




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

Present: Cllr Phillips (Chair), Cllr Smith (Secretary), Cllr Dippie, Cllr Wood, Cllr Adair, Cllr Cochrane, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr J Perman, Cllr P Perman, Cllr Hill, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Murdoch, Calum Coral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PS Sharon Kerr (Police Scotland)

Apologies: none

Item	Business
1	Welcome -Chair welcomed members.
2	Apologies -none
3	Minutes of Meeting of 18 February 2021 Approved Cllr Wood 2nd Cllr Dippie
4	Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points All action points cleared except for Clyde Muirshiel Friends group which is ongoing.
5	<p>Police Report</p> <p>See attached report for stats and response to concerns raised at last meeting ie Calum Corral's 2 points in relation to Covid breaches and increased footfall due to staycations and also the traffic problem at the junction of Nelson Street and Moorburn Road. PS Kerr has emailed Largs CC with North Ayrshire Council's proposals to help remedy the situation at the junction.</p> <p> march 2021 largs comm council-1.doc</p> <p>PS Kerr intimated that she was going on a secondment for 6 months and her replacement would be PS Donald Fisher, email address Donald.fisher@scotland.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Cllr Phillips thanked PS Kerr for her hard work and enthusiasm working with Largs CC.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson advised PS Kerr that Largs Dementia Friendly group has been set up under the auspices of Largs CC with himself as Chair and Cllr Smith as secretary and have the support of the 4 elected Councillors. The Steering Group felt it was important to have a representative from the police on the committee. Cllr Stevenson asked if PS Kerr could pass on his email address to PS Fisher to enable contact to be made. PS Kerr confirmed that the police would fully support this project and will pass on all details to PS Fisher.</p> <p>Cllr Dippie referred to the incident at Hawkshill and the difficulties experienced by the emergency services with access. The developers have been in touch with the police with the key codes for the gates and Cllr Dippie wished to know if these codes had been passed on to all emergency services.</p> <p>Action point – PS Kerr will check the position regarding this and ensure the codes are appropriately shared</p> <p>In relation to NAC proposals for Nelson Street/Moorburn Road junction, Cllr Phillips considered that there are existing yellow lines around the town at present which are not adhered to and why would yellow lines at this area be any different. Cllr Wood commented that the options in that area are limited and hopes that the yellow lines would help.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch advised that until decriminalisation of the parking enforcement comes in, it remains the responsibility of the police but accepted that it is difficult to police this.</p>

	<p>Cllr Cochrane referred to the Police Scotland reported crime figures which had reduced by 38% during the year of Covid. He noted crime figures in Largs had reduced by 50% but there was not much of a reduction in incidents last month in comparison with the pre Covid figures which he found interesting. Cllr Cochrane asked for more detail about the alcohol incident and PS Kerr advised that this was an individual who did not want to abide by the licensing hours.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch expressed his concern about the number of people potentially breaking Covid rules and coming to Largs over the Easter weekend.</p> <p>Cllr P Perman asked why the seaside car park has been opened during this lockdown as she felt this encouraged people to come. Cllr Murdoch stated that Government guidance allowed toilets and car parks to be open during this lockdown</p> <p>PS Kerr advised that there are plans to have additional police in Largs at Easter to make sure everyone is kept safe and everything kept in order.</p> <p>PS Kerr thanked everyone for her welcome at Largs CC meetings.</p>
6	<p>North Ayrshire Council Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Hill - setting of budget has taken place and agreed last week • Cllr Murdoch proposed an amendment to the budget to transfer £1 million from the Investment fund to Capital fund to be used for roads but the amendment failed • Road resurfacing at Gallowgate Street postponed 3 times, trying to ensure that people move their cars for work starting on 25/03/21 • Footpaths should be completed end of March/beginning of April • Pavements in Greenock Road and Irvine Road – hoping to get resurfaced • Raised the trip hazards outside RBS. Pavement at Robert F Duff & Co should be resurfaced in next year’s budget • New lights going up on prom following damage to them by weather and some street lights being replaced • New business group has been formed • Outdoor market will open around 26/04/21 • Additional funding agreed for repair of sea wall at Aubrey • Fly tipping problem has been sorted • No right turn sign at car park to be installed • Rigghill - planning meeting to be held on 29/03/21 and it appears planning officers have recommended refusal • St Colms Place – CCTV being installed as residents have been moved and the building will be demolished shortly • Meeting held to discuss development at Police Station site • Cllr Marshall stated that the Queens Hotel planning application comes up on 7/04/21 with recommendation to grant. Rigghill is coming up with a recommendation to refuse. <p>Cllr P Perman asked if the cars parked in the street being resurfaced can’t be removed by the police. Cllr Murdoch advised that Amey has no powers to move cars and won’t take responsibility for their removal in case of damage. Cllr Marshall stated that the last time this happened he contacted the Chief Inspector at Saltcoats who advised that as a last resort the cars would be ticketed. Cllr Murdoch will be raising a complaint with Transport Scotland about Amey’s communication and traffic management, nothing to do with the contractor.</p>
7	<p>Secretary’s Report and Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received 3 resignations this month from Cllr Blair, Cllr Murdoch and Cllr Stewart due to university commitments and this leaves 3 vacancies on the Community Council. Suggestions as to how we can fill the vacancies were to advertise them through the local paper and Largs Academy. Agreed the value of having young people on the Community Council as they have a different outlook on life and have good skills with Social Media. Cllr Stevenson asked Cllr Cochrane if it might be an idea to approach Gary Ennis. They both know him and he was recently highlighted in an article in

	<p>last week's local paper about his book on communications being nominated for an award. He would be someone who could perhaps manage Social Media for Largs CC.</p> <p>Largs CC use Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google Drive and Canva. The Social Media profiles are gaining momentum with increased numbers of followers. The minutes are posted on Facebook so the public can view them there. They are also posted on the North Coast Locality Partnership website.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Cochrane to contact Gary Ennis to discuss Largs CC with him</p> <p>As a result of Cllr Murdoch's resignation, there is no longer a representative at the Hunterston meetings. Cllr Wood volunteered to be the representative. Agreed Cllr Dippie would be backup for Cllr Wood in this role.</p> <p>The last report from the Hunterston meeting is very lengthy. Cllr Wood, Cllr Dippie and Cllr Phillips requested a copy of the report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Coast Locality Partnership has asked who would now be representative from Largs CC at the meetings – Cllr Stevenson agreed to be our representative • Email about the consultation on halls, centres and libraries forwarded for personal feedback • Agreed emails from Scottish Government would be filtered as to their relevance to Largs CC
8	<p>Social Media Team Report As discussed following resignation of Community Councillors</p>
9	<p>Treasurer's Report Project Fund - £823.85 with outstanding cheque of £48 Admin Account - £453.64 with 2 outstanding cheques totalling £47.39 Proposed Cllr Wood, 2nd Cllr Murdoch</p>
10	<p>Dementia Friendly Largs Report Cllr Stevenson provided an update Now have 17 members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering group meeting on 17/03/21 consisting of Chair – Cllr Stevenson, Secretary – Cllr Smith, Treasurer – Cllr Hill and also a group leader and 3 other group leaders, one of whom is Cllr Murdoch. • Constitution and Terms of Reference drawn up for each of the working groups, to be agreed tomorrow. The groups are called Living Community – Cllr Hill- group leader, Living Support – Bonnie McDowell – group leader, Living Visuals – Cllr Murdoch – group leader and Living Advice – Christine Malcolmson. • Successful in grant application to Participatory Budget – awarded £1050 • Support of all local councillors -all welcome to join in any of the group meetings • 3rd full meeting of group taking place on 19/03/21 • Still require someone living with dementia to join group – proving to be a challenge. OIR have been contacted but they don't engage with other groups • The working groups are in the process of setting their key targets for the next 6 months <p>Cllr P Perman asked where the group would meet after lockdown and would the Livingroom be a possibility. Cllr Stevenson stated that there is a meeting facility area in the Assisted Living element of the Flatt Road housing development where there is a dial in facility. Cllr Smith advised that North Ayrshire adviser, Linda Ross from Alzheimers Scotland previously attended the Livingroom once a week prior to lockdown and the group would certainly be linking in with the Livingroom.</p> <p>Linda Ross is part of the group as is her mother Janet Ross who is active in the Largs area. The work of the group is intended to strengthen what is already there, not to replace it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having been awarded the grant, there is a process to go through to actually receive the money and a form to be completed with details of the host and bank account. Dementia Friendly Largs does not have a bank account as yet. Cllr P Perman as Treasurer stated that she did not consider that Largs CC should receive the money and then pass it on to another group. If the group want the money, they should get it themselves. When the group are constituted, the money can then be paid into their bank account. Cllr Stevenson stated that the grant was applied for under Largs CC as Dementia Friendly Largs was a sub group at that time and Largs CC would need to be the host who

	<p>would then pass the funds to Largs Dementia Friendly once the bank account is set up. Councillor Perman was not happy with this arrangement. Councillor Stevenson referred to a previous meeting of the Community Council when it was agreed that the grant application be made under Largs CC when Dementia Friendly Largs was a sub group. This is no longer possible and the group needs to be a stand alone group. Councillor Stevenson advised that he would need to find out from North Ayrshire Council if the grant application could be changed from Largs CC but if this is not possible would we lose the grant. Councillor Murdoch questioned whether the decision to make the grant application under Largs CC was minuted and if it was, Largs CC have made the decision. A number of different viewpoints were expressed by various councillors as to how to deal with this problem to best effect. Councillor Murdoch suggested he ask the NAC Head of Finance for advice about payment of the grant. All agreed to this action.</p> <p>Action point – Councillor Murdoch to contact NAC Head of Finance for advice</p>
11	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <p>a. Licensing - none</p> <p>b. Planning - planning applications – storage dam above inlet on Greta – awaiting further information. Storage dam on Gogo application withdrawn. Application by Network Rail to fell trees south of Charles Street. There is a tree preservation order but the tree felling is in keeping with action taken everywhere else. The trees on the embankment are too high, are rotten and dangerous. No objection.</p> <p>Councillor Dippie stated that a request from outwith the area at Inverkip Powerstation had been made to put a notification on Largs CC Facebook page. Agreed not appropriate but suggested a link to NAC Planning be put on Facebook page with any major developments being highlighted. Agreed.</p> <p>c. Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunterston – ongoing situation where a spent fuel rod had been found which should have been sent to Sellafield. Councillor Dippie expressed his concern in relation to this situation. He agreed to pass on the information he had to Councillor Wood. • Rigghill goes through planning on 29/03/21 with recommendation to refuse. Councillor Cochrane queried if it was NAC policy that all Community benefits from windfarms should go to the Council and not through a local trust. Councillor Murdoch advised that the funds go through the Locality Partnership. • Hawkshill – developers have handed over the access codes to police and signage will be put up on entry gates at Bellesdale and Blair Park with contact details. Work on paths should be completed in May • Developers have advised that the bridge over the Gogo Burn and Hawkshill which was disabled last June should be operational by June 2021 • Dam on the Greta Burn has been approved by planning and will go ahead subject to a number of conditions • Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park – Friends Group still in the process of being set up • Letter sent this month backing up Fairlie Community Council about the incident with the drill ships • Garden at Gogoside Road needs a considerable amount of work. Councillor Phillips, Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Perman volunteered to help. It's not necessary to work as a group, individuals can work on it when they have time <p>Action point – Councillor Dippie will contact volunteers</p> <p>Councillor Perman suggested a lost property box could be placed on the prom for lost items eg children's clothes, shoes etc. Possible location at the Co-op area. Concerns were expressed about vandalism but agreed the idea had merit. Councillor Perman offered to look into cost etc.</p> <p>d. Transportation – nothing to report</p> <p>e. Hunterston – as already noted above</p>
10	<p>A.O.C.B. – Councillor Phillips thanked everyone for their participation.</p>
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 15 April 2021</p>