







Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of AGM and Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 17 November 2022, 7pm

Present: Councillor Phillips,(Chair), Councillor Smith (Secretary), Councillor Wood (Treasurer), Councillor Adair, Councillor Black, Councillor Knowles, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Low Thomson, Louise Riddex, North Ayrshire Council, PS Mark Semple, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Nick Hobson

Apologies: Councillor J Perman, Councillor P Perman, Councillor Collyer, Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Hill, Councillor Marshall, Councillor Murdoch

| Item | Business |
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| 1 | Welcome –Chair welcomed all members to the meeting. |
| 2 | Apologies – As noted above. |
| 3 | <p>AGM – Minutes of the last AGM of Largs Community Council on 21/10/21 were submitted for adoption, approved Councillor Wood, 2nd Councillor Black</p> <p>Councillor Phillips, Chair gave his report highlighting the many achievements and successes of LCC over the past year –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations at the Community Garden • the litter campaign in Largs which was started by John O’Connor who is no longer a Community Councillor and continued by the Litter group comprising Councillor Stevenson, Councillor P Perman and Councillor Knowles. Much has already been achieved by this group and they are commended. • Dementia Friendly Largs which originated from LCC and continues to be a success. • Working with NAC to provide more electric vehicle charging points • Access to Food group working in conjunction with Largs Nazarene Church and their cook school, assisted by the grant received from Stakis. These have been well received. The Foodbank is also supported by Councillor Thomson. • Community Garden where the displays have been a real focal point this year. Thanks are extended to Fiona Stevenson for her great artwork and assistance with the displays. • Chair also thanked those people who have assisted LCC over the past year – elected Councillors, Denise Fraser, Louise Riddex and Ewan Grant of NAC, PS Semple and Ian Dippie who did a fantastic job in the environment role. Thanks also to the sub groups - Councillor J Perman for Planning, Councillor Wood for Treasurer, Police Liaison and Licensing, Councillor Adair for Transport, Councillor Black for Hunterston, Councillor Smith for Secretary. <p>Treasurer – At the end of the year- 31/08/22 – Admin account -£39.87, Project account - £3310.87 Approved Councillor Black, 2nd Councillor Thomson</p> <p>Secretary – Councillor Smith thanked everyone for their support in her role as Secretary. Councillor Black also wished to acknowledge Councillor Stevenson’s work in LCC and that much of the work is led by him.</p> <p>Minutes of AGM on 21/10/21 – approved – Councillor Wood , 2nd Councillor Stevenson Next year’s AGM will be held in October/November 2023 Office bearers – no changes to Chair – Councillor Phillips, Treasurer – Councillor Wood, Secretary – Councillor Smith</p> |
| 4 | <p>Ayrshire Coastal Route – Presentation given by Nick Hobson</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Ayrshire Coastal Route.docx</p> </div> <p>Nick Hobson described the area of concern at the A78 and stated that he had met with Councillor Ferguson and Amey on site and they promised to investigate possible solutions but nothing has as yet happened and this</p> |

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| | <p>has been 2 months. PS Semple stated that the police support any improvement to the road due to the number of accidents taking place. Various possible solutions were discussed. Cllr Black proposed that LCC write a letter to the Councillors in support of this including Ross Greer, MSP. Proposed by Cllr Black and 2nd by Cllr Phillips.</p> <p>Action point – letter to be written in support of improvements to the Ayrshire Coastal Route</p> |
| 5 | <p>Police Report See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>November 2022 Largs CC - Police Rep</p> <p>PS Semple stated that the police using intelligence and a pro-active approach have been able to make a number of arrests relating to drugs. This is showing that Largs is not a place to use drugs. The drugs problem in Largs is similar to elsewhere in Scotland.</p> <p>Assaults are usually disagreements among people who know each other. There have been a number of burglaries and the advice is for people to be vigilant about their properties and also cars parked in their street particularly cul-de-sacs. Anything out of the ordinary should be reported to police.</p> <p>Quad bikes will be delivered shortly to police in North Ayrshire. All incidents relating to off road vehicles and speeding should be reported to the police so that they are all logged. There are increased numbers of off road vehicles being used around Bellesdale Avenue area. The public are advised not to challenge these people but to report the incidents to the police.</p> <p>In relation to the drugs arrests, Police, LA and Health and Social Care Partnership work together in relation to drugs misuse. Speeding on the A78 was discussed and road conditions having an impact on accidents. Fixed speed cameras are the responsibility of Transport Scotland.</p> |
| 6 | <p>Minutes of Meeting of 20 October 2022</p> <p>Amendments to be made to minutes – section 6- Cllr Adair retracted the comments he had made about the elected Councillors’ motivations at the previous meeting and apologised for having made the comments. Section 15 – omission from minutes – during the discussion about the Car Park Fund, Cllr Murdoch advised of the need for LCC to be careful about the Car Park Fund as this could be voted on by NAC and there are many who would be happy to have this taken away from Largs.</p> <p>Approved with above amendments – Cllr Wood, 2nd – Cllr Adair</p> |
| 7 | <p>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</p> <p>Louise Riddex will forward the spreadsheet with the details of the current usage of the halls to Secretary</p> <p>Action point – to consider any required action on receipt of this information</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson has been forwarding the emails relating to grants</p> <p>Cllr Thomson advised that name badges would cost £7 in the other shop in town. Possibly consider using lanyards with Largs Community Council on them.</p> <p>Cllr Adair has been advised by Strathclyde Transport that NAC would have to apply to SPT for a community bus.</p> <p>Louise advised that we could contact Skelmorlie Community Council to find out about their dial a bus.</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Adair to contact Skelmorlie CC to ask them about the bus and how they managed to get it for Skelmorlie</p> <p>Action point – Cllr Black to email Louise to ask her to arrange a visit from someone from Active Travel</p> |
| 8 | <p>Growing spaces/allotments – Future use of Douglas Park Tennis Courts and Car park/ Common Good Fund</p> <p>A public meeting is no longer required as there will be 2 public consultation events about the future of Douglas Park on 21st and 28th November at Douglas Park Pavilion to gauge the public’s views and obtain their preference. It is not a vote. There will also be the opportunity to express views online or by phone.</p> <p>Car park /Common Good Fund carried forward to next meeting. Louise Riddex explained that she is preparing a paper regarding the public consultation and the public’s views of the proposals for Douglas Park which will go to full Council in December. A decision will be made based on the proposals and it will then go to a full public consultation over a longer period of time as it needs to go to court to be alienated for the common good. Leasing the ground is probably the preference. Discussion took place around how best to</p> |

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| | provide LCC's views on this. Agreed to email Secretary with views following posting of notice of 2 meetings. |
| 9 | <p>Access to Food and Grant Funding –</p>  <p>LCC Access to Food mtg 4.docx</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson advised that LCC are supporting the Saturday cook schools until the end of December. These are going well. Proposal is that LCC should continue supporting them until the end of March and we are awaiting costs for this from Tasha at Largs Naz Church. The other proposal is to supply slow cookers along with cooking sessions and if people sign up to the sessions, they will receive a slow cooker. Cllr Wood will check if there is still a business in Kilmarnock supplying slow cookers. Cunninghame Housing may also be able to assist with slow cookers.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Litter and Flytipping Campaign –</p>  <p>LCC -Litter WG report(2).docx</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson stated that the businesses have been divided into 6 zones. Numbers 5 and 6 have still to have the posters distributed. Cllr Thomson volunteered to do this tomorrow. This will complete phase1. Phase 2 is litter badges for all school children if the Youth Forum's funding application is successful.</p> |
| 12 | <p>Secretary's report and Social Media –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed to have XLCC attend LCC meeting in addition to their open day at Clark Memorial Church on 15th December • Agreed Cllr Black will be the Locality Partnership representative for LCC – proposed Cllr Phillips, 2nd Cllr Thomson • North Ayrshire Community and Locality Planning Conference 2023 on 28/01/23 at Saltcoats Town Hall. Anyone interested requires to email their interest by 6/01/23 • National Park Consultation – Ian Dippie emailed to suggest that it would be good if Clyde Muirshiel could be considered. Cllr Black advised that nominations will be next year. • Scotland Loves Local Gift Card – the aim is to encourage people to shop locally and use gift cards. Could LCC support this locally? Cllr Stevenson knows Phil Prentice and will contact him to ask for a presentation at February's meeting. <p>Action point – Cllr Stevenson to arrange presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancies on the Community Council were discussed and it was agreed to encourage full membership. Perhaps Callum could promote this through the local paper. Cllr Stevenson referred to a Community Council elsewhere and how they had encouraged membership at a community event. Cllr Black suggested LCC having a stall at the Viking Festival |
| 13 | <p>Treasurer's Report – Project account - £2880.87, balance of grant is £2570 Admin account - £620.00 following receipt of the grant from NAC of £583.81. Wreath cost of £33.50 reduces balance to £586.50</p> |
| 14 | <p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment - already discussed earlier • Community Garden – Garden requires a tidy up. Christmas display will be next. • Hunterston – Cllr Black advised that the next stakeholder meeting was on 1/12/22. Interested in exploring further local people's views around Hunterston. • Licensing –No update • Planning – No update. Irvine Road B & B was approved. Cllr Black raised the case of the dog planning application being considered by the Local Review Board and was not impressed by its lack of objectivity. • Transportation – already discussed |

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| 15 | <p>North Ayrshire Council Report No report from elected Councillors as none present.</p> |
| 16 | <p>A.O.C.B. –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane Glen Road – 2 vans have come off the road in the past 2 weeks at a very narrow section. Cllr Murdoch has already written to NAC but Cllr Black is concerned that the road will erode if nothing is done. He wishes a letter be sent by LCC expressing our concerns. Agreed. • Cllr Stevenson considered that we should be making applications to the Car Park Fund and be more proactive. • Cllr Thomson considers that Largs need more to draw people to Largs. Aubrey is an example where there are very few facilities. It is not even possible to get a coffee at Aubrey. Could a local business be approached to look at this possibility. Louise Riddex suggested that we look at Saltcoats and the voluntary groups there. • Dementia Friendly Largs is going well. The help tubs have been distributed to the local area, the Looking after your loved ones booklets have been updated and due to the success of the music events at the care homes in September, these are being repeated at Christmas. • Calum Corral asked about the Community Council’s standpoint on the letter from Alan Hill. Cllr Phillips stated that we have not yet discussed the way forward on it as there are aspects of the letter we need to discuss collectively first. Callum also stated that since the last meeting a number of the shops previously mentioned have now reopened including a new business in the other part of the former Clydesdale Bank. He would also like to see more promotion of the Sunday buses. <p>Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p> |
| 17 | <p>Date of Next Meeting –15 December 2022 at the Community Hub. Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 12 December 2022</p> |