




Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 15 December 2022, 7pm

Present: Cllr Phillips,(Chair), Cllr Smith (Secretary), Cllr Wood (Treasurer), Cllr Adair, Cllr Black, Cllr Knowles, Cllr J Perman, Cllr P Perman, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Low Thomson, Louise Riddex, North Ayrshire Council, , Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), (Alan Mathers, Crawford hume, Mark Wells, Emma Burgess from XLCC), 1 member of the public

Apologies: Cllr Collyer, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Hill, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Murdoch, PS Mark Semple

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members to the meeting and introduced the speakers from XLCC.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	<p>XLCC presentation – An informative presentation was given by XLCC including the up to date position of the project and the layout of the factory was explained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standardised cable will be produced by XLCC and run from Morocco to Hunterston. An example of the cable which will be produced at Hunterston was shown. • The tower will be 185 metres tall and the colour will be air superiority grey as this is the least conspicuous colour. • 900 direct jobs will be created at Hunterston . These roles have already been identified. XLCC are working with DWP to assist with recruitment with emphasis on local people including current Hunterston employees. At least 60 people will be required to join the cable in the factory. XLCC are working with Ayrshire College to train people in this role and arrange apprenticeships. • The cable laying ship will dock at Fairlie about 7 to 8 times a year and will be alongside for a week at a time. The ship takes 36 months to build. • The contract with the main contractor for the construction of the factory has not yet been signed. • Enablement works could start at the end of March subject to planning. <p>A question and answer session took place and was mainly around the visibility of the tower and also the need to use a local workforce both in the construction of the site and the direct jobs wherever possible.</p>
4	<p>Police Report See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>December 2022 Largs CC - Police Rep</p> <p>Any questions about the report should be referred to Cllr Wood who will forward them to PS Semple.</p>
5	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 17 November 2022 Approved – Cllr Wood, 2nd – Cllr Adair</p>
6	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</p> <p>Cllr Black sent a letter to NAC about Brisbane Glen Road. They have since washed the road and will put markers up.</p> <p>Louise Riddex has forwarded the spreadsheet with the details of the current usage of the halls. There may still be some omissions.</p> <p>Cllr Adair has brokered an agreement with Mybus to run a bus to and from Largs from 3.10pm until 5pm on Sundays.</p> <p>Action point ongoing– Cllr Black to email Louise to ask her to arrange a visit from someone from Active Travel</p> <p>A letter was written to the Councillors, MPs and MSPs about the A78 and a response was received from Cllr</p>

	<p>Ferguson which has been forwarded to everyone.</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson advised that a presentation at LCC about the Local Gift Card is not possible as the person involved does not live locally but she will provide more information on it. LCC is keen to follow this up for Largs due to the benefits involved. Louise Riddex suggested getting in contact with NA Business Development Team to assist with this as they have contacts with various businesses.</p> <p>Action Point about the Local Gift Card ongoing – Cllr Stevenson</p> <p>Cllr Black was interested to hear about any feedback from businesses on Yuletide night and suggested that it might be worthwhile having a late night shopping event on a monthly basis. Cllr Stevenson queried how the children’s rides were funded on Yuletide as they were free. Cllr Knowles stated that they don’t get any funding but some comes from the local market and businesses. The funding doesn’t come from the car park or Common Good Fund. The Events group will be fundraising this year for future events. Dementia Friendly Largs had a stall at Yuletide.</p>
7	<p>Growing spaces/allotments – Future use of Douglas Park Tennis Courts and Car park/ Common Good Fund</p> <p>Louise Riddex advised that at the full Council meeting on 14th December, the decision was made that 3 courts would go to the Tennis Club and the other 4 courts to the Community Growers project. The proposals were put together from the results of the community engagement which Louise was involved in. They were that the tennis club should get the full 7 tennis courts although there was not many ‘votes’ between the Tennis Club and the Growers. Cllr Hill put forward a motion that the Growers should have 4 courts and the Tennis Club 3 courts. This was seconded and voted on and the decision made based on the amended proposal. This is only the beginning of the process which is likely to be a lengthy one. The previous petition raised by the Growers group was not taken into account. Louise Riddex feels the way forward is to have a Friends of Douglas Park group representing all of the interested parties of the park. A full community consultation will now have to take place. Cllr P Perman asked if Cllr Marshall could still vote despite having put letters round the houses surrounding Douglas Park to let residents know about the consultation taking place and that he supported the Tennis Club’s recommendation. He is entitled to vote but his actions have been noted. Louise Riddex advised that she is also exploring another piece of land for allotments for the overflow from Fairlie growers. Louise is looking at the library as the location for the Larder and has had a meeting with NAC Property Maintenance to look at the work needing done to achieve this. Perhaps a Fridge could be the starting point before the Larder is up and running. The library’s opening hours are under review but the library will not necessarily need to open to access the larder. The Larder will be run by volunteers.</p> <p>Car park/Common Good Fund -Cllr Black advised that he had just received an email from NAC containing 78 documents much of which had been redacted. He will give an update at the next meeting.</p>
8	<p>Access to Food and Grant Funding –</p> <p>The cookschools on Saturdays are going well as are the Thursday drop in sessions. Tasha from Largs Naz Church will be providing costings and a plan for slow cooking classes starting in the New Year. The idea is that if people sign up to and attend the classes, they will be given a slow cooker which will be provided through the Access to Food group. 50 people attended the Christmas dinner hosted by Largs Naz Church. Cllr Stevenson has emailed LCC suggesting a contribution of £175 be made towards the cost which was agreed – Cllr Adair approved, Cllr Low Thomson 2nd. A group meeting will be arranged soon.</p>
9	<p>Litter and Flytipping Campaign –</p> <p>Phase 1 is almost complete with only a few posters still to be distributed to some businesses. Unfortunately the funding application for £1000 made by the Youth Forum, which was to enable every school pupil to receive a litter badge, was unsuccessful. An application to the Participatory Budget will now be considered. Louise offered to look at other funding streams if required. Phase 2 will be the larger metal signs to be attached to railings etc. Louise advised that when banners are being considered for attachment to railings etc permission has to be given by NAC. Louise will forward any requests to the relevant person in NAC.</p>
10	<p>Secretary’s report and Social Media –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An invitation was received to NAC Budget Engagement Session on Wednesday 25/01/23 at 6pm in Largs Library. Jim Phillips, Patricia Perman and Linda Smith will attend this session. • Locality Participatory Budgeting 2023 – Louise Riddex is looking for representation on a steering / shortlisting group for this. Cllr Phillips volunteered to be LCC representation. Louise will email

	<p>details of the 1st meeting, likely to be in January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seawall Replacement, Largs – Marine licensing – no action required by LCC • Application made by LCC for 3rd bank account for Largs Larder. £6000 has been received from NAC for the Larder. LCC was asked to manage this in their account and assist with its dispersal when required.
11	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Admin account - £568.51 having paid £17.99 for the Christmas tree for the Community garden. No change to Project account - £2880.87, balance of grant is £2570. Proposed CClr Stevenson, 2nd CClr Adair</p>
12	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Community Garden — Christmas tree and decorations have been put up and the snowman is almost ready to add to the display. There have been good reports from passers by. It was agreed it was an excellent display. A photograph requires to be taken with some members to send to Calum. The garden has been tidied up and plants lifted to store for next year. • Hunterston – CClr Black has already sent out a summary of the questions and answers from the meeting to all members. CClr Black also attended the Dounreay stakeholder meeting and found it interesting how they operate with their challenges. • Licensing –No update • Planning – No update. CClr J Perman commented on an application that had been made for a large extension on a B listed building at Broomfields Crescent. CClr Black referred to emails received from Fairlie CC about XLCC but it has already been approved in principle. Grant funding possibilities should be considered at future engagement events. • Transportation – already discussed
16	<p>A.O.C.B –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion took place about the absence of the elected Councillors, their letter to LCC advising of their decision not to attend future LCC meetings and LCC’s response to them suggesting a period of reflection about the situation. We await their response to our letter. It was agreed that the elected Councillors’ presence at meetings was of value as we should all be working together for the benefit of the community. LCC have been asking to be able to give a view and offer support where possible to projects etc within our community but this has not been how the relationship has been working. Various views about the situation were discussed and it was agreed that we will decide on next steps in the New Year. Louise Riddex offered to attend any meeting arranged to resolve the situation. • Locality Partnership meeting – CClr Black advised that the lack of a Community Centre in Largs is a real problem especially as the Food Larder was struggling for a location. CClr Black stated that he is willing to work with anyone in relation to acquiring a Community Centre and consider how this could be achieved. It was agreed that this was necessary for Largs. The churches due to close could be an opportunity. • Dementia Friendly Largs arranged for music events to be held in all of the care homes this week with Santa making an appearance to give out selection boxes. <p>CClr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.</p>
17	<p>Date of Next Meeting –19 January 2023 at the Community Hub. Action point – All CClrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 16 January 2023</p>