





Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes
 Thursday, 17 February 2022, 7pm via Zoom

Present: Cllr Phillips(Chair), Cllr Smith (Secretary), Cllr Adair, Cllr Black, Cllr Dippie, Cllr Knowles, Cllr O'Connor, Cllr J Perman, Cllr P Perman, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Murdoch, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Denise Fraser (North Ayrshire Council), PS Mark Semple (Police Scotland)

Apologies: Cllr Marshall, Cllr Wood, Louise Riddex, members of the Youth Forum

Item	Business
1	<p>Welcome –Chair welcomed all members and reminded everyone of zoom meeting protocols including recording of the meeting for minute purposes only. He advised that Linda Grainey has now resigned from the Community Council which means that no vote is required for the position of Largs CC Hunterston representative. Cllr Black confirmed he was willing to take on this position.</p>
2	<p>Apologies – As noted above.</p>
3	<p>Police Report See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>Feb 2022 Largs CC - Police Report.docx</p>
4	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 20 January 2022 Approved – Cllr Adair, 2nd – Cllr Black</p>
5	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points Action points Cllr Murdoch raised the question of traffic management around the school at NAC cabinet meeting on 16th February. He was advised that a traffic management plan had been put in place when the school was being built. The issues previously raised were typical of problems at all schools but no particular concerns have been raised recently. The Road Safety Officer will contact the campus to discuss any local concerns. The Cabinet member and Cllr Murdoch will be arranging a meeting to discuss the concerns. Cllr Murdoch has also had a meeting with Police Scotland at which he discussed the trouble on the trains and the traffic management at the school. Any specific concerns should be referred directly to PS Semple. Cllr Murdoch has invited Arthur Cowley to attend a meeting either in May or June in relation to the flood plans for Largs but would appreciate some questions in advance to allow him to prepare. Agreed to invite him to meeting in May and Cllr Murdoch will set this up. Any questions for Arthur Cowley to be sent to Cllr Smith and to be discussed at the meeting in April. Action point – Any questions for Arthur Cowley to be forwarded to Cllr Smith and added to April’s agenda for discussion. Cllr Murdoch to invite Arthur Cowley to May’s meeting and any questions for him to be forwarded prior to this.</p>
6	<p>Litter Campaign Cllr O'Connor delivered a presentation on the Litter campaign explaining possible ways of tackling the problems of litter and fly tipping and combining education with enforcement. He proposed delivering presentations about this to both young people and also older groups. So far he has had a positive response from groups he has approached to deliver the presentation. Cllr O'Connor has been working with LPC Print and they have drawn up some potential signage which could be posted in various parts of the town. The suggested signage was shown to Councillors. Enforcement has happened in very few cases across Scotland.</p>

	<p>PS Semple advised that the police would be working jointly with Environmental enforcement officers from Streetscene in the coming weeks in connection with the litter problem. Any incidents can be reported through the North Ayrshire app.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch raised the question of enforcement at the full NAC meeting and it was confirmed that in the first instance education would be used and only if it persisted would a fixed penalty be imposed. Some new signage has been agreed. Cllr Murdoch stated that any signage attached to street furniture would require the permission of the Council. Cllr Murdoch has spoken to Protective Services who referred him to funding sources eg SEPA and Keep Scotland Beautiful. Streetscene would prefer that Largs CC linked in with national and local campaigns and partner them in spring initiatives. They would like Largs CC to work with their existing teams with regard to posters and signs. Cllr Murdoch contacted the Director of Education who agreed that Denise Fraser would be the contact person for Largs Campus and the North Coast Youth Forum who are keen to be part of the litter campaign.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson commented about the local dump's refusal to accept items from people in white vans, the cost of the official uplifting of items of rubbish by NAC and the cost of clearing up items illegally dumped. He also advised of Morrison's Community Fund which might be available for the litter project.</p> <p>Cllr O'Connor asked Denise Fraser about the involvement of the Youth Forum when taking this into schools. Denise would welcome the relevant parties working together on this. Cllr Black stated that the commercial waste policy directly drives the fly tipping problem and would like to see the Councillors raising this with NAC. He would like the local paper to support the campaign and cover the issue of fines for litter and fly tipping.</p> <p>Action Point – Cllr O'Connor to arrange a meeting with Denise Fraser and Youth Forum and also contact Streetscene to discuss their involvement.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch advised that NAC would not entertain giving traffic wardens the power to fine people for dropping litter. He will ask NAC how much fly tipping costs the Council and also their policy on vans using the amenity centre for their rubbish. Any signage has to be in keeping with the town, robust and fit for purpose. Cllr Murdoch has continually been asking for enforcement for the various litter problems and for the wardens to come to the North Coast more frequently.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson suggested the use of good quality posters for shops, hotels etc to display in their windows. Cllr Murdoch advised that all 4 councillors are part of the tourism forum and will be considering signage , littering etc</p>
7	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee</p> <p>Cllr Smith advised that this agenda item was as a result of a question raised at last month's meeting about whether the occasion was being marked in any way and if the Community Council was intending doing anything. Cllr Murdoch advised that Largs Events are discussing and investigating the possibility of an event of considerable size but no decision has been made yet. Cllr Stevenson stated that, as part of the Royal British Legion's Queen's Canopy Project, a plaque commemorating the occasion could be purchased and a tree planted in the Community garden. As we have sponsorship this year we will not have to buy plants and so we have funds available to buy the plaque at approximately £139 and a small ornamental tree around £40 which could be planted in the middle of the rose garden with the plaque being attached to the wall behind it. All agreed to this. Cllr P Perman has been advised that it would be better if the Community Council legally adopted the rose garden if everyone agreed. All agreed to this. Cllr Smith advised that she has confirmed that the tree and plaque can be paid for from the Admin account but there is also a grant from NAC which can be applied for.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr P Perman to arrange for the paperwork to be completed to adopt the garden</p> <p>Action point - Cllr Stevenson to speak to the guest house owner about the plans for the tree and obtain his agreement</p>
8	<p>Secretary's report and Social Media – Cllr Smith asked if anyone was planning on attending the Local Transport and Active Travel Strategy presentation on 24 February. Cllrs Adair, Knowles and Black expressed an interest. Cllr Black advised he would be attending as an individual rather than on behalf of Largs CC. Cllr Murdoch advised that he felt that the presentation would be appropriate for Dementia Friendly group and had suggested that the strategy be discussed with them. Cllr Stevenson hopes to attend the presentation.</p>

	Cllr Smith and Denise Fraser are still in discussion about Social Media.
9	<p>Treasurer's Report – Admin account - £506.73 less 1 outstanding cheque of £14.39 = £492.34 Project account –£468.25.</p> <p>Reimbursement of zoom payments will be from September 2021 to date and will not form part of the top up from NAC. Cllr P Perman asked about the resumption of in person meetings. The library is still not an option but suggestion made to use a church hall. Cllr O'Connor suggested that he could ask if the Vikingar might be available for a meeting.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Smith to check availability of a church hall for zoom meeting</p>
10	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment - out of town and in town, Community Garden Out of town  <p>Environmental report17.02.docx</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riggihill appeal – no date yet been set for reporter's visit to site but possibly in June • XLCC – planning application possibly lodged by end of February. As it is a major project, it was agreed to hold a special meeting to review and discuss once the paperwork is available • Hawkshill – bridge is partially installed and expected to be completed next week • Clyde Coastal Community Councils - Clyde Marine Planning Partnership currently has no representation from Clyde Community Councils. David Nairn from Fairlie CC is keen to have Largs CC support and has offered to come to one of our meetings to explain in more detail. Agreed to extend an invitation to him. <p>Action point – Cllr Dippie to issue an invitation to David Nairn to attend a Largs CC meeting when he is available to do so</p> <p>In town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr P Perman continues to carry out a litter pick every week • Lost Property Box – Cllr Perman proposed providing a lost property box for small items such as odd shoes, gloves, hats, toys etc which she will look after for a year. She suggested using a pay station in the car park which is not currently being used and see how it works out. Suggestion 2nd by Cllr Adair. Vote taken and agreed. Cllr Perman will approach Street scene regarding this. • Action point – Cllr P Perman to take forward the lost property box • Community garden – already discussed • Hunterston – Cllr Dippie and Cllr Black will liaise about this. • Licensing –No update • Planning – Self build plots at old Brisbane Primary site – only 1 issue raised – the length of time that construction might be in progress. Cllr J Perman advised that between planning and completion of construction, it could be up to 6 years – he has raised the point about a possible visual blight. Some discussion took place about the cost of the plot at £90,000 and the cost of the build and whether this could be considered affordable for many. Cllr Murdoch is not convinced that this method of building is value for money. • Transportation – Cllr Adair asked about several issues - • a road management survey which was carried out 3 years ago and is still not in the public domain. • who paid for the survey • the results of a public consultation about the traffic management for the ferry. • the total cost of a feasibility study for a proposed new jetty Cllr Murdoch stated he would enquire about these points. <p>Action point – Cllr Murdoch to enquire and report back about the above 4 points</p>
11	<p>North Ayrshire Council Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decriminalisation of parking enforcement has been delayed and it is not possible to give a date for its introduction

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Murdoch asked for the figures relating to the allocation of new houses at Flatt Road for Largs residents, North Coast residents, North Ayrshire residents and those outside North Ayrshire. Figures are 63, 74, 97 and 3. These figures do not tally with the total number of houses so Cllr Murdoch will query them. Cllr P Perman queried whether a community centre within the complex was available for public use. Cllr Murdoch will check. • Chair of planning resigned from the planning committee during a debate about a vote of no confidence in him • Posting of election posters on street furniture was not agreed • The Councillors finally had a meeting with KA Leisure about the resiting of the 17th green at Routenburn Golf Club by which time the work had already started to move it. Cllr Murdoch will write to the Board of KA Leisure but considers that it will be very difficult to do anything now as the work has already started. The estimated cost is £16,000. • Cllr Murdoch attended a meeting with Police Scotland and the Transport Police about the trouble on and off the trains, speeding problems, increased visits to the local parks and the plans for Largs and Cumbrae during the summer season. Cllr Murdoch made the point that, although there are many incidents reported on Social Media about trouble on the trains, the police advised that the statistics don't back this up. He emphasised the need to report any incident on the trains to the police at the time. • M & S planning application – still awaiting a decision • Sea front car park – Cllr Murdoch has challenged the procurement of the new vehicle recognition installed at the car park and why it has been so problematic. NAC have asked the contractor to carry out a site visit urgently to investigate the problems with the vehicle registration number plates not being recognised.
15	<p>A.O.C.B. – Cllr Knowles would like to have more information about the sub groups ie their content and who is responsible for each one etc.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Knowles to send an email on this subject to everyone</p> <p>Cllr O'Connor asked about the NAC planned Induction training which was postponed. Cllr Smith advised that as soon as she receives notification of the revised date, she will pass it on.</p> <p>Cllr Phillips asked that the Largs CC contact list be updated. Could everyone advise of any changes to their personal details and new Councillors advise their personal details</p> <p>Action point – Personal details of new Councillors and any changes to existing members' details to be forwarded to Cllr Smith</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch advised that the recent Council meeting could be viewed at NAC live stream – library. Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting and apologised for the length of the meeting.</p>
16	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 17 March 2022, venue to be advised.</p> <p>Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 14 March 2022</p>