

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre, Leuchars, 5 December 2017

Present: Steve Simpson (Chair) Wilma Henderson (Vice-Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Trish Downie, Fiona Barnett, Andrew Peel, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Susan Budd

·0 Chairs opening remarks: SS welcomed everyone to the meeting.	Action Points
·1 Apologies: Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Lucy Jess (HT Primary School), Steve Davies, Veronica Taylor, Samantha Cullen, Aaron Reid, Martin Kinsey (SSO Leuchars Station)	
·2 Approval of minutes of 7 November 2017 5(i) Beth X is Beth Askew. Minutes were proposed as accurate by SS; seconded by WH.	
·3 Army: ·4 All are invited to the Army carol service at Holy Trinity Church, St Andrews on 14.12.17 at 6.30pm. ·5 There is no further news on the number of Army personnel moves onto the base. ·6 Army Communication Plan: a communications database will be ready for the CC's February meeting. ·7 Nature Trail path: Waiting to hear from DIO about adoption of the path by Fife Coastal Trust.	
·8 Police: 1. There have been a number of sneak thefts in the area. AP reported that Rosebank Park residents had been advised by the police to keep their doors locked during the day. 2. See also attached police report.	
·9 Primary School: ·10 P1-7 Children and staff will be putting on a performance of 'Children of the World' on 12.12.17 at 1.45pm and 14.12.17 at 9.45am. Tickets still available (£1.50). ·11 The Parent Council are holding a Christmas Fair at the Community Centre 9.12.17, 1.00-5.00pm.	
·12 Fife Council: ·13 Cllr Connor: Report circulated and key items discussed. ·14 Cllr Brett: Report circulated and key items discussed. ·15 Pharmacy update: The present situation is being reviewed and Dr Elliot, NHS Fife Medical Director, is hopeful that it might be possible to find a way of opening a pharmacy at the Balmullo surgery. AP, who attended the Balmullo meeting in November,	

<p>expressed his surprise at the strength of feeling that remains around the issue. Cllr Brett gave the background history to the Leuchars pharmacy for the benefit of those who were not aware of the details. Members of the CC expressed their opinions around the issue, most of which were on the benefits of having a pharmacy in Leuchars.</p>	
<p>·16 Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Email from J Harrison (1.12.17) thanking the CC for its efforts with Junction Gardens and the Christmas lights. 4. Eden News Dec 2017 5. Funding ideas (Keith Jackson 30.11.17) 6. Funding bulletin (Cllr Brett 30.11.17) 7. NE Fife Superfast Broadband survey - closing date 11.12.17 (30.11.17) 8. Support for community organisations and initiatives in Taybridgehead (Sheena Watson 28.11.17) 9. NE Fife Planning Committee agenda & papers 29.11.17 meeting 10. Adult Support and Protection newsletter (Carol Millar 28.11.17) 11. B945 Tayport to St Michaels temporary road closure 11-15 Dec (Carol Dunn 22.11.17) 12. Universal Credit rollout update.(Cllr Brett 21.11.17) 13. Adult Protection surviving Christmas info (Carol Millar 16.11.17) 14. Leuchars legal advice drop-in clinic rota. (S Budd 15.11.17) 15. Poverty awareness training in Fife 2017-18. (Cllr Brett 14.11.17) 16. Public consultation events – community led support – Health & Social Care integration. (Cllr Brett 14.11.17) 17. Training for new community council members. (Cllr Brett 7.11.17) 18. Ready for Winter campaign. (Cllr Brett 5.11.17) 19. Allotments in Fife. (C Millar 2.11.17) 20. Keeping the Kingdom Safe – launch of the Fife Division Local Police Plan for 2017-20. (Cllr Brett 3.11.17) 	
<p>·17 Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 21. In MD’s absence, WH reported that there is approximately £1700 in the CC’s account. 	
<p>·18 Lets Light up Leuchars</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ·19 The ‘switching on’ ceremony on 1 December had been a great success. Everyone thanked WH for her hard work and commitment in making all the arrangements. 	

<p>·20 WH gave an update on the fundraising costs and expenditure to date. See attached.</p>	
<p>·21 Gardening</p> <p>·22 Public liability insurance: Cllr Connor is still in communication with Linda Bissett to see if this insurance covers the CC for gardening work.</p> <p>·23 The WW1 commemorative benches and plant tubs need Fife Council's approval of the location. VT and SD are looking at possible locations.</p> <p>·24 SS is checking over a services map of Junction Gardens which shows where pipes, cables are, so the CC is aware of areas that cannot be disturbed. Areas the CC want to rake/dig over will be sent to Fife Council for approval.</p> <p>·25 AP is looking at funding for wildflower seeds as they are not available from the Council.</p> <p>·26 AP is looking into possible grants the CC can apply for to purchase the most suitable machinery for cutting the grass at Junction Gardens.</p> <p>·27 Fife Council will spray the railway track in the Spring and some time later in the year.</p> <p>·28 It was agreed that the CC would buy biscuits for Christmas to thank the community payback team for the work they have done on Junction Gardens.</p> <p>·29 Grass cutting at Junction Gardens: How this will be tackled during 2018 has still not been decided. There is the possibility of paying the Council (cost unknown as yet). This might help make the grass more manageable using a ride-on lawnmower. WH knows of someone who would cut the grass for £25. She also said she knows of some people who want to help but do not want to attend the CC. Details to be passed to VT.</p> <p>·30 VT is looking for bags (big dog food bags, rubble sacks etc) for collecting the soil for the planters. Please contact VT.</p> <p>·31 VT and SD will identify 2 Sundays a month to put up on Facebook so that people are aware in advance that help will be needed on those days.</p>	
<p>·32 Newsletters and website</p> <p>·33 AP will send the link to his website for the CC's website/Facebook etc.</p> <p>·34 The CC newsletter will be issued every 3 months.</p>	

<p>·35 Planning</p> <p>·36 Ye Olde Hotel is converting part of the building into self-catering accommodation. There were no objections.</p>	
<p>·37 Matters arising:</p> <p>·38 AP gave his report on the Taybridgehead Joint CCForum which he attended in November (see attached). The next meeting is 23.01.18. AP will represent the CC.</p> <p>·39 Karen Scott (Youth Worker, Fife Council) has visited the housing area opposite the Spar following complaints that youths are congregating there in the evenings. There were no youths when she visited.</p> <p>·40 Participatory budgeting in Fife: Cllr Brett will let the CC know how this is being taken forward when further information is available.</p> <p>·41 Noticeboards: TG will apply for two noticeboards from the Locality Fund. Cllr Connor to find out what size of the noticeboards in Tayport. TG to contact Kevin Smith (Fife Council) about permission to site the noticeboards. One will go by the benches on the corner of Main St/Station Road. Siting of the second noticeboard is still to be decided.</p> <p>·42 Garages at the back of Henderson Terrace: Cllr Brett is still waiting for an update on when the signage will be put up.</p> <p>·43 Earlsall Road repairs will likely be during 2019 (see Cllr Brett's report).</p> <p>·44 Flooded pavement on Main Street by the car park entrance to Ye Olde Hotel: Photos are needed when this is at its worst. MD may already have photos.</p>	
<p>·45 A.O.C.B:</p> <p>·46 Everyone thanked WH again for her efforts with making the Let's Light up Leuchars campaign such a success.</p> <p>·47 TD: The fences at the back of the three houses in Aitken Place that back onto Junction Gardens are in a poor state. Cllr Connor will look into this.</p>	

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 6 February 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre

Agenda items for the next meeting are to be e-mailed to leucharscommunitycouncil@gmail.com by Thursday 1 February 2018

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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