




Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes
 Thursday, 17 June 2021, 7pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr Phillips (Chair), Cllr Smith (Secretary), Cllr Adair, Cllr Cochrane, Cllr Dippie, Cllr J Perman, Cllr P Perman, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Wood, Cllr Murdoch, Adam Lyon (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PS Donald Fisher (Police Scotland), Denise Fraser- Community Development Worker – North Coast

Apologies: Cllr Marshall, Cllr Hill, Calum Corral

Item	Business
1	<p>Welcome -Chair welcomed members, Donald Fisher and also Denise Fraser, Community Development Worker for the North Coast.</p>
2	<p>Apologies –As noted above.</p>
3	<p>Police Report See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>June 2021 Largs CC - Police Report.docx</p> <p>PS Fisher stated that this month’s crime reports were not dissimilar from last year. Cllr Wood advised that she had had reports of drugs being sold at Scott park and the old gasworks car park. PS Fisher had not heard about this but will investigate. Cllr Wood asked for regular meetings with the police to recommence as she receives information from people who are wary of contacting the police themselves. PS Fisher does not want to people to feel that they can’t get in touch directly with the police but agreed to be in touch.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson referred to an incident he had witnessed in Morrisons when youths were attempting to steal alcohol. He reported it to security in the store but he was concerned that in cases like this people should not be put at risk for doing so. Cllr Stevenson was also concerned about large numbers of youths who had been drinking coming to Largs on the train and subsequently causing trouble in the town. PS Fisher advised that the railways and platforms are the jurisdiction of the Transport Police. The numbers are monitored from Glasgow Central but not further down the line. Concerns were also expressed about the ability to travel on the train without tickets being checked. Cllrs were concerned about the safety of the general public travelling on the train due to the behaviour and numbers of youths travelling. PS Fisher agreed to pass on the Community Council’s concerns to the Transport Police. Cllr Wood also agreed to contact the Transport police. Cllr P Perman asked if there could be a police presence at the station at weekends to combat this. PS Fisher agreed to try to do this where possible but it would depend on resources as to whether this was possible.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch stated that the behaviour on the train is a major concern but this has been a long standing problem which is still not resolved.</p> <p>Cllr Adair raised the issue of parking on double yellow lines and referred to incidents at the ferry queue. PS Fisher confirmed that discretion would be used in respect of parking on yellow lines etc and engagement with drivers before enforcement, blatant obstruction will be dealt with. Cllr Murdoch advised that it was stated at a NAC meeting that decriminalised parking was unlikely to come in during this term. Cllr Murdoch intends to ask for the yellow lines in town to be refreshed and asked PS Fisher if the local police would then issue tickets. PS Fisher agreed to lower discretion levels for parking in town.</p> <p>Action point – Contact to be made with Transport Police about the numbers and unruly behaviour of youths</p>

	on trains to Largs – Cllr Wood and PS Fisher
4	<p>Denise Fraser, Community Development Worker – advised that a summer youth programme is being run across the North Coast with the focus being on Largs. She will be engaging with young people with a view to getting them to participate in activities being run. A North Coast Youth Forum was set up in October and Denise advised that the young people would enjoy coming on to the Community Council meetings if it was possible after the summer as it is important for young people to have a voice in their communities. She works closely with Largs Academy and the police.</p> <p>Cllr Phillips stated that Largs CC encouraged young people to come on to the Council. Cllr Cochrane referred to a leaflet detailing the proposed activities for young people at Barrfields park working with NAC, KA Leisure etc. Denise stated that this was as a result of Largs Thistle approaching the Council to make greater use of Barrfields park. She has set up summer taster sessions and would like to carry out a wider consultation exercise with the community as to how the park could be better utilised. Cllr commented that the Rock choir rehearse in the park. Cllr Murdoch advised that Largs Thistle took the initiative and worked with various organisations to get the children involved in using the park legally. Denise suggested we let Cllr Marshall know about the North Coast Youth Forum and their interest in being part of Community Councils.</p>
5	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 20 May 2021 Approved Cllr Cochrane 2nd Cllr P Perman</p>
6	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points Action points still outstanding Action point -Cllr Marshall to contact Largs Academy regarding possible involvement of senior pupils in Largs CC Cllr Cochrane has emailed Emma Cooper on the subject of Social Media and is still awaiting a response. Cllr P Perman will check with NAC if there is any funding available to help with the cost of Social Media. Action Point – Cllr P Perman to contact NAC to check funding position</p>
7	<p>North Ayrshire Council Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Murdoch queried with the leader of NAC how future maintenance of projects would be financed in a very tight budget position. Response was that they were already maintained and financed. He also asked about initiatives to generate future income. • The update on the incident at Hunterston parc jetty on 2/02/21 was that the ships never actually broke free. NAC will not take any enforcement action in relation to the noise and emissions from the ships at Hunterston. • Douglas Park – there are a number of interested parties in the park including the tennis courts • Quarterly catch up by North Coast Councillors – discussion about the car park infrastructure and the refurbishment of the toilets. Agreed that refurbishment, a payment system for the toilets and improved infrastructure for the car park were essential • A78 to Skelmorlie – condition of the road has been reported already and Amey has surveyed it • Confirmed pavements in town centre from Blue Lagoon to Robert F Duff will be resurfaced this year • Dog fouling at Bowencraig Football Park – not acceptable and has asked for signage to be put up <p>Cllr P Perman asked about the breakdown of charges for the maintenance of Douglas Park which Cllr Murdoch had agreed to provide. He advised that NAC gave a discounted rate for the work - £25 reduced to £17.50 per hour. The Councillors thought that the cost was competitive. Cllr Cochrane felt that the charges were very high for grass cutting but Cllr Murdoch advised that it also included winter maintenance, weedkilling, planting and removing bulbs and plants etc. Cllr Murdoch did not have a breakdown of the figures to hand. Cllr Smith suggested that Cllr Murdoch send the figures to her for distribution before the next meeting so that they could be discussed.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Murdoch to provide a breakdown of the charges for the maintenance of Douglas park before the next meeting to aid discussion</p> <p>Cllr P Perman stated that she thought the toilets at the pier were old fashioned but still serviceable and not requiring refurbishment. Cllr Phillips considered the state of the gents toilet to be unacceptable. Cllr Murdoch advised that the toilets had been recently painted but if a pay and enter system was installed the toilets should first be upgraded.</p>

	<p>Cllr Adair asked about the charge to remove flytipping in Bath Street as WH Smith had been sent a bill. Cllr Murdoch advised that it is the land owner's responsibility not the Council's to pay for the removal. Cllr Adair asked if more bins would be provided at the Cenotaph as there were insufficient. Cllr Murdoch will check.</p> <p>Cllr Smith asked about the toilets at Aubrey which are always locked. The reason for this is due to the drains requiring to be repaired. They will not be open until they are repaired but there is a problem about the cost of this. The other toilets are frequently not open when they should be. Cllr Murdoch will take this up with NAC again. Cllr Smith stated that if we are trying to promote Largs as a dementia friendly town , the toilets need to be open.</p>
8	<p>Secretary's Report – all emails forwarded. An email was received from McGills Buses who have a new community outreach officer who is interested in becoming involved in community events. Cllr Stevenson advised that this person is no longer in the position as of 16th June.</p>
9	<p>Social Media – no report</p>
10	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Admin Account - £377.47 with 2 outstanding cheques for £28.78</p> <p>Project Fund - £1743.10 which includes £1050 from Dementia project. £164.75 has been spent on the Gogoside Road garden buying annuals, hanging baskets and a sign for the garden. We will need to consider our expenditure for the garden next year due to the limitations on the budget. There may be some spare plants from the Council available. Cllr Smith commented how good the garden was looking. The plants are the biggest expenditure and Cllr Wood suggested that perhaps Morrisons might be willing to donate plants to the Community garden next year.</p>
11	<p>Dementia Friendly Largs report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 members, Constitution and SCIO have been set up. Bank account being set up. • National Alzheimers Day is on 21/09/21 and there are plans in place but will be dependent on Covid regulations whether an event can be held in a church or church hall or be taken into the 4 care homes. Next meeting is on 25/06/21 and will get an update then from the 4 working groups. • Still hopeful of getting more volunteers. • Cllr Stevenson asked for the support of Largs CC at the event on 21/09/21. He has had a meeting with Calum Corral and is hopeful of getting an article in the local paper promoting Dementia Friendly. • Cllr Stevenson had spoken to Craig at McGills Buses with a view to getting the drivers trained in dementia friendly but unfortunately Craig is no longer with McGills. Cllr Stevenson will get back in touch with McGills to pursue this. <p>Cllr Wood asked if there was a drop in club available in Largs for people with dementia as she has been asked for information by someone who has just moved to Largs.</p> <p>Cllr Smith offered to send details of Alzheimer Scotland adviser for North Ayrshire to Cllr Wood.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Smith to forward email address to Cllr Wood</p>
12	<p>Electric Vehicle Charging Points up date</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson attended a meeting on 10/06/21 with Cllr Murdoch, 3 people from NAC Energy and Sustainability Department and 2 people from SPEN who knew where charging points could be installed and at the right cost. Agreed on the location of the points at the sea front car park and also Gateside Street car park. 1 charging point has 2 outlets. They will be at the lowest rate of 7kw. This will be part of NAC strategy so NAC will install the points and take the revenue from them. A funding application has been put in by NAC to Transport Scotland. The local Councillors are in favour of this action.</p>
13	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <p>a.Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawnfresh fish farm -all councillors who responded after last meeting agreed that we should object to the proposals and a joint approach by all North Coast Community Councils was best. Fairlie CC have since applied for membership of the Marine Planning Partnership on behalf of Clyde Coast Community Councils • Community path over Quadrocks is now complete although a bit steep in places

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New gate to be installed between Douglas park and Castlehill • The bridge over the Gogo was due to be completed by June but still ongoing. Awaiting grant approval • Grant funding application has been made for the link path at the crematorium • Proposed Riggill windfarm – appeal being considered by the company • McGills Buses Community Champion had offered to support litter picking events, volunteering at community events and an open top bus for parades. Craig is no longer in post so uncertainty now about these offers • Gogosite garden now has a new sign, hanging baskets and more plants have been bought. The garden is looking good. <p>Cllr Murdoch was able to confirm that an appeal is being made in relation to the Riggill windfarm application.</p> <p>b. Hunterston Cllr Dippie attended meeting on 2nd June. A station is in decommission status, they currently have 40 vacancies and working with Kilwinning College. B station – both reactors are up and running, the end of generation date is no later than 7/01/22, defueling stage over next 3 years and staff will reduce over this period. Cllr Dippie has the reports from the meeting which can be forwarded.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Dippie to forward reports to Cllr Wood</p> <p>c.Licensing – none</p> <p>d.Planning – Old Clydesdale Bank building – proposal to split building into 2 separate units as it can't currently be leased as one unit – no objections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bean and Leaf – internal change –install a serving hatch from a kitchen at the north end of the building for takeaway – no objections <p>Cllr Dippie has received paperwork today about proposals for Hunterston parc site – Cryogenic Energy Storage, power compensator. All local Community Councils are being notified for planning consideration. Discussion took place about whether Largs should be considering this development as it is not within Largs area. Agreed to wait until more information was available to enable discussion to take place.</p> <p>e.Transportation -none</p>
14	<p>A.O.C.B. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Stevenson invited Denise Fraser and her youth group to engage in the Dementia Friendly Largs project as it is important for all ages to be involved. The next meeting is on 25th June if Denise is available to attend. An invitation will be sent for this. Cllr Phillips thanked Denise for attending tonight's meeting. • Cllr Cochrane suggested that the Community Council should take a holiday in July and not hold a meeting. Cllr Stevenson suggested that if reports were sent prior to the meeting Councillors could read them beforehand. They would not then need to be read out and could reduce the duration of the meetings. Cllr Smith agreed that this would be very helpful to her when writing the minutes. It was agreed the July meeting would go ahead but with reports being sent to the Secretary by the 12/07/21 for inclusion with the invitation. • Cllr Murdoch raised the story in this week's local paper about the market and the suggestion that it was encouraging the spreading of Covid in Largs. He took great exception to this as the Covid restrictions are strictly applied and adhered to at the market at all times. Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
15	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 15 July 2021</p> <p>Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 12 July 2021</p>