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TUESDAY, 7th March 2017

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre, Leuchars, 7 February 2017

Present: Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Trish Graham (Secretary), Carroll Finnie, Jillian Russell, Samantha Cullen, Trish Downie, Wilma Henderson, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Susan Budd, Lucy Jess. **Members of the Public:** Athole Stewart, Jean Nicoll, Elaine Wernsing (Army Senior Youth Development Worker)

1. Chairs opening remarks:	Action Points
MD chaired the meeting in SS's absence and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Apologies: Steve Simpson, Jim Finnie, Veronica Taylor, Martin Kinsey, Community PCs, Cllr Maggie Taylor	
Approval of minutes of 6 December 2016 (there was no meeting in January 2017): Apologies section: Lucy Jess omitted in error; she did send in her apologies. Otherwise, the minutes were proposed as accurate by CF and seconded by WH.	
Elaine Wernsing (Army Senior Youth Development Worker) gave an informative update on the Youth Club and the constraints the youth workers are faced with. If Army children invite their (non-military) village friends they are welcome to come along. However, as the service is funded by the Army, the Youth Workers cannot widely advertise for non-military attendance as there is a capacity issue. Currently, there is one permanent Youth Worker at Leuchars (Mark X). Another Youth Worker is waiting for clearance before he/she can start. Capacity is also dependent on volunteers. EW confirmed volunteers can be recruited from outside the Army and would be welcome non-military volunteers. Similarly, the Army Youth Workers can advise civilian Youth Groups, if needed. Mark X joined later and said the Council needs to know that there is currently no more provision for the Youth Club.	
Army issues: <ol style="list-style-type: none">There is no further news of the MOD estates optimisation strategy and Army 2020 Refine. However, the expectation is still that Leuchars will expand.There has been some vandalism of the MOD houses in Hampden Close.Hampden Close will be handed over to a property agent for private short-term letting (up to 5 years). LJ believes the school will not be adversely affected.The Army Open Day will be held 3 June 2017, 11.00-16.00. It is estimated there will be about 5000 attending. Tickets are expected to be in the region of £5 and will be on sale from 20.02.17 both on line and at Leuchars post office. There will	

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<p>be concessionary rates for residents of Balmullo, Guardbridge and Leuchars. Army personnel will be meeting with Fife Council and the Police with regards to traffic flow. Disruption to the village is not anticipated.</p> <p>e. CF asked about the siren which had sounded across the village in the previous month. She said that the RAF would normally give the CC notice if it was to be sounded.</p> <p>f. CarillionAmey have not fixed the lights along the footpath at the back of Meteor Row. MK will follow up on this.</p>	<p align="center">MK</p>
<p>Police Issues:</p> <p>a. Three children have been reported for vandalism at Hampden Close. There have been two other reports of vandalism in different areas.</p> <p>b. SS has been out with the PCs with the UNIPAR. SS will be able to report to the CC the problems on the road coming from St Michaels and the perception of speed.</p> <p>c. The price list of home and personal safety equipment the Police can supply is available.</p> <p>d. CF reported that the bench opposite Ye Olde Hotel has been vandalised.</p> <p>e. AS reported that there is poor access to police services in St Andrews (the nearest police station). Cllr Connor will take up this issue.</p> <p>f. LJ reported that a letter has gone out to parents regarding parking on the zig-zag lines. MD circulated the Leuchars PS Route Safety Audit (available on request). CF asked that any documents relevant to the CC meetings be sent out in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>g. SC reported that there have been several 'council men' on the Castle Knowe estate but it is not clear what they are there for. Cllr Brett thinks it is very likely they are community safety officers.</p>	
<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>a. Christmas Lights: WH and TD will form a sub committee to investigate and arrange for Christmas lighting for the village.</p> <p>b. Cllr Brett spoke about the Local Development Plan (LDP) and showed plans of the area designated for possible development (Henderson's Meadow). AS is concerned that access land by the two new houses next to the Commercial Arms was no longer shown on the LDP and was disappointed that the Reporter had adopted a <i>fait accompli</i> attitude towards this.</p> <p>c. Parking by the Commercial Arms: while there is no right of way (for cars), there is an expectation that there will be about 1 metre for people to get through on foot.</p> <p>d. Madras College: the site for the new school will be Langlands. A further paper is expected. There may be delays to planning as this is reliant on the university and its</p>	

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<p>developers to progress. It could be summer 2018 just to get through planning, however, this does not mean that other work cannot be actioned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">e. Railway station car park extension: work is expected to start soon and be completed during April.f. Rusted railway station bridge; MD will send photographs of the extent of the rust to Cllr Brett.	
<p>Fife Council issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Disabled parking bays are to be designated opposite the Spar. Time limit signage has been installed opposite the post office so that parking attendants can issue parking fines if necessary.b. Tay City Deals: Cllr Connor spoke of this which is a collective funding pot for Tayside, Perth & Kinross, Dundee City Council and North East Fife Councils for funding big development projects, eg a rail link from Leuchars to St Andrews, development of Tayport Harbour, and further development at Guardbridge.c. Dog fouling: as there were only 68 registered complaints for Fife, everyone is encouraged to individually register their complaints on 03451 550022.d. Tay Bridgehead Joint Community Forum: the next meeting is 15.02.17, 19.00-21.00 in the Burgh Chambers, Tayport. SB will be attending as an observer.e. Tayport has been selected by Meal Makers as a trial location. Meal Makers is an online food sharing project where volunteers prepare enough at mealtimes to feed local over 55s who would appreciate a home-cooked meal.f. Scottish Government publication of Attainment in the Broad General Education of Curriculum for Excellence 2016: details available at www. EducationScotland.gov.uk/parentzone. The first publication will be experimental.	
<p>Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bus shelter opposite St Bunyans Place has been fixed. Email from CF 30.1.172. Street lighting out in St Bunyans Place, Station Road, Aitken Place. CF contacted A Broadhurst Fife Council. Email from CF 19.1.173. Fife Council non recurring small grant (Floral Enhancement, Community Capital Grant, Community Organisations Grant, Community Events Grant) no longer available separately. Now processed as part of the wider Local Community Planning Budget. Email from Nicola Buchanan FC, forwarded from Mark Sharp 15.12.164. Fife Plan Examination Report: Athole Stewart's summary of the original five objections and extract from the Examiner's report. Email from CF 7.12.16.5. Eden News February. Email R Strachan 2.2.176. Transport Scotland are holding a Rail Infrastructure Strategy Consultation workshop 6.2.17 Town House, Kirkcaldy. Email from Linda Bissett 1.2.177. Edinburgh Airport – airspace change programme: launch of the second consultation. Email from Letsgofurther 31.1.168. Two new bus routes X53 an additional journey to reconnect Newport with an arrival in Cupar prior to 8am and Glenrothes for 8.30am. Bus 92 will allow for an arrival in St Andrews before 7.00am. Email from Gillian Smith 31.1.16.	

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<p>9. Work on lining and signing around the school to help prevent inappropriate parking at school pick up times, traffic speeds and safety in the vicinity of the playparks. Email from Cllr Brett 25.1.16</p> <p>10. Leuchars Station Thrift Shop. Email from Cllr Brett 25.1.17</p> <p>11. Notes on the initial meeting of Tay Bridgehead Community Council Forum 13.12.16. Email from G Beat 17.1.17</p> <p>12. Inaugural Cupar Ward Flood Forum. Email from Cllr Margaret Kennedy 10.1.17</p> <p>13. Eden News Jan 2017. Email R Strachan 5.1.17</p> <p>14. Dundee Kiltwalk: coming through Leuchars 19.8.17. Email from Hazel Smith 30.12.16</p> <p>15. Progress on St Athernase funding. Email from Carol Petrie St Athernase Regeneration Team 21.12.16.</p> <p>16. Community Resilience e-bulletin Winter 2016. Email from Emma Palmer 21.12.16.</p> <p>North East Fife Planning Committee 1.2.17 Papers and agenda North East Fife Area Committee 18.1.17 Agenda and papers Weekly planning lists</p>	
<p>A.O.C.B</p> <p>a. LJ gave an update on what is happening at the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pupil equity fund to help close the attainment gap: LJ will be attending a briefing for headteachers by Education Scotland and will be drawing up a plan of how the money will be spent. - Various pupil committees: the pupils have raised £250 and have bought items for the Cupar foodbank; the community links committee sang carols at the Servite home; the bookwork committee is involved with a reading challenge for P1-P4. - LJ called for the donation of books for older children. - Re-siting the school office near to the main door is complete. Replacement of the windows will take place at the start of March. - The shelter is to be enclosed to form larger cloakroom space. <p>In future, school updates will be an item on the agenda after Police Issues.</p> <p>b. TD spoke of the Leuchars Job Club, which is a community job club that provides help with finding a job. The club is held on Thursdays, 9.30-11.30 in the Community Centre. Contact Laiza or Jill on 07889 647664 or 07889 647665.</p> <p>c. MD handed out an update on the CC finances (available on request).</p> <p>d. AS was concerned about the impact on the village of having houses in Hampden Close privately rented. This is likely to be discussed again when there are more details.</p> <p>e. CF spoke of the problem with the Community Centre doors not being locked properly after CC meetings. In SS's absences it was not clear if there is still a problem with this or not.</p> <p>f. TD reported that SS has been successful in the selection process for running as a councillor in the May elections. Nominations will be held on Thursday.</p>	<p align="center">??</p>

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**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 7 March 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre
Members of the public are welcome to attend www.leuchars.org.uk**

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