






Largs Community Council  
 Approved Minutes  
 Thursday, 15 July 2021, 7pm via Zoom

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Marshall

Item	Business
1	<b>Welcome</b> -Chair welcomed members, Donald Fisher and also Denise Fraser, Community Development Worker for the North Coast.
2	<b>Apologies</b> –As noted above.
3	<p><b>Police Report</b>            See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>July 2021 Largs CC - Police Report.docx</p> <p>Cllr Smith queried no drugs incidents this month. PS Fisher stated that there were no separate drugs incidents although drugs have been identified as a result of other arrests and therefore not counted separately. Police have not identified any drug dealing in Scott Park.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson asked about the police action plan with the Transport Police. PS Fisher will be in discussion with Transport Police and would ideally like to have a police presence on the train and be able to phone ahead. Cllr Wood confirmed that when she had been travelling recently, there had been a policeman on the train from Kilwinning to Largs. The action plan is centred round the arrival of trains and where large groups subsequently head particularly on Saturdays. There have also been talks at a senior level with BTP about these issues. Cllr Murdoch had a very productive meeting this week with senior police and BTP about the problems across the North Coast. Cllr Cochrane commented about the previous suggestion about having a police presence in the station when the trains arrive. PS Fisher agreed that this is one of the priorities but is dependent on other demands on police resource. Cllr Stevenson commented on the current problem of groups of youths heading up Waterside Street and into Halkhill Gardens where they climb over the gate using residents’ furniture. The police are aware of this problem.</p>
5	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 17 June 2021</b>            Approved Cllr Wood 2nd Cllr Dippie</p>
6	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</b>            Action points still outstanding</p> <p><b>Action point -Cllr Marshall to contact Largs Academy regarding possible involvement of senior pupils in Largs CC</b></p> <p><b>Action point – Cllr Murdoch to provide a breakdown of the charges for the maintenance of Douglas park before the next meeting to aid discussion</b></p> <p>The charges are currently being queried as there has been over estimation of charges. There are a number of chargeable items in addition to some for which there has been no charge. The cost of summer bedding plants is to be deducted from overall charge as there were none planted last year. The charge should now be around £13,000 which is a significant reduction in the original amount and a considerable saving to the Common Good Fund. This is as a direct result of the community’s work in Douglas Park. Cllr Stevenson</p>

	<p>asked whether the people who carried out this work were aware of how much they had saved the town and if not, should they not be informed and recognised for this. Cllr Murdoch confirmed he would now expect the annual charge for the maintenance of Douglas park to be around £13,000. He will provide the breakdown of charges once amended.</p>
7	<p><b>North Ayrshire Council Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bedding plants have been planted around town</li> <li>• The recent problem of the bins overflowing was due to the fact they were being emptied too early in the afternoon due to a shortage of personnel. This has now been resolved and twilight shifts have been extended to during the week as well as the weekend. 40 new bins have been funded across North Ayrshire by Nature Scotland</li> <li>• Ferry queues continue to be a major problem. There is a ferry user group meeting next week and Cllr Murdoch feels that there needs to be advance ticket and booking system and priority queueing for residents with medical appointments etc</li> <li>• All local elected Councillors have agreed to borrow the necessary money against future income to procure new infrastructure at the seafront car park and refurbish the public toilets which would then become pay and enter. CCllr Stevenson queried how the pay system would operate and also the amount of the anticipated income against the loan which could be impacted by people using the pub toilets rather than paying for the toilet. Cllr Murdoch agreed that this could happen but there really was not any other alternative and it is necessary to generate income. He has asked that the payment facilities be by all methods. CCllr Stevenson also queried the number of quotes obtained from tendering as £100,000 seems excessive. Cllr Murdoch advised that this was the 1st quote and he is following this up. It would also be good if more local companies were on the Council's tendering list. CCllr P Perman suggested that as there are currently about 24 cubicles, this number could be halved and thereby cut costs. CCllr Cochrane referred to the success of the reduction in the charges for Douglas Park and suggested that the Community Council support Cllr Murdoch's request to North Ayrshire Council to take a serious look at the proposed estimated cost of £100,000 for the refurbishment of the toilets. Cllr Murdoch will check whether it is the Council or the car park who will be borrowing the money.</li> <li>• Riggill windfarm has appealed</li> <li>• Halkshill bridge being chased up</li> <li>• Meeting held with chief officer at Largs Yachthaven who would like to erect a height barrier to the south of west side car park to restrict motor homes from entering the car park. Cllr Murdoch considers that North Ayrshire Council should have a policy regarding motor homes but it has been agreed to erect the barrier although he does not agree with this as it is a public car park. This will be temporary pending North Ayrshire Council deciding on a policy. The barrier is being paid for by Largs yachthaven. The motor homes will be able to use the east side car park. North Ayrshire Council owns the 2 car parks. Calum Corral queried the availability of the car park for TV and film companies in the future if there is a barrier. Cllr Murdoch advised that it was usually the east car park which was used.</li> <li>• Cllr Murdoch met with the police to discuss a number of issues including parking, speeding and vehicles including bikes on the prom.</li> <li>• Pavements and roads repair still ongoing</li> </ul> <p>CCllr Cochrane commented that he had discovered that the Viking Village at the Viking festival is paid for from the seafront car park.</p> <p>CCllr P Perman asked why the rubbish from the bins on the front was taken to Kilbirnie. Cllr Murdoch advised that the rubbish is also picked up from other towns as well as Largs and then all taken to Kilbirnie.</p>
8	<p><b>Secretary's Report</b> – all emails forwarded. An email was received from Melanie Anderson, NAC about CC Ordinary elections which were postponed from last year in relation to possible revised procedures taking account of Covid but also to encourage interest. Discussion took place about previous election procedures and it was agreed that when the election notice is published in the Local paper, all details of how to vote will be in the notice. Cllr Murdoch advised that Melanie Anderson of NAC will be able to guide us through the process. The Community Council agreed to stay with the normal timescales for the election and as the</p>

	<p>accounts will be finalised in August, the election should take place at the Community Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p><b>Action point – Cllr Phillips to discuss with Melanie Anderson, NAC about the Community Council election.</b></p> <p>Denise Fraser advised that she would try to get some young people to attend a Community Council meeting and then hopefully some might be interested in joining. Denise also advised that the mural project at the Largs Thistle stand was going well giving the young people a chance to use their creative talent. The mural is currently a trial one and will be covered by a longboat. The summer programme is going well but it would have been good if more young people were attending.</p> <p>Denise stated that NAC were looking for the accounts to be submitted. Cllr P Perman advised that she was currently finalising the accounts.</p> <p>Email from XLCC Ltd about their project at Hunterston Port to build a factory to produce subsea HVDC cable and their offer to meet Largs, Fairlie and West Kilbride CCs to introduce the product, process and their plans. Agreed to contact XLCC to ask them for a zoom meeting for Largs CC on 17<sup>th</sup> August. Cllr Murdoch asked if the elected Councillors could also be included in the meeting. Agreed.</p> <p><b>Action point – Cllr Smith to contact XLCC to arrange a zoom meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August</b></p>
9	<p><b>Social Media</b> – Cllr Cochrane has been in touch with Emma Cooper about Social Media. She would be willing to assist us but wanted to know the frequency and quantity of items posted. Cllr Cochrane suggested Cllr Smith contact her to discuss this. No charges have been discussed but Cllr Cochrane suggested £ 50 per month be used when discussing with NAC. Cllr Perman stated that she was waiting for an actual cost before contacting NAC and considered that they would not be prepared to meet the cost of £600 per year. Cllr Marshall had agreed to contact Largs Academy on our behalf to enquire if there was any young person willing to help us but this would not be until the new school term. Denise Fraser thought there might be someone among the young people she is working with or a graphics/media college student able to help. Cllr Stevenson suggested the possibility of a SVQ. Cllr Smith stated that Facebook was used mainly and the minutes are posted there. She also used to pass on to the previous Social Media team any emails which she thought might be useful to share more widely.</p> <p><b>Action point – Cllr Smith to contact Emma Cooper to discuss Social Media and her charges.</b></p>
10	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report</b></p> <p>Admin Account - £348.69 with 1 outstanding cheque for £40.29</p> <p>Project Fund - £1701.10 which includes £1050 from Dementia project.</p>
11	<p><b>Dementia Friendly Largs report</b></p> <p>See attached report</p>  <p>Dementia Friendly Largs and District15.6</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson reminded Largs CC that DFL remains a sub group of the Community Council and we need to keep an emphasis on this. It is a very vibrant group.</p> <p>The key issues as stated in the attached report are the emergency tubs and the 2 events for national Alzheimers Day ie the walk along the prom and the music event in the care homes on 21<sup>st</sup> September.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson hopes that the members of Largs CC will get involved in the planned events which will be the launch of Dementia Friendly Largs and District.</p>
12	<p><b>Electric Vehicle Charging Points up date</b></p> <p>See attached report</p>  <p>Electric Vehicle Charging Points15.07</p> <p>The location of EV point on seafront car park still to be finalised.</p>
13	<p><b>Sub Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>a.Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Halkhill =No apparent further progress on the outstanding issues within Halkhill/Blairpark forestry</li> </ul>

	<p>and hydro developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inverclyde restriction of access through the Golf Range which people used to get to the hills– Access officer actively considering this</li> <li>• Links to newsletters provided in report</li> <li>• Friends of Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park - Launch in the near future</li> <li>• PARC proposed developments-PARC Cryogenic Compensator PAC (Pre Application Consultation) developers have offered to attend a joint meeting with Fairlie on 18<sup>th</sup> August</li> <li>• A number of potential projects for Hunterson Parc- Synchronous Compensator already approved for the SW area of the coal yard, also likely to be an application for a Synchronous Compensator and battery storage about 3km South of Fairlie.</li> <li>• New PAC for high voltage cable manufacturing facility at PARC – online consultation from 23/08/21 to 3/09/21. Possible 900 jobs involved. Cllr Cochrane considered this to be tremendous news and a great employment boost for the area.</li> <li>• £850,000 investment has been announced for parks and coastal areas – Cllr Murdoch will find out how Largs will benefit</li> <li>• Dawnfresh – virtually all responses are opposing project</li> <li>• Rigghill – developers are appealing to Scottish Government</li> </ul> <p><b>c.Licensing</b> – none</p> <p><b>d.Planning</b> –Planning application received from Tesco to erect a fence behind the shop</p> <p><b>e.Transportation</b> -none</p>
14	<p><b>A.O.C.B.</b> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Cochrane asked Cllr Murdoch is any possible locations had been identified for Aldi or Lidl – all rumour at present.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>
15	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 19 August 2021</b></p> <p><b>Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 16 August 2021</b></p>