




Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes
 Thursday, 21 April 2022, 7pm

Present: Councillor Phillips (Chair), Councillor Smith (Secretary), Councillor Wood (Treasurer), Councillor Adair, Councillor Black, Councillor Knowles, Councillor J Perman, Councillor P Perman, Councillor Stevenson, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PS Mark Semple (Police Scotland), 2 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Dippie, Councillor Marshall

Item	Business
1	<p>Welcome –Chair welcomed all members and advised of the recording of the meeting for minute purposes only. He introduced the 2 members of the public.</p>
2	<p>Apologies – As noted above.</p>
3	<p>Police Report See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>Apr 2022 Largs CC - Police Report.docx</p> <p>PS Semple advised that the number of parking tickets issued in Largs in the 6 months prior to last month’s meeting was 42 but this has been updated to include April and is now 76. PS Semple advised that he and his team have been out and about issuing parking tickets but also educating the public about their approach to parking. He has noted that at double yellow lines they have to wait 11 minutes before issuing a ticket. He also considers that some of the streets eg Nelson Street and Boyd Street, could do with being reviewed with regard to being one way. Illegal parking will continue to be monitored. Many of the tickets issued have been to Largs residents. The car park beside Wilkies is now available for parking. Councillor Stevenson commented about youngsters again coming into town by train and heading towards Bellesdale.</p> <p>The police in North Ayrshire are hoping to have quad bikes to use in addition to their bikes. The marshalls at the taxi ranks which might be needed when the festivals are on are arranged by North Ayrshire Council.</p>
4	<p>Councillor O’Connor</p> <p>Councillor Philips advised the members that since the last meeting Councillor O’Connor had unfortunately resigned from the Community Council. He read out Councillor O’Connor’s emails of resignation and the reason for it namely the conduct of the elected Councillors at the last Community Council meeting. Councillor O’Connor has made an official complaint to North Ayrshire Council about this. There was a full discussion about the circumstances surrounding the resignation and the previous meeting of the Community Council. Councillor Black proposed that the Community Council as a whole advise Councillor O’Connor that he has the full support of the Community Council, also that we don’t want to accept his resignation and want to invite him back. Councillor Adair 2nd the proposal – unanimously agreed. Councillor Stevenson also suggested that we commit more people to help with the sub committee looking at the litter problem.</p> <p>Action point – Councillor Smith to contact John O’Connor to ask him to reconsider his resignation as per above.</p> <p>Wendy Low Thomson introduced herself to the Community Council.</p>
5	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 17 March 2022</p> <p>Councillor Black requested an addition be made to the minutes under Hunterston update – EDF and Magnox and NDA highlighted the shut down of Reactor 4 at Hunterston B after 47 years. The reactor, along with 3, move towards planning defueling. They are awaiting Safety Case approval for this. Two incidents were recorded since the last HSSG - one was more around administrative recording of data captured around the site, however the other was the uncontrolled release of 1800 of tritium contaminated oil which was eventually captured in a pond before it escaped. There is an ongoing investigation but I</p>

intimated that this is extremely concerning as the movement of oil is a relatively simple process that should not go wrong like this. EDF and SEPA advised that they are agreeing on how to dispose of this oil. Whilst the risk from this spill was likely to be very low, the wider point is that it should not have happened. This will be followed up in due course with the HSSG and relevant parties.

Cllr Knowles queried the planning application for the Big Wheel having no objections noted as he had sent an email with a number of points in relation to the siting of this. It was confirmed that the points he had raised were fully discussed at the meeting and the decision was that the Community Council as a whole had no objections.

Approved – Cllr Wood, 2nd – Cllr Adair

6 **Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points**

Cllr Dippie has submitted a number of questions to be passed on to Arthur Cowley of NAC about Flood plans prior to his attendance at the next LCC meeting– see below

1) "WHAT ARE THE CURRENT PREDICTIONS FOR SEA LEVEL RISE IN LARGS AREA AND IN WHAT TIMEFRAME? REPORTS IN THE 'WEE PAPER', HAVE STATED THAT, "NARDINI'S ON THE ESPLANADE AND THE FERRY TERMINAL WILL BE UNDER WATER".

HENCE THE SUGGESTION IS THAT THE WHOLE SEA FRONT, SHOPS, CHURCHES AND HOUSING WILL BE UNDER THREAT.

2) WITHOUT 'MITIGATION' - HOW FAR 'UP', FROM THE SEA-FRONT, WOULD BE IMPACTED AND TO WHAT EXTENT?

3) WHAT 'MITIGATION' IS POSSIBLE?


4) WHAT ARE THE SHORT AND LONG TERM PLANS?

5) WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SURROUNDING AREAS INCLUDING HUNTERSTON POWER STATION SITES AND HUNTERSTON PARC DEVELOPMENTS, LARGS RAILWAY LINE AND COASTAL ROADS?

Action points still outstanding

- Cllr Wood to check insurance and what it covers.
- Transportation - Cllr Murdoch to enquire and report back about the 4 points below - ongoing
 1. a road management survey which was carried out 3 years ago and is still not in the public domain.
 2. who paid for the survey
 3. the results of a public consultation about the traffic management for the ferry.
 4. the total cost of a feasibility study for a proposed new jetty

7 **Community Garden -Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**



Largs Community Council Garden - Que


Cllr Stevenson expressed his gratitude to everyone who had praised the Easter display at the Community Garden.

LCC event will be Friday 3 June, time 1 – 3pm agreed. The plaque has been ordered and a small ornamental tree will be purchased soon. The number attending the event is expected to be around 60. Children from the local Primary schools are going to design and paint a poster for Queen’s Jubilee. The winners of the competition will be selected by LCC and will unveil the plaque and perhaps be given a prize also. Douglas Park as a venue was also discussed as a possibility but it was agreed to hold the event at Homemount. It was suggested that residents of the care homes could be invited. Calum agreed details of the event would be published in the local paper.

The spending of the grant of £250 was discussed and how it should be used. Donations of baking will be requested from local businesses. Cllr Black will provide a celebration cake with appropriate colours. Chair of LCC will make a speech at the event.

Action point -Cllr Wood will discuss the event with PS Semple about a police presence.

The Resilience Team being present is another possibility.

	Action Point -Cllr Stevenson with the help of a sub- committee to continue to take this forward.
8	<p>Secretary’s report and Social Media – Email received from Austin-Smith:Lord Ltd – see below <i>North Ayrshire Council have appointed a team, led by Austin-Smith:Lord, to progress the preparation of Place Frameworks for Largs, Kilwinning and Saltcoats.</i></p> <p><i>This project is a pilot. Place Frameworks are a new concept in regeneration in North Ayrshire and, in the longer term, it is intended to produce a Place Framework for each town in the Council area. The Brief states that “Each Place Framework will build on earlier planning and community engagement work in each Town, moving on from the identification of need and issues to the generation of solutions and new initiatives. It will interpret and articulate commitments made in the strategic plans of Community Planning Partners for each Town. Once developed, the Place Frameworks will inform short-, medium- and long-term Council and community led action and regeneration activity to create attractive and successful places.”</i></p> <p><i>In essence we want to develop a Framework and Action Plan of projects (aligned with funding / confirming project leaders and partners) in dialogue with the community (resident, business, civic) and any other key stakeholders.</i></p> <p>It is intended to host a series of community engagement workshops / events in Largs on 18th, 19th and 21st May (venue and arrangements tbc – nearly finalised)</p> <p>The project was discussed and it was decided that it would be better for Community Councillors if they wish to attend the workshops when arranged rather than the consultants attend a LCC meeting. Cllr Black considered that LCC should know how this project is being funded and how much it is costing NAC.</p> <p>Cllr Adair raised the subject of the expenditure from the car park fund as he was not happy about the expenditure. Cllr J Perman confirmed that all NAC Councillors are trustees of the Common Good Fund. There was much discussion about the Common Good Fund and clearly a lack of understanding as to how it works.</p>
9	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Admin account - £427.31. Project account –£369.32 which includes £250 grant and purchase of the plaque. Expenditure from these 2 accounts was discussed, particularly the Admin account which is topped up by NAC at the end of the year. Proposed – Cllr Adair, 2nd – Cllr Stevenson</p>
10	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation –Cllr Adair advised that NAC have given a contract to a Millport Taxi Company to transport schoolchildren. 5 or 6 taxis sit at Sandringham for 21 out of 24 hours Monday to Friday except when they are doing the school run. The taxis do not return to Millport. Cllr Adair wished to bring this to the attention of the elected Councillors. Cllr Phillips queried the new part of the road at the crematorium. It was confirmed that this is a safety path for walkers. • Planning – 2 items -6 new storage units at the old lightning yard. Behind the petrol station the ground was sold with planning permission to build but this has been changed and is nearer Scott Street. No action required. • Hunterston – No update. A volunteer was requested for a Hunterston Parc meeting on 26/04/22. Cllr Black will attend if his diary allows. • Environment - out of town and in town <p>Out of town report</p> <p> Environmental report April.docx</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost property box – Helen Millar of NAC contacted the elected Councillors regarding this suggestion. The one who replied said it could be trialled for 1 month but this was considered too short a time to get it up and running and alert people to its existence. This means that it will not happen. The paperwork for the transfer of the other part of the garden has been completed. Cllr P Perman has been contacted by the 2 primary schools to ask if a beach clean could be organised involving the children in May. • Licensing –No update
11	North Ayrshire Report – No elected Councillors in attendance. Cllr Stevenson suggested that it would be useful if the elected Councillors could supply a written report for the meeting.
12	A.O.C.B. – Cllr Black asked if there had ever been a serious proposal for a park and ride scheme for Largs. Cllr J Perman stated that there had been but the problem was how to get into town from the marina. The problem of lack of public transport on a Sunday and also the cost was discussed. Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
13	Date of Next Meeting –19 May 2022, venue to be advised. Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 16 May 2022