







Largs Community Council  
 Approved Minutes  
 Thursday, 19 May 2022, 7pm

**Present:** Cllr Phillips (Chair), Cllr Smith (Secretary), Cllr Adair, Cllr Black, Cllr Dippie, Cllr Knowles, Cllr J Perman, Cllr P Perman, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Murdoch, Denise Fraser North Ayrshire Council, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PS Mark Semple (Police Scotland), Cllr Thomson, 1 member of the public, Arthur Cowley North Ayrshire Council

**Apologies:** Cllr Wood, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Marshall

Item	Business
1	<b>Welcome</b> –Chair welcomed all members and advised of the recording of the meeting for minute purposes only. He welcomed the visitors to the meeting.
2	<b>Apologies</b> – As noted above.
3	<p><b>Presentation on Flood plans for Largs – Arthur Cowley, Senior Manager Engineering Services, NAC</b>          Arthur Cowley provided answers to the questions from Largs Community Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sea levels are rising - the prediction for the Clyde is by 2090s there will be half a metre increase in sea levels. This is more of a long term issue. There is an Ayrshire Shoreline Management Plan which includes extending and improving existing sea defences and properties and protecting the roads from flooding and erosion subject to cost.</li> <li>• By the end of the century not sure that any part of Largs will be under water. A survey has been commissioned which will identify areas of risk of flooding. Practical measures will be identified and the cost involved.</li> <li>• Mitigation – low walls along the sea front for coastal flooding. A new sea wall is being built from RNLI to Aubrey Crescent. The plans for the sea wall will be on display at Brisbane House Hotel on Monday 27 June from 12 noon to 7pm and also there will be an online event on Tuesday 28 June from 12 noon to 7pm. There is also a Natural Flood Management Scheme for Gogo water to hold back the water from getting down to the town as quickly. The Flood Risk Management Plan Cycle 1 is in place but has turned out to be much more expensive than expected. Second cycle of the plan will be published by end of 2022.</li> <li>• Transport Scotland has responsibility for A78 and will be taking appropriate measures and Network Rail for the railways. There will be flooding but it is not expected that large areas will be under water. Part of the planning process is to consider the impact of flooding on any development. Long term planning involves considering where building should not take place.</li> <li>• Predictions for flooding in Largs – Google SEPA flood maps for coastal flooding, water courses and surface water.</li> <li>• Properties vulnerable to flooding need to make provision themselves eg sandbags.</li> <li>• As A78 is the responsibility of Transport Scotland, NAC has no authority to do anything on it which includes any flooding issues.</li> <li>• Budgetary constraints impact on flood defences. Money comes from Scottish Government. Risk based approach – predict where the problems will be and where the most benefit will be achieved against cost.</li> <li>• NAC will supply sand bags if required</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Co-option of new member – Wendy Low Thomson</b>          All agreed to co-opt new member, Wendy Low Thomson to Largs Community Council. Proposed Cllr Adair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr P Perman</p>

5	<p><b>Police Report</b> See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>May 2022 Largs CC - Police Report.docx</p> <p>PS Semple advised that there had been reports of children on roofs at Inverclyde Sports Centre and going into the football pitch causing damage and they will be focussing their attention on this. Denise Fraser advised that football sessions are taking place for youngsters on Friday nights at the front. Will discuss with PS Semple.</p> <p>No reports received by the police about explosions heard recently in Largs.</p> <p>CCLr Knowles stated that parking problems still exist around Gallowgate Square to Nelson Street and people are parking in the chevrons. PS Semple suggested that the car park could be better used by residents rather than parking on the street if free for short term use. The police continue to work on the parking problem. The local community also have to take responsibility for their parking. Park and Ride scheme is not considered to be feasible.</p>
6	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 21 April 2022</b> Approved – CCLr Adair, 2<sup>nd</sup> – CCLr Black</p>
7	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</b></p> <p>John O’Connor was contacted to ask him to reconsider his resignation but he does not wish to do so. CCLr Wood has confirmed that the insurance covers public liability which is required for the Community Garden Jubilee event.</p> <p>Transportation action points – NAC are not aware of road management survey but may be Transport Scotland. A meeting will be arranged with the elected Councillors to discuss the results of the public consultation about the traffic management for the ferry with a view to issuing the results.</p> <p>The total cost of the feasibility study for a proposed new jetty was £22,170.</p> <p>CCLr Adair would like to know the expenditure from the car park for the past 5 years. Cllr Murdoch agreed to obtain these figures</p> <p><b>Action point – Cllr Murdoch to obtain details of income and expenditure from car park for the last 5 years.</b></p> <p>A full discussion around the car park including the recent problems with the new infrastructure and the expenditure from the car park took place among the members. The summary is detailed below –</p> <p>Issue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is limited visibility to the LCC or public of the management of the 'Car Park' fund.</li> <li>• LCC would like to understand the revenues in to the funds, and how they have been used over the last 5 years.</li> <li>• LCC have not been consulted in any way in recent years on ideas or decision to spend money.</li> <li>• There are questions around how and whether funds are being spent from this fund that cannot be answered without more transparency</li> <li>• The LCC believes there may be a risk that the car park funds may be used elsewhere (other than Largs) which does not accord with the understood spirit of the fund and the history behind it.</li> <li>• There is a concern that in the past monies have been used on ideas that had little value and there was no transparency on decision making e.g £22k on a Study for a jetty</li> </ul> <p>Moving Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LCC would like to have regular updates, whether monthly or quarterly on funds, incomes, expenses and future proposals</li> <li>• The LCC wish to play their part in ensuring that money raised from the car park is used for the good of the people of Largs and those coming to visit</li> <li>• LCC have a role to play alongside other elected members (Councillors) and it seems right that this</li> </ul>

	area is within the LCC remit to be involved.
8	<p><b>Community Garden -Queen's Platinum Jubilee</b></p>  <p>Queens Jubilee Event.docx</p> <p>See attachment for list of actions required for the Queen's Jubilee event which will take place in the grounds of Homemount House. Cllr Stevenson has advised PS Semple of the numbers attending ie around 40. Cllr Stevenson advised of the arrangements made for the event. Guests have been invited. Local joiner is making a hardwood surround for the plaque, Boys Brigade Pipe Band has been invited and Morrisons have agreed to donate food free of charge. A question was raised about making up sandwiches in member's house. Agreed to check with NAC Environmental Health. Cllr Stevenson will do this.</p> <p>Competition has been launched in the schools and prizes donated from Kelburn and Tea in the Square will be awarded to the winners. Cllr Stevenson will draw up the running order of the day. Largs CC volunteers to meet on Tuesday 31/05/22 at 6pm at the garden to deliver the flyers advising local residents of the event. Largs local paper will be present at the event. Tree still to be purchased once NAC agreement given.</p>
9	<p><b>Grant Funding – Co-op Community Fund –</b> we will make an application for £3000 under criteria – Food for all and Wellbeing. Require to identify local community groups who help people with food, meals etc and advise Cllr Stevenson who will make the application for funding.</p>
10	<p><b>Secretary's report and Social Media</b></p> <p>NAC is running a Roads Webinar event on 15/06/22 at 6.30pm. Any more names to be sent to Secretary before 27/05/22. No Social Media update.</p>
11	<p><b>Treasurer's Report –</b> Admin account - £403.28 Project account £444.17 Proposed – Cllr Adair, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cllr Stevenson</p>
12	<p><b>Sub Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environment - out of town –</b> see attached reports for detailed information</li> </ul>  <p>Peel Ports - XLCC.docx</p>  <p>Environmental Report May.docx</p> <p>Cllr Dippie suggested having a stand in to be able to attend meetings when the usual rep is unavailable.</p> <p>Riggill – the site visit will involve a walk of about 1 and half to 2 hours along the road. Cllr Dippie and Wood will attend the site visit. Grave concerns were expressed by Largs Community Council and Cllr Murdoch about the impact and destruction of the area by the widening of the road etc to accommodate the proposed development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hunterston –</b> next meeting is 1/06/22.</li> <li>• <b>Planning –</b> No update</li> <li>• <b>Transportation –</b> no update – discussions ongoing</li> <li>• <b>Licensing –</b>No update</li> </ul>
13	<p><b>North Ayrshire Report –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• now 5 local Councillors</li> <li>• Cllr Murdoch is now a member of the Planning Committee, the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and KA Leisure</li> <li>• Cllrs Marshall and Murdoch are on Hunterston Parc Liaison Committee, all 5 Councillors are on SSG</li> <li>• Cllr Murdoch has asked for the exit figures for the car park for the previous weekend as the exit barrier was not working</li> </ul>
14	<p><b>A.O.C.B. –</b> Cllr P Perman asked if NAC were going to make people aware that the polystyrene containers could no longer be used – Cllr Murdoch will find out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Black raised the question of the trees in Brisbane Glen which are dangerous. Largs CC support</li> </ul>

	<p>this problem being raised with NAC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EV charge points – Cllr Stevenson advised that this had not been discussed recently but wanted to confirm that it would not drop off the agenda</li> <li>• Litter and fly tipping campaign – agreed to continue with this involving Largs CC and Streetscene. Denise Fraser will speak to NAC to take this forward.</li> <li>• Agreed to update contact list again</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>
15	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting –16 June 2022 at Clark Memorial Church.</b></p> <p><b>Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 13 June 2022</b></p>