








Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes
 Thursday, 18 August 2022, 7pm

Present: Councillor Stevenson(Chair), Councillor Smith (Secretary), Councillor Wood (Treasurer), Councillor Adair, Councillor Black, Councillor J Perman, Councillor P Perman, Councillor Thomson, Councillor Collyer, Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Hill, Councillor Marshall, Councillor Murdoch, Denise Fraser, North Ayrshire Council, PS Mark Semple, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), 2 members of the public

Apologies: Councillor Phillips, Councillor Knowles, Louise Riddex

Item	Business
1	<p>Welcome –Councillor Stevenson advised that he was standing in as Chair for Councillor Phillips who was unable to attend the meeting. Councillor Stevenson welcomed all 5 Councillors and 2 members of the public, Robert Brown and Rita Holmes. He also welcomed Joe Struthers and Tom Tremlitt from EDF. Councillor Stevenson congratulated Denise Fraser on her success in gaining a promoted position within NAC. He advised of the recording of the meeting for minute purposes only.</p>
2	<p>Apologies – As noted above.</p>
3	<p>Police Report See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>August 2022 Largs CC - Police Report(2).</p> <p>Councillor Wood commented on the number of assaults in town. Councillor Black has noted that the assaults, robberies etc appear to have taken place in the same part of town around Boyd Street and Gateside Street. There is no CCTV in this area. PS Semple agreed that this area had been a nucleus for assaults etc but is the town centre and CCTV would be beneficial. Road safety/speeding within North Coast ward area action plan was queried. Vehicle and safety checks on A78 and promotion of driver safety will be carried out by police. The team will be in Greenock Road which has been highlighted as an area for speeding.</p>
4	<p>EDF presentation on Decommissioning of Hunterston B station Joe Struthers and Tom Tremlitt from EDF gave a presentation on the Decommissioning plans for the Hunterston B site as part of a consultation exercise to share the plans for the site and to seek views from the public. Councillor Black considered that after 12 years the area should not be an industrial wasteland and an eyesore and the Community Council and Magnox should consider this in the future. Any feedback can be given online at Hunterston Consultation exercise.</p>
5	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 21 July 2022 Approved – Councillor Adair, 2nd – Councillor Thomson</p>
6	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Wood advised that there is 24 hour vet cover but only from Saltcoats where the animal needs to be taken. The vets are unable to open at weekends due to a lack of vets. The only vets who will come to Largs are from Kilmarnock. • Councillor Thomson has spoken to Jim Welsh, Session Clerk at St John’s Church who advised that the church has appealed against the decision to close the church and the result of this should be known by the end of August. He would like to come to September’s meeting to discuss a community project which is currently being considered if the church closes. <p>Action point – Councillor Hill to contact the churches for information about the current usage of the halls by different groups and hopefully get a response before the next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to GPs - Councillor Murdoch advised that his update on his communication with the GP Surgery is

	<p>the same as last month in that the GPs are working on it and he doesn't want to say too much until the meeting with the Community Councillors. Councillor Smith advised that 2 members of LCC have been invited to meet the Practice Manager and a GP next week to discuss the concerns raised. Councillor Murdoch referred to recent reports in the press about the surgery. LCC were agreed that the concerns raised were about the difficulties encountered in contacting the surgery and not about the staff.</p> <p>Action point – Councillor Murdoch to update on his communication with the GP surgery at the next LCC meeting. Action point – Councillors to feedback the result of their meeting with the Practice Manager and GP</p>
7	<p>Car park/Common Good fund - A list of questions has been issued by LCC to elected Councillors and these have been forwarded to senior officials at NAC to respond. Any further questions should be forwarded to Councillor Hill. Hopefully this will clarify the position for LCC. Carried forward to next meeting</p>
8	<p>North Ayrshire Council Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Councillor Ferguson and Councillor Collyer are new to the North coast wards. Councillor Ferguson has been dealing with constituents' enquiries and has also been working on getting Cairnie's Quay ready for the community event in September. • Councillor Marshall advised that the 5 Councillors had met today and agreed to seek new tenders for the refurbishment of the seafront toilets and if the tenders are acceptable they will try and get the work started at the beginning of 2023. Councillor Thomson asked if this would be put out to the community for their views. Councillor Marshall said it would not due to tight timescale. Councillor Murdoch expressed his concerns about the cost as he suspected the tenders would be around £300,000. He also suggested the work be broken down into smaller pieces which local businesses could tender for. Councillor Thomson expressed her annoyance about the lack of transparency in these decisions without local consultation. Councillor Marshall advised that a leading builder is required to take responsibility for this work and it may be they could sub contract to local businesses. There was no ceiling put on the cost at the point of going to tender. Once the tenders are received, a decision will be made about how to go forward. Councillor Smith queried why the Councillors were concentrating only on the seafront car park toilets which are functional when there are toilets which are not functional and in a poor state of repair all along the prom from Aubrey to the sailing club. At Aubrey there is no working ladies toilet nor is there a business whose toilets could be used. The other toilets should also be considered for upgrading in addition to the car park toilets. Councillor Murdoch suggested breaking down the work needing done and carrying it out in stages but this was not possible. Councillor Adair expressed his disagreement about the car park fund being used to pay for the work. Councillor Marshall advised that the money would be borrowed over 25 years and it is reckoned it will cost £14,000 per year to pay it back which will be funded by pay to enter toilets. Councillor Black stated that he thought £300,000 was an exorbitant amount for the work and a different level of quality of upgrade could be considered eg bargain basic and breaking the work down to different parts only. The public have not been asked their views on this and also whether the money spent could be divided between other toilets along the prom. The question of pay to enter was also discussed. The elected Councillors confirmed that no final decision has been made as yet. This will happen when the tenders are received. Councillor Stevenson asked if a Community Councillor could be present when the tenders are received to enable us to have a say. There are confidentiality issues and the elected Councillors will make the decision. Any business which is on the Council Portal can tender. Councillor Adair suggested that a special meeting should be held to discuss the issues further. When asked if the Councillors would attend such a meeting Councillor Hill suggested that it would be useful to have someone from NAC's Procurement Department to come along to explain the procurement regulations. • Councillor Murdoch is still dealing with the problems of the new infrastructure of the car park. • DS4 and DS8 report has been published. Councillor Black suggested that perhaps the relevant people could be invited to a meeting to speak to us about the near disaster • Concerns about the oil ship currently berthed at Fairlie

<p>9</p>	<p>Access to Food and Grant Funding –</p> <p> </p> <p>LCC Access to Food mtg 3.28.07.docx LCC Access to Food Terms of Reference.></p> <p>Terms of Reference agreed by LCC via email. Proposed – Cllr Black , 2nd – Cllr Adair As a result of lack of uptake of food at Largs Academy, the lunch boxes were delivered to the Vikingar last week for distribution by Largs Naz Church and 20 were handed out. The distribution was non-discriminatory as was the case elsewhere in North Ayrshire and were well received. Hopefully this can be continued in the October holiday. The group has approved the funding for Largs Naz Church to do a cook school and to enable required equipment to be purchased. This will be from October. Negotiations are taking place with Morrisons to supply food vouchers to enable the food for the cook school to be bought. NAC have agreed to fund the cost of electricity and gas used at the church- £20 per session for 6 months.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Litter and Flytipping Campaign –</p> <p> </p> <p>LCC -Litter WG report(1).docx LCC ToR Litter Campaign.xlsx</p> <p>Terms of reference – proposed Cllr Black, 2nd Cllr Adair Cllr Stevenson has ordered 120 posters and we now need a group of volunteers to go around the town businesses to display the posters. A date for this requires to be agreed. Badges to identify Largs Community Councillors will require to be worn.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Thomson to investigate possibility of making badges Cllr Stevenson is communicating with Streetscene about when they will be putting up their Clean and Green posters. A launch date will be agreed. It is hoped that there will be some press about the campaign. The next stage is to get bigger posters to be put on gates, railings etc and this will be agreed with NAC Streetscene, etc. More funding will be required. Other groups in town eg Beachclean could be included in funding applications. Cllr Hill suggested having a central point for beach cleaning equipment which the public could use. Cllr Murdoch commended Sam Nicholson and his work keeping the area around the school clear of litter. Cllr P Perman commented about the number of plastic items still being used and discarded. Calum Corral advised that there is a set date for a total ban – 12 August. Councils are asked to take a lenient approach at present.</p> <p>Action point – Louise Riddex to advise of any grants which may be applicable and give a session on grants and the themes for the Participatory Budget to LCC. A letter was received from Linda McLarty about the bins being left outside Tinto Tapas and Sharps which block the pavement and also the general state of the street with litter, dogs dirt, cigarette ends etc. Cllr Murdoch stated that the area from Gateside Street car park to Haco Stores has been looked at and is being dealt with. Cllr Smith pointed out that bags of empty bottles were now also being left beside the bins outside Sharps and several bins were also being left outside the Chinese restaurant and Tinto Tapas. The ones outside Sharps are blocking the pavement for pedestrians. Cllr Murdoch advised that NAC are addressing these problems and enforcement patrols are also being made. LCC will monitor progress in this area. Cllr Wood raised the problem of the Salvation Army area where bins are being left out as well. Cllr Smith also referred to the very large weeds growing at the inside of the pavement at the old Post Office building in Aitken Street which most certainly haven't been dealt with recently.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Secretary's report and Social Media – encourage all to complete the Largs Prom Active Travel Study survey which is open to 9 September. All agreed to accept their offer to present a summary of their findings to LCC and to gather further feedback at September's meeting. As Cllr Smith will be on holiday in September, Cllr Black volunteered to take the minutes at September's meeting. Reminder given about the event – Make Largs Better on 25/08/22 at Clark Memorial Church Cumbrae Community Council sent an email about the Solar Farm Application being planned for Cumbrae which they feel will be in the wrong place and does not have any benefit for the island. A previous</p>

	application has been approved.
12	Treasurer's Report – Admin account - £36.19 having paid the bill of £399.60 for the new posters Project account - £3,310.87 which includes the grant of £3000 from Stakis fo project
13	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment - already covered • Community Garden – The Jubilee display will be taken down ready for the next display which is Hallowe'en. Thanks to Cllr Adair for tidying up the garden. A date will be agreed to for a final tidy up before winter • Hunterston – Cllr Black advised that a new Chair is required for Hunterston SSG. Rita Holmes is standing for election again and he has sent an email asking for our views. • Licensing –No update • Planning – A change of use from a disused site to retail – a charity shop being planned for the old amusement site. We cannot take any action on this as we have to have a valid planning objection. Dog crèche -the planning officer wanted to limit the number of dogs because of a noise nuisance but the applicant wanted up to 20 dogs. Cllr Black felt that there could have been restrictions placed about this as he felt the refusal was flimsy. Cllr Marshall advised that he had been approached by a number of neighbours about their concerns around the application. • Transportation – no update
14	<p>A.O.C.B. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr P Perman queried why the questions submitted by LCC to the elected Councillors about the Car Park/Common Good Fund had been referred to NAC officers for response when the decisions are deferred to the elected Councillors. Cllr Murdoch stated that it is the responsibility of NAC officers to supply facts and figures. Cllr Marshall advised that there are 2 separate funds – Largs Common Good Fund which doesn't have much of an income source and Largs Car Park fund. Any surplus to the Car Park Fund stays within this fund. The following list has been paid for from the Car Park Fund to April 2021 – toilet improvements, Largs gym, Viking Festival, outdoor market etc. When the answers to the questions are received, further discussion can take place. • A replacement for Peel Port Hunterston Parc is required – Cllr Black will take this on and attend quarterly meetings. Proposed – Cllr Thomson, 2nd Cllr Adair. Cllr Black is unable to commit to be the environment rep due to work commitments. Out of town environment rep is still required. • Largs CC are in favour of having 1 rep from the 5 North Community Councils in the Clyde Marine Partnership. Rita Homes will send the communication about this to Largs CC. • Dementia Friendly Largs and District – the help tubs are now going to West Kilbride, Fairlie, Cumbrae and Skelmorlie which is in keeping with the late Davey Macdonald's wishes. Cllr Stevenson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
15	<p>Date of Next Meeting –15 September 2022 at the Community Hub. Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 12 September 2022</p>