available on the website. It was noted that not everyone has access to computers and the noticeboards, once installed, will be used to publicise the minutes. It was asked if they could be made available in the Coachhouse. MD advised that the Coachhouse gets the newsletter.</p> <p>c. WH advised the new benches for the park were still in the pub car park. Cllr Connor advised he would pick them up and take them to the garages for winter storage.</p> <p>d. FB asked Cllr Brett what had happened about the NHS Fife Urgent Care Review as she had heard nothing about it. Cllr Brett asked for her contact details and would get an update for her.</p> <p>e. AP advised that a scout who had been inspired by the Poppies in the Tower is encouraging people to grow poppies in their gardens. Information is available on the BBC website.</p> <p>f. A member of the public advised there is a public consultation in St Andrews on Wednesday 4 Oct regarding wind farms.</p> <p>g. AR asked if the CC had managed to get the Army contacts he requested at the last meeting. SS had agreed to look into this.</p> <p>h. AR noted that the football posts have been taken down and Cllr Connor advised they were being repaired. WH advised there is a large hole at the side of where one of the goalposts sat. Discussion took place regarding the issue of drainage at the Aitken Place side of the park. Cllr Connor advised he had been approached by Tayport Harbour Trust to ask if any of the communities were interested in taking their pontoon which is being replaced shortly. Transport would be required to collect the pontoon if the CC wants to put it on the flooded part of the park. AR felt the structure may impinge on some of the training ideas he would like to develop in the park and would the residents of Aitken Place like this outside their front windows. TD will canvas residents in the street to gauge opinion. It was felt a proposed plan of the area was required and an option may be to put the pontoon in Junction Gardens over the winter. Cllr Connor asked if the army would be able to move it from Tayport to Leuchars. MD advised she could ask the Royal Engineers but as they already have their training plan for the year it may be too short notice and/or they may not have the right equipment to do it. No vote was taken on whether to accept this offer from Tayport or not.</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>TB</p> <p>SS</p> <p>TD</p> <p>MD</p>
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i. VT asked if she could purchase a new pair of secateurs. Agreed, receipt to be passed to MD for reimbursement.	VT/MD
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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 7 November 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre

Agenda items for the next meeting are to be e-mailed to leucharscommunitycouncil@gmail.com by Tuesday 31 October 2017

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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