




Largs Community Council  
Approved Minutes  
Thursday, 18 February 2021, 7pm via Zoom

**Present:** Cllr Phillips (Chair), Cllr Smith (Secretary), Cllr Dippie, Cllr Wood, Cllr Adair, Cllr Cochrane, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr I Murdoch, Calum Coral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PC Dominic Murphy (Police Scotland)

**Apologies:** Cllr Marshall, Cllr P Perman, Cllr J Perman

Item	Business
1	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <p>Chair welcomed members. With Cllr Lundie stepping down, there was now a position for a full voting member which could be filled by Robbie Stevenson. Proposed -Cllr Cochrane 2nd -Cllr Adair. Chair welcomed Robbie.</p>
2	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>As noted above</p>
3	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 21 January 2021</b></p> <p>Section 9g - Dementia Friendly – delete final sentence as not relevant. Subject to amendment - approved Cllr Wood 2nd Cllr Cochrane. Cllr Cochrane queried if the comparative figures for the previous year had been restored in the police report. Cllr Wood confirmed that she had the comparative figures in the reports for both last month and this month.</p> <p><b>Action point – Cllr Wood to send figures to Cllr Cochrane, Cllr Phillips and Cllr Smith</b></p>
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</b></p> <p>All action points cleared and will be covered in individual reports. Cllr Adair reported that he had been in touch with David Hilditch about the Ferry Access Group and nothing to report at present.</p>
5	<p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>See attached report for stats and response to concerns raised at last meeting.</p> <p> police report Feb 2021.doc</p> <p>Calum advised that local businesses had expressed concerns to him about Largs becoming a day tripper destination this summer. Could there be extra police provision to counter this? Shopkeepers have also reported having customers from Glasgow, Paisley, Ayr and Kilmarnock in their shops at the weekend. What do the police recommend? Guidance is very clear – to stay at home and not to cross Council boundaries. If there are concerns that people are breaching Covid regulations, there is a dedicated online process to report it to police.</p> <p>There will be action plans drawn up for the summer which could mean extra patrols for the town. <b>Action point – police to report back about summer action plans</b></p> <p>Further discussion took place about breaches of Covid regulations.</p>

	<p>PC Murphy reiterated that if people are concerned about any breaches of Covid regulations they should report it to the police.</p> <p>Cllr Cochrane noted the figures in the crime reports for this year and the same period last year before Covid were almost exactly the same with no reduction in criminal activities. He had expected a significant decrease. He also noted that there were no reports of house parties or Covid breaches. PC Murphy advised that these would be fixed penalty tickets and would not be reported as crime.</p> <p>Cllr Cochrane asked the nature of a caution under the Emergency Workers Act. PC Murphy advised that it was a false report of someone dialling the 999 system.</p> <p>Cllr Cochrane commented that during the period of the recent report, local people have been adhering to Covid rules. Police agreed that this was the case in the Largs area.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson referred to the recent incident at Bellesdale when a young person fell into the burn. He considers that there is a need to keep policing this area over the winter months and the public made aware of the dangers of the burn.</p>
6	<p><b>North Ayrshire Council Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Murdoch advised that at the full Council meeting yesterday, it was agreed to further extend the Community Council elections for Largs(as well as others) until September/October/November 2021.</li> <li>• Queens Hotel has now been demolished and site cleared for new block of flats which will be within the building line and complies with planning.</li> <li>• Fencing around Broomfields for reinstatement of grass has been removed.</li> <li>• Vaccination programme at Inverclyde centre went well. More vaccinations to take place on 24/02/21 at Inverclyde.</li> <li>• Potholes – an ongoing issue with numerous reports daily. Waterside St has had temporary fixes, Nelson St- completed.. Flatt Road will be resurfaced when the houses are completed.</li> <li>• Flooding – Inverclyde View, Alexander Avenue, A78 trunk Road and in Fairlie – major flooding due to exceptionally heavy rainfall.</li> <li>• Gritting of Brisbane Glen Road – gritting requested on several occasions due to snow and ice. Despite previously being a priority route and the difficulties being experienced by businesses and residents, it will not be made a priority route again. It will need to be reported as and when gritting is required.</li> <li>• Footpaths in the main street – waiting for a date for work to be finalised, delays due to problems with contractor. Complaint was made about the surface from Robert Duff to the Blue Lagoon and will be done in 2022 budget.</li> <li>• Irvine Road and Fairlie Road roadworks – work starts tonight and a convoy system will operate. Full road closure this weekend and next weekend. Drainage at Largs Golf Club and Largs Marina is being addressed at the same time. Buses replacing trains will be escorted through in convoy system. Key workers with ID should be escorted through if possible but this is not guaranteed.</li> <li>• Routenburn to Nardinis road resurfacing completed last weekend. Gallowgate Street was not done due to heavy rain – not yet confirmed when it will be completed.</li> <li>• Ferry arrangements review ongoing, Community Council will be part of consultation.</li> <li>• Bus shelter at Curlinghall will be installed in March.</li> <li>• DS4 and DS8 incident at Hunterston – grave concerns were expressed and Cllr Murdoch fully supports an independent enquiry along with Fairlie and Cumbrae Community Councils. Very fortunate a major incident was averted.</li> <li>• Rigghill Windfarm planning application postponed again</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Secretary's Report and Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary role handed over by Cllr Lundie to Cllr Smith. The email address of <a href="mailto:Largscommunitycouncilofficial@gmail.com">Largscommunitycouncilofficial@gmail.com</a> will be used for communications rather than a personal email.</li> <li>• All emails received have been forwarded for individual action as appropriate.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested a list of dates for future meetings for the rest of the year would be useful</li> <li>• Agreed that the dates of meetings could also be posted on Facebook and if any member of the public wished to attend the zoom meetings, they should email Largs Community Council for further information.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point - dates of future meetings to be issued to Councillors and posted on Facebook.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Phillips asked if the police report could be posted with the minutes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point - Cllr Wood agreed to email the police report directly to Cllr Smith for inclusion with the minutes and will send future police reports to Cllr Smith prior to the meeting for general distribution.</b></p> <p>Cllr Dippie asked if it was still the practice to put a notice of the Community Council meetings in the local paper. Calum agreed to do this.</p> <p><b>Action point – Cllr Smith to send dates of future meetings and email address to Calum</b></p>
8	<p><b>Social Media Team Report</b> None</p>
9	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b> Project Fund - £823.85 with outstanding cheque of £48 to be debited Admin Account - £511.20 with £57.76 for an outstanding bill to be debited Change of signatory required due to change of Chair and Secretary. Cllr Perman has the paperwork for this. <b>Action point – Cllr Phillips, Cllr Smith will liaise with Cllr P Perman regarding this.</b></p>
10	<p><b>Dementia Friendly Largs Report</b> Cllr Stevenson provided an update 26/01/21 – 1st meeting with Cllrs Hill and Murdoch. 5/02/21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting – only Cllr Gallagher attended due to severe weather issues. All 4 Councillors are fully supportive. 1<sup>st</sup> Steering group meeting held, 5 volunteers attended, have the basis of a good steering group. Set out principles of what we are aiming to do, Cllr Stevenson’s report was issued and discussed drawing up key objectives so everyone is clear what we are aiming to achieve. Next meeting – 26/02/21 via zoom – inviting Alzheimer’s Scotland, Anne McWhinnie and Linda Ross who is the local representative to attend. Next meeting in March – a lady from Dunblane Dementia Friendly group has agreed to attend this meeting to talk about their progress and achievements.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson has emailed Cllr Hill for advice about whether the project should be set up as a Community Interest Company or a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This will allow us to have our own organisation, set of principles and bank account. Cllr Murdoch asked if the meeting on 26/02/21 be changed to 12 o’clock to allow the Councillors to attend – agreed. Cllr Cochrane also asked to attend this meeting.</p> <p>The group does not currently have aims and objectives set but key objectives for Largs will subsequently be set by the group. There are a considerable number of reports on the subject to assist. Cllr Phillips asked about the service expected from businesses in Largs. Businesses make their staff dementia friends which will involve watching videos to learn about dementia and the shops will look at themselves internally, their signage etc to make them more dementia friendly. There are 3 nurses on the group, one of whom was a care home manager so a lot of experience on the group. We are lacking people on the group who are living with dementia and this is something which will need to be addressed.</p>

	<p>Communications so far – editorial report in local paper about what we are trying to achieve, Drew’s (Cllr Cochrane ) column, fortnightly call with Calum and Cllr Stevenson’s letter to the editor asking for anyone living with dementia who would be interested to join the group.</p> <p>Morrison’s is especially keen to be part of this and have a charity fund and staff who can be called upon to help. The Post Office has also expressed their interest.</p>
11	<p><b>Sub Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>a. Licensing</b> - none</p> <p><b>b. Planning</b> - Cllr Murdoch advised there were 2 planning applications received on 5/02/21 for EIA screening opinions at Hunterston Construction Yard Fairlie and these should be considered by LCC. <b>Action point – Cllr J Perman to advise on appropriate action to be taken by LCC</b></p> <p><b>c. Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brisbane Mains Farm Woodland Creation – Forestry officer will ask the developer if they can open up the views at Knock Hill. This was one of the concerns earlier but no guarantees there will be any change.</li> <li>• Hawkshill– Accident on 31/01/21 by a lady out walking who injured herself. Problem is no-one has access through the top gate. One of the issues is the changing of padlocks and key code numbers are not communicated to the appropriate people. Gates have to be padlocked to prevent inappropriate access. Cllr Dippie has suggested a sign be put on each gate with an emergency telephone number but this suggestion has not been taken up. Resilience Team are following this up. Cllr Murdoch is also pursuing this problem.</li> <li>• Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park and the demise of the committee. NAC have not moved on this but Lesley Forsyth has offered to assist in setting up a Friends Group if no other Council has done so and help look at initial funding. Cllr Dippie suggested that LCC make a small donation to the group once it has been established. LCC agreed to make a donation, amount to be determined, once the group is set up. <b>Action point - Cllr Dippie to advise when group is set up and how the donation would be spent.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rigghill – no developments at present</li> <li>• 2 items for consideration in the future -garden at Gogosite Road and litter picks <b>Action point – Cllr Dippie to raise subject of the garden at the next meeting</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A spirited debate on the subject of various wind turbines took place.</p> <p><b>d. Transportation</b> –nothing to report</p> <p><b>e. Hunterston</b> –nothing to report, next meeting is 4/03/21.</p>
10	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b> – Cllr Cochrane referred to the decision that the Community Council elections had been postponed until the end of the year and asked Cllr Phillips if he would consider taking on the role of Chair of LCC on a permanent basis. Cllr Phillips agreed to do so. Proposed Cllr Cochrane, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Wood.</p>
11	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 18 March 2021</b></p>