

TUESDAY, 3 July 2018




LEUCHARS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community Centre, Leuchars, 5 June 2018


Present: Steve Simpson (Chair), Wilma Henderson (Vice-Chair), Marianne Donaldson (Secretary/Treasurer), Trish Downie, Fiona Barnett. Aaron Reid, Steve Davies. Cllr Bill Connor, Cllr Tim Brett, Susan Budd (Leuchars Station), Lucy Jess (Head Teacher, Leuchars Primary School), Taybridgehead Police, 1 Member of the Public

1. Chairs opening remarks: The Chair opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.	Action Points
2. Apologies: None	
3. Approval of minutes of 1 May 2018: The minutes were approved by WH and TD.	
<p>4. MOD Report:</p> <p>a. Nature Trail – ongoing</p> <p>b. Meteor Garages – MD advised that the FC website does not hold an up-to-date CC insurance policy therefore the encroachment paperwork for the garages cannot be progressed and the current encroachment paperwork for use of the community centre also needs renewed. TB advised MD to contact FC. SB asked the Chair to e-mail her with the issues surrounding the use of the current garages.</p> <p>c. Earlshall Pitches – It is hoped the football pitches will be ready by August but a fence is to be erected around the area with signs and gates. LJ asked if the schoolchildren would still have access as it is a route they walk regularly towards Earlshall Castle. SB asked LJ to e-mail her with details. Discussion took place on the erecting of a fence which it was felt was going to be controversial and contentious with villagers who walk their dogs through the area and could it come under scrutiny under the “Right to Roam”? SB asked the Chair to e-mail her with observations from the CC. It was stated that MK had previously advised that only the actual football pitches would be enclosed and the rest of the ground would remain open. SB to clarify this.</p> <p>d. Additional information obtained after the meeting. The ground referred to adjacent to Earlshall Road is part of the MoD Estate, the site of previous RAF sport pitches. Following the abandonment of the sport pitches, a decision was made to gate off the area and not maintain it. Over time, the gates have been disabled and the area has been utilised by many, both Service personnel & villagers, as a dog walking / recreational area.</p> <p>The Army have identified a requirement to reinstate the sport pitches. This is programmed to be delivered in 2019/2020. In the interim period, to provide a sport pitch for the 900 personnel, our grounds maintenance team are working on a solution to reinstate the lower football pitch by Aug 18. We are keen that this capability be protected – from dog / horse fouling and walkers taking a shortcut from the unadopted coastal path that runs around the edge of that lower area - and this pitch will be fenced in. I do not yet know the extent of the fencing that</p>	<p>SS/SB</p> <p>LJ/SB</p> <p>SS/SB</p> <p>SB</p>

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<p>will be erected under the Army project... it might be just the pitches, or it might be that they simply secure the original boundary gates / hedge / fence.</p> <p>After careful consideration, I have decided that.. if folk who utilise the field do so on the understanding that the MoD accepts <u>no</u> liability, behave responsibly (pick up their dog foul / not ride horses or motorcycles over it) and respect any fenced off areas, I do not see why they cannot continue to unofficially utilise the remaining area until the formal reinstatement of the sport pitches in a couple of years' time. If, however, folk continue to not behave responsibly, I will have no option but to close down access.</p>	
<p>5. Police:</p> <p>a. Taybridgehead Police report.</p> <p> Taybridgehead Police Report</p> <p>b. Bogus Workmen – Police are going out to coffee mornings with Trading Standards to make people aware.</p> <p>c. Good Citizen Award – Aaron Reid has been awarded this for coaching the school football team. He is to be presented with his award at the school assembly on Monday 25 June at 11.00am. Members of the CC are invited to attend.</p> <p>d. The Chair asked if the police were aware of potential break-ins around Freeman Grove as he thought someone had been in his back garden. Nothing has been reported.</p>	
<p>6. Primary School:</p> <p>a. The School is fairly settled and it is hoped that parents and children will know their teachers for next year by the last week of term.</p> <p>b. There is an inter-house competition taking place to design a LLUL pennant. Entries will close on 18 June.</p> <p>c. Work is to take place over the holidays with a new cloakroom area being developed from an outside shelter and will provide seating and lockers.</p> <p>d. The school Summer Fayre is taking place on Saturday 9 June from 12.00 – 4.00pm.</p> <p>e. Cllr Brett had gone along to the Maths/Pizza afternoon and had found it a good experience.</p>	
<p>7. Fife Council:</p> <p>a. Cllr Connor's report.</p> <p> Cllr Connor's Report</p> <p>b. Cllr Brett's report.</p> <p> Cllr Brett's Report</p> <p>c. Playparks – The Cllrs were asked what the criteria was for</p>	

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<p>deciding not to keep the Henderson Tce/Pitcairn Park playparks. WH has received numerous comments on FB about this, particularly Pitcairn Park playpark. Cllr Brett advised that no decisions have been made yet about which parks to keep but it was the Council's aspiration to maintain the bigger parks. The Cllrs will support the CC if there is a particular park the village wants to keep. He advised that residents are welcome to set up a community group to campaign/fund keeping the park at Pitcairn.</p> <p>d. The Cllrs are to go around the village with the Chair to identify where grit bins are necessary.</p> <p>e. Planning Permission – Chair clarified the CC position that we will only notify the Planning Service that we wish to be treated as a Statutory Consultee when deemed necessary/appropriate.</p> <p>f. The CC were advised that a 30% discount for Ex-Service personnel is available at Fife Cultural Trust buildings.</p>	<p>Cllrs/SS</p>
<p>8. Correspondence:</p> <p>a. Parking in Main Street – see Police Report.</p> <p>b. Community Council Elections 2018 – MD asked if the CC should place an advert in the local newspaper. Cllr Brett advised FC will do this but we can put the information out on FB, website and in the newsletter.</p> <p>c. Letter from Beautiful Fife advising judging for the competition will be on 25 July at 12.30pm meeting at Junction Gardens.</p> <p>d. Letter from Mr Finnie advising he no longer wants to be involved in looking after the planters in the village.</p> <p>e. Letter from Mrs Finnie advising that her and Mr Finnie would like to continue to maintain the Rotunda in Junction Gardens.</p>	<p>MD/WH</p>
<p>9. Finance:</p> <p>a. Finance report.</p> <p> Finance Report</p> <p>b. Grant from FC – Annual Accounts. MD asked for the Annual Accounts to be accepted as correct by the CC. Agreed. Annual Grant will be £834.60 and she will submit the application for this asap.</p> <p>c. Grant from FC – Floral Enhancement Grant - £500 received from FC and a £20 donation from a resident. £205 has been set aside from this sum for the grass cutting in JG.</p> <p>d. Grant from FC – Noticeboards – Awaiting confirmation from the church that we can erect one on the Coachhouse wall. Revised design will cost an extra £2.60.</p> <p>e. Grant from FC – WW1 Benches – Materials have been delivered and work has started on the benches.</p> <p>f. Funding Application – Spirit of the Community Awards – Unsuccessful</p> <p>g. Sustrans – Birds & Bees Benches - Ordered</p>	<p>MD</p>

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<p>10. Gardening Update:</p> <p>a. SD advised he had hired a strimmer for a day to trim around the areas the lawnmower can't reach and wanted to hire it for a further day. The Chair advised that the Community Payback Team are meant to be strimming these areas, especially along the fence line and he would contact them to get this done.</p> <p>b. MD advised the local Youth Club have a few mixed trees they would like to give away. It was agreed the CC would take five and SD would decide where to plant them. MD will collect them from the Community Centre.</p> <p>c. Discussion took place about the lawnmower. MD advised, with depreciation, it was worth about £950. WH advised there was an offer of £800 being made at the moment. The Chair proposed selling it perhaps to another group in the area. Agreed.</p> <p>d. SD will be in JG at the weekend. He advised the poppies are starting to appear.</p> <p>e. Planters – Several planters have now been filled with a total of eight being looked after by residents of the village. One planter has yet to be moved to the top of the village entrance. The Chair will arrange to do this on Friday afternoon with MD. It was agreed that thank you letters should be sent to all those who have offered to help.</p> <p>f. MD asked if she could purchase wood stain as some of the planters are needing cleaned up and Mrs Aitken's bench also need done. Agreed.</p> <p>g. Junction Gardens – MD proposed that the CC approach Elmwood College to see if a student would like to design/advise on what we can do with JG. Fife Voluntary Action advised they would help with submitting funding applications if this happened. Agreed</p> <p>h. Picnic Tables – The tables are locked in the garage along with the hanging baskets. MD advised that the local Youth Club were interesting in helping to fill the baskets.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>SD/MD</p> <p>SS/MD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MD</p> <p>MD</p>
<p>11. LLUL Update:</p> <p>a. Cabaret Night organised for Saturday 7 July at St Michaels Golf Club, £5 a ticket available from Hendies or online</p> <p>b. St Andrews Community Trust have been sent an evaluation of what we organised/fundraising events held to support the funding they gave us last year.</p> <p>c. An anonymous donor has given the fund £900 to pay for the pennant the school are designing.</p> <p>d. It is planned to hold a Race Night on Saturday 11 August in Hendies.</p> <p>e. Other events being planned for later in the year are; Topsy Tea Party, Treasure Hunt, Safari Supper.</p> <p>f. WH handed out glow bands to all present and asked if it would be possible to obtain boxes/tins which can be left in locations. MD to investigate sourcing these.</p>	<p>MD</p>
<p>12. Newsletters and Websites:</p> <p>a. WH apologised for the newsletter not having been done but this</p>	

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<p>was due to unforeseen circumstances and she would start to put it together this weekend. b. MD advised there had been a problem with the May minutes on the website and these had been reloaded.</p>	<p>WH</p>
<p>13. Planning: None</p>	
<p>14. Community Council Resignations/Vacancies: a. Veronica Taylor has resigned. The Chair gave a vote of thanks for her work in Junction Gardens and getting volunteers to look after the planters in the village. b. Mrs Jacqueline Crowe was nominated by WH to join the CC. Agreed.</p>	
<p>15. Matters Arising: a. Signage Henderson Tce Garages – Sign ordered. b. Railway Station Bridge – Network Rail have accepted liability. c. Benches at Main Street Roundabout – Ongoing d. Flooded pavement at Ye Olde Hotel – Ongoing e. Emergency Planning – FC Emergency Planning team are to be attending the next Taybridgehead Forum on Wednesday 20 June in Newport at 7.00pm f. Dog Fouling – Around St Bunyans/Meadow Park. Advised to try and get a description of the dog and/or person and time of day to report it. g. MD asked if the Chair could ask the Community Payback Team to paint the railings between the Aero Café and Bobbies if the CC provides the materials. h. Community Trust – MD had met with the Fife Voluntary Action Team to discuss setting up a Community Trust. Advice was to stay as we are as the LLUL finances are being identified separately from the main CC accounts.</p>	<p>SS</p>
<p>16. A.O.C.B. a. MD advised she had e-mailed the previous Secretary but to date there had been no response. She would e-mail again asking for the CC correspondence to be handed over. b. Grass around the headstones in the cemetery is very long and needs cut. Cllr Brett will follow this up. c. MD asked what the CC wanted to do with the three sets of solar string lights we have. Suggestion was to look at putting them around the trees opposite Hendies. d. A few memorial plaques, over the years, have been placed at the school including one for the little girl in Pitcairn Park who died. LJ is checking to see where they might be. MD suggested the one for the little girl may be able to be fitted to the Bees & Birds bench outside the school if it was a suitable size. e. The Chair, WH, MD and the FC Cllrs have been invited to a Volunteer Reception at Lt Col Coombes residence on Thursday 7 June to recognise the contribution volunteers give to the activities at Leuchars Station. WH had been nominated for LLUL especially the switch-on that had brought so many of the village and military</p>	<p>MD TB LJ</p>

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f. The Chair brought the meeting to a close by advising that he had received a letter of complaint which he had dealt with. He reiterated that everyone around the table had a voice and should be listened too.	
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NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 3 July 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 Tuesday 26 June 18

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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