






Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes
 Thursday, 16 September 2021, 7pm via Zoom

Present: Councillor Phillips (Chair), Councillor Smith (Secretary), Councillor Adair, Councillor Dippie, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Hill, Councillor Murdoch, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PS Donald Fisher (Police Scotland), Denise Fraser- Community Development Worker – North Coast, member of the public Frank Alexander

Apologies: Councillor Cochrane, Councillor J Perman, Councillor P Perman, Councillor Wood, Councillor Marshall

Item	Business
1	Welcome -Chair welcomed members and reminded them of zoom meeting protocols. He also welcomed our visitor Frank Alexander.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 19 August 2021</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch raised the issue of the meeting being recorded for minute purposes as there had been no specific reference to this at either this meeting or the last one. It was maintained by the secretary that this has been a standing practice since zoom meetings commenced with no objections. Cllr Hill advised that this is the practice at other meetings he attends with the proviso that the recordings are wiped as soon as the minutes are completed and the only people who can access them are the police. It was confirmed by Councillor Phillips that Cllr Murdoch could not receive a copy of the recording. Recording of this meeting’s minutes are for minute purposes only.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch asked if anyone at the meeting had heard inappropriate language being used during last month’s meeting. No-one at this meeting other than Cllr Murdoch heard anything untoward.</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</p> <p>Action points still outstanding</p> <p>Action point -Cllr Marshall to contact Largs Academy regarding possible involvement of senior pupils in Largs CC- ongoing</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 -Cllr Murdoch provided a breakdown of the charges which show a considerable reduction to £11,618.39.</p> <p>Dictaphone – no objections to purchasing a new one but Councillor Wood has a Dictaphone which could be used. Letter written and sent to Mr Stakis about the replacement of the Gogo bridge.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch expressed his dissatisfaction that the minutes did not include his complaint about the previous meeting and the inappropriate language that he heard during the meeting which he considered was directed at him. The secretary stated that although there was some background noise, she was unable to hear any inappropriate language being used when she was listening to the recording for the minutes. There was a lengthy discussion about zoom meeting protocol and behaviour at meetings. It was agreed that the minutes would reflect Cllr Murdoch’s challenge of the minutes and his complaint about behaviour. At future meetings all members should use the mute icon when not speaking to avoid this situation reoccurring.</p> <p>Minutes of 19 August 2021 -approved Councillor Adair 2nd Councillor Dippie</p>
5	<p>Police Report</p> <p>See attached report for stats and summary</p> <p></p> <p>Sept 2021 Largs CC - Police Report.docx</p> <p>Councillor Smith asked about the incident reported in Social Media about an elderly gentleman being accosted by</p>

	<p>a beggar in the Main Street. The police were unable to take the matter further due to the fact the gentlemen could not give a precise account of the incident. The beggar is challenged by the police when he is town and encouraged to move on. They are not aware of him being part of a gang network but it is known he is dropped off in town. There is not an offence for begging in Scotland, only aggressive begging. He cannot be charged for simply being in town sitting begging.</p> <p>CCLlr Adair raised a problem of the behaviour of a man who has been annoying residents particularly single people in one of the houses at Sandringham. PS Fisher and CCLlr Adair will discuss the problem outwith the meeting. PS Fisher considered that the Viking Festival went very well with no large disorder.</p>
6	<p>Secretary's Report – Email received from a member of the public about the state of the toilets at the front, forwarded to Cllr Murdoch to action which he has done. The toilets should be cleaned 3 times per day and hopefully the refurbishment of the toilets will improve the situation. Cllr Murdoch has had a promising discussion with North Ayrshire Council Chief Exec and Senior executives about the condition of all of the Largs toilets.</p> <p>Largs CC election – there is a notice in the local paper about the forthcoming election and the closing date for nominations is 29 September. The nomination form has been emailed to all existing Councillors for completion and these should then be emailed separately to NAC. Each person requires a proposer and a seconder. The timetable for the election process is 15 September – advert in the press, 29 September – closing date for nominations, 1 October – postal ballot papers available, 15 October – closing date for submission of postal ballot papers, w/c 18 October – election results meeting.</p> <p>Action point – CCLlr Smith to resend the nomination form to everyone with reminder of closing date of 29 September.</p> <p>The advice from NAC about physical meetings is that remote meetings are the safest and venue hire terms and conditions are fairly onerous at present. However a combination of a physical meeting and zoom might be an option. The library is still not available for hire at present. There were mixed views on resuming face to face meetings but agreed a zoom option would be available. The Livingroom is a possibility but the community centre in Flatt Road housing will not be open in the near future.</p> <p>Action Point - CCLlr Smith to check if the Livingroom might be available for meetings.</p>
6	<p>Frank Alexander introduced himself as a Largs person and his reason for joining the meeting tonight was as an interested observer and to see how the Community Council was functioning.</p>
7	<p>Social Media Report – Denise Fraser advised that there had been a youth forum meeting and there are a couple of young people interested in sitting in on a meeting and one would also like to help with Social Media. Action point- CCLlr Smith and Denise Fraser will arrange this together.</p>
8	<p>Treasurer's Report – No report available. There are a couple of accounts due to be paid but the treasurer is waiting for the books to be signed off. Action point – CCLlr Smith to check with the treasurer when she will be able to pay these accounts.</p>
7	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Friendly Largs and District <p> Dementia Friendly Largs and District16.6</p> <p>CCLlr Stevenson will be sending a report to NAC about how the Participatory grant was spent. The bank account is still being progressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric Vehicle Charging Points <p>No further update since last meeting- CCLlr Stevenson has sent a chasing email to NAC re Transport Scotland Funding for project. Now waiting to hear what funding is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Community Garden <p> LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISS</p>

	<p>Letter to Mr Stakis sent by Largs Community Council on 15 September.</p> <p>Hunterston parc – there are now 4 compensator proposals for the site being considered</p> <p>Locality Partnership meeting held this month but unfortunately due to work commitments , CClr Stevenson was unable to attend.</p> <p>New turbines are being installed at Halkshill. Woodland management plan will come out for consultation before any action is taken.</p> <p>Community Garden – maintenance is ongoing, nothing requires to be done just now but will need some work at the end of the season. CClr Stevenson raised the question as to how it would be financed going forward. He has emailed Morrisons asking for a donation of either £150 or bedding plants etc next year. He will ask for volunteers to help with the garden at the end of the season.</p> <p>CCllr Adair raised the subject again of the raw sewerage still going into the river. Cllr Murdoch advised that he has contacted SEPA and Scottish Water about the problem in the past but agreed to email again.</p> <p>CCllr Adair also stated that since the barrier was put up at the marina the caravans etc are now parking outside Castlebay Court and there have been complaints about their sewerage. Cllr Murdoch advised that the camper vans are being parked in various parts of the town since the height barrier was installed. He maintains that a private company should not have been able to install a height barrier in a public car park and the result of this action has been to push the motor homes and camper vans back into town. He has asked NAC to draw up a policy for motor homes and camper vans which could include the supply of service pitches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunterston <p>A summary of the SSG meeting is contained in the environment report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing –No update • Planning – a planning application has been made to build a house adjacent to Hillside Cottage. • Transportation – No update.
10	<p>North Ayrshire Council Report</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch wished to know why North Ayrshire report had been moved from item 3 on the agenda where it had been for 20 years. CClr Phillips advised that the Community Council had decided to have business which had to be discussed first on the agenda. Cllr Murdoch stated that he would not give his 6 page report but he had been dealing with items of significant importance around Largs and North Coast Ward and will continue to do so.</p>
14	<p>A.O.C.B. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Murdoch requested that the North Ayrshire Report be moved back to item 3 of the agenda where it has been for 20 years. CClr Stevenson commented on the length of time the NAC report was taking at the meetings. The CClrs are now submitting reports prior to the meeting to assist the running of the meeting and it would be helpful if Cllr Murdoch could also do the same. The problem at previous meetings has been that we run out of time and the Committee members are not able to give their reports. This is due to the fact that the NAC report takes up nearly half of the meeting. Cllr Murdoch stated that he could not see why there had to be time constraints at the meeting. Cllr Phillips reiterated that we were not getting through the business of the sub groups due to the length of time taken for the NAC report and this was not being fair to the other members. • CClr Smith confirmed that at the next meeting, the AGM and election would take place. There are currently 3 vacancies for Community Councillors. • CClr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
15	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 21 October 2021</p> <p>Action point – All CClrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 18 October 2021</p>