

LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre, Leuchars, 6 February 2018

Present: Steve Simpson (Chair) Wilma Henderson (Vice-Chair), Trish Graham (Secretary), Marianne Donaldson (Treasurer), Veronica Taylor, Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Lucy Jess (HT Primary School) and two members of the public.

	Action Points
<p>·0 Chairs opening remarks: SS welcomed everyone to the meeting. As discussion around the background to the pharmacy issue had become heated at the previous meeting, SS asked that future discussion be confined to Leuchars pharmacy only.</p>	
<p>·1 Apologies: Trish Downie, Steve Davies, Aaron Reid, Susan Budd (Community Support), Martin Kinsey (SSO Leuchars Station). Andrew Peel has resigned from the CC.</p>	
<p>·2 Approval of minutes of 5 December 2017 Minutes were proposed as accurate by WH; seconded by SS.</p>	
<p>·3 Army:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·4 The Army Communication Plan is now expected in March. ·5 There will be number of additional personnel moving onto the base in March. ·6 The collapse of Carillion is not expected to have much impact on the Station. It is expected Amey Aramark will takeover on any ongoing projects. ·7 Hampden Close: there are 43 houses let. There have been no issues. ·8 There will an exercise w/c 12 Feb involving two helicopters, but no night time flying. There will also be an exercise in September. ·9 Nature Trail path and adoption by Fife Coastal Trust: R Strachan (Tentsmuir Ranger) would like the Army to provide basic maintenance to the path. Discussion about this is still ongoing. ·10 Cllr Brett reported that he had enjoyed the Army Carol Concert in St Andrews, but asked if it was possible to have some light refreshments at the end so that people can stop and chat. This might help foster community engagement. MD agreed and said that the Army were hoping to have this year's carol concert in St Athernase. 	
<p>·11 Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The spate of sneak break-ins continues, although they appear to be mainly in more rural locations. 2. Although the police have been periodically checking, there have been no problems with youths hanging around outside the Spar. 3. See also the attached police report. 	

<p>Primary School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·12 The Parent Council Christmas Fair had been very successful and there had been a successful run up to Christmas. ·13 LJ circulated copies of the newsletter produced by the school publishing committee. ·14 Bikeability (cycling proficiency): LJ spoke of how difficult this is to organise for the children and the need for volunteers to be involved. Volunteers would receive training from Fife Council. There are volunteer training sessions throughout the year. LJ asked if the Army could help and Cllr Connor will check with the North Fife Cycling Club to see if it can help. For anyone interested in helping the school with this please contact lucy.jess@fife.gov.uk. ·15 As well as Bikeability, LJ would welcome volunteers in general to help at the school. One of the members of the public said she would like to volunteer. ·16 The second member of the public asked if the school had considered holding a Burns Night event as he had attended a successful evening at Madras College. LJ said that they have a poetry corner, rather than a full Burns Night, and the Burns Club come in to judge the best poems. There is also usually a ceilidh. ·17 The polytunnel is in a poor state because of age and weathering, rather than any sort of vandalism. The CC will replace this for the school. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·18 Fife Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·19 Cllr Connor: Report circulated and key items discussed. ·20 One of the members of the public asked if there was any more information on community choices funding. Cllr Connor explained that Fife Council is not in a position to roll this out yet. It is also 1% of existing money (half of which will go on education), not 1% of additional money. ·21 See also the attached report. ·22 Cllr Brett: Report circulated and key items discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·23 Grit bins. If a grit bin has been withdrawn and residents need it to be reinstated, please contact Cllrs Brett or Connor. ·24 Temporary road closure Main Street, 25-26 Feb. ·25 Proposed double yellow lines to replace the white triangular area opposite the Spar. ·26 Work at the church is due to complete 9.3.18. First Sunday service is expected 11.3.18. 	

<p>·27 See also the attached report.</p>	
<p>·28 Correspondence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Pop up bairns media release. Email from Cllr Brett 6.12.17 5. Community Led Support (Health & Social Care Partnership). Open invitation. Email Cllr Brett 6.12.17 6. Bio bags: delay in delivery. Email Cllr Brett 13.12.17 7. Withdrawal of grit bins. Cllr Brett 12.12.17 and 27.12.17 8. Supporting hard-up households – festive arrangements. Email Cllr Brett 14.12.17 9. What's new in Adult Support & Protection? Email C Millar 15.12.17 and 31.1.18 10. Withdrawal of grit bins. Email Cllr Brett 16.12.17 11. Funding opportunities. Email K Jackson 20.12.17 and 26.1.18 12. Taybridgehead Joint CC Forum: Networking and development day. Proposed dates 10 or 24 March. Email G Beat 22.12.17 13. Winter gritting and snow clearing 2017-18. Email Cllr Brett 27.12.17 14. Fife Council's community group support and funding page. Email Cllr Brett 28.12.17 15. K Halkett: request for assistance. Email Cllr Brett 11.1.18 16. Taybridgehead JCC Forum: notes from Nov 2017 meeting. Email G Beat 16.1.18 17. Temporary site managers cabin at Leuchars train station – for work on the track during February. Email Cllr Bett 18.1.18 18. Insurance for CC activities at Junction Gardens: confirmation that the CC is covered by public liability insurance. Email Cllr Tepp 18.1.18 19. Generations working together initiative. Email Cllr Brett 19.1.18 20. Beautiful Fife competition. Applications to be in by 16.04.18. Email from K Jackson 26.1.18 21. Police Scotland Annual Policing Plan – Your Feedback Matters. Email Cllr Brett 26.1.18 22. Learning to Learn, Adult Learning course from 2.1.18 at St Andrews university. Email Jill Pringle 29.1.18 23. Eden Estuary Feb newsletter. Email R Strachan 31.1.18 24. Scottish Fire and Rescue Community Asset Register. Email C Millar 31.1.18 25. Proposed double yellow lines opposite the Spar. Email Cllr Brett 2.2.18 26. Fife Environment Newsletter 1.2.18 27. Temporary road closure, Main Street, 25-26 Feb. Email Cllr Connor 5.2.18 	

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<p>·29 Finance</p> <p>29. MD reported the CC finances. See the attached report below.</p> <p>30. MD is applying for a polytunnel for the school.</p> <p>31. Sustrans having funding for benches that could be sited near the school. Application deadline is 19.2.18.</p>	
<p>·30 Gardening</p> <p>·31 Public liability insurance: Cllr Tepp confirmed that this insurance covers the CC for gardening work.</p> <p>·32 Thank you to VT for all her hard work at Junction Gardens. She is stepping down as the gardening lead for the CC.</p> <p>·33 The WW1 commemorative benches: there is a meeting in April to agree the siting. Work will start on the benches 14.05.18 and will take two weeks to make. It is hoped that in early June the benches will be formally commissioned and that the schoolchildren and the press will be there.</p> <p>·34 Grass cutting at Junction Gardens during 2018: WH will contact someone she knows who will cut the grass on behalf of the CC.</p> <p>·35 MD confirmed that the Army will allow the CC to use another garage for storage.</p> <p>·36 Cllr Connor will check on the progress of replacing the worn benches at the corner of Main Street and Station Road.</p> <p>·37 Cllr Connor is waiting to see if there are any spare tubs.</p>	
<p>·38 Newsletters and website</p> <p>·39 The CC newsletter will be issued every 3 months. The deadline for the next newsletter Friday, 9 Feb.</p> <p>·40 MD has updated the Leuchars CC website. TG to supply an updated local businesses list to MD.</p>	
<p>·41 Planning</p> <p>·42 Removal of trees at 20 Schoolhill. No objections from the CC.</p> <p>·43 There was a short discussion about the proposed 350 new houses at Seggie Farm, Guardbridge and possible problems with access and increased traffic.</p>	
<p>·44 Matters arising:</p> <p>·45 As AP has resigned from the CC, WH said she would attend the next Taybridgehead Joint CC Forum. Cllr Brett will give WH the meeting dates for 2018. As one of the attending members of the public has been interested in the progress of the Taybridgehead Joint CC Forum, he was asked if he would like to join the CC and attend the Forum on its behalf. He will consider this.</p> <p>·46 Noticeboards: TG will apply for two noticeboards from the Locality Fund. The noticeboards come in various sizes. TG will order the 6 x A4 sheet size. It was decided the second noticeboard should be situated along Pitlethie Road. TG to order the noticeboards and to</p>	

<p>contact Fife Council about permission for siting them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·47 Garages at the back of Henderson Terrace: Cllr Brett is still waiting for an update on when the signage will be put up. ·48 Flooded pavement on Main Street by the car park entrance to Ye Olde Hotel: Photos are needed when this is at its worst ·49 Encouraging young people to join the CC will be promoted in the CC newsletter. 	
<p>·50 A.O.C.B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ·51 One of the members of the public who is also a Heartstart guardian spoke of the defibrillator. The defib is located outside the GP surgery. This will be reported in the next CC newsletter. Training on its use can be arranged although the defib ‘talks’ a user through the process. ·52 The other member of the public: spoke of a recent accident related to speeding on Main Street. The police are aware of this. ·53 Member of the public: reported that the pdf attachments within the minutes cannot be opened. Downloading the attachment might be the answer. ·54 Request for financial assistance: a request to the CC from a local resident for financial help for her and her young daughter’s travel costs to/from Edinburgh in July for dance auditions was discussed. The CC agreed to donate £50 but that this should be paid nearer the time. Other sources of help were discussed. TG will let the resident know of the CC’s decision. ·55 Samantha Cullen has not attended CC meetings for over 6 months, nor offered apologies. TG has e-mailed her to remind her of the CC constitution and that non-attendance at six consecutive meetings means her membership of the CC will be rescinded. 	

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 6 March 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 March 2018

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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