





Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
 Thursday, 16 March 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Phillips(Chair), Cllr Smith (Secretary), Cllr Adair, Cllr Black, Cllr Knowles, Cllr J Perman, Cllr P Perman, Cllr Low Thomson, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Murdoch, PS Mark Semple, Ewan Grant, North Ayrshire Council, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Scotland, 2 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Wood, Cllr Collyer, Cllr Ferguson, Louise Riddex

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members, Cllrs and 2 members of the public to the meeting.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	<p>Police Report See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>March 2023 Largs CC - Police Report.docx</p> <p>PS Semple stated that it had been a busy month, the police have sufficient resources, and they continue to work on driving offences. Cllr Smith asked if the Memory Walk along the prom which is being organised by Dementia Friendly Largs requires permission from the police to take place. PS Semple stated that we should notify him of it and he would support the walk if possible with a police presence.</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</p> <p>Action Points-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Gift Card ongoing – Cllr Stevenson • Cllr P Perman to pursue viability of mobile cinema - ongoing • Louise to follow up the land train • Christmas competition to be organised at Community Garden – sub group • Cllr Black has emailed Midland Pullman Luxury Services and also another rail company to consider Largs as a destination – continuing action • Town twinning – Reverend David Watson to be contacted for more information • GP Surgery - Cllrs Phillips and Smith to re-engage with GP’s surgery, contingency plan required – ongoing <p>Active Travel – Workshop is being held at Clark Memorial Church on 23/03/23</p>
5	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 16 February 2023 Approved – Cllr P Perman, 2nd – Cllr Adair</p>
6	<p>Grant Funding - Access to food and Litter Campaign</p>  <p>Largs Community Council 2023.docx</p> <p>Awaiting confirmation of Participatory Grants being awarded before further action. Dementia Friendly Largs have started planning for the Memory Walk. NAC will be contacted to confirm walk can go ahead along the prom. The work on the toilets should be completed before the walk. Discussion took place about the toilets at Aubery where the ladies remains closed due to a drainage problem. Councillors agreed to raise this again with a view to action being taken. The tender has been agreed for the work on the toilets at the car park which will not replace the floor or cubicles. There was disagreement among the</p>

	<p>Councillors about the cost of the work but it has been agreed to proceed. Cllr Smith asked if any consideration had been given to making the toilets dementia friendly when they are being upgraded. If Largs is to be a dementia friendly town, the toilets should be dementia friendly. Cllr Murdoch expected that the changing places toilet would have had dementia needs incorporated. He will check if dementia needs have been included in the refurbishment of the toilets. There was a lengthy discussion about the toilets and the cost but the tender has been agreed. Cllr Black asked why the rates for the toilets are so high. It may be because the water rates alone are over £6000 per year.</p>
7	<p>Community garden – Coronation display Agreed a meeting of the committee of Cllrs Smith, Black, Adair and P Perman and Phillips would be arranged to discuss taking this forward. Action point – To arrange a meeting - committee</p>
8	<p>Secretary’s report and Social Media – No update. All emails forwarded. North Ayrshire Funding Fayre on 3 March 2023 - attended by some of the members but no suitable grants for LCC to apply for identified. Social media being used where appropriate.</p>
9	<p>Treasurer’s Report – Admin account - £568.51 . Project account - £1883.87, balance of Access to Food grant is £1573 leaving £310.87 as LCC funds. Larder account balance is £6000.</p>
10	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Community Garden – reminder about setting up for Easter on 1 April – Cllrs P Perman, Adair and Phillips • Hunterston - productive meeting held. Cllr Black will send a report which will include information about the maintenance of the rail line. Decommissioning of Hunterston A Station – continuous decommission by 2050 – no plan identified. Agreed that LCC should put pressure on Magnox to move the decommissioning forward. • Locality partnership – West Kilbride Sports Club has applied for funding – agreed with this, Cllr Black was not happy with Largs Town Charitable Trust - Haylie House – not supported as it is a business. Memorials and plaques – other options such as memorial trees suggested as there is no more room for benches on the prom. LCC agreed to support this. • The proposed solar farm in Cumbrae has already been approved in principle but the plans are much larger. Cumbrae CC would like LCC support to oppose the application. It was agreed that although the solar farm would not look good, there must be a valid planning objection. The Councillors have placed a number of objections to the proposed solar farm. LCC was in agreement to go with these. • Licensing – no update. • Planning – No update. Helter Skelter has a planning application for a flat and restaurant. • Transportation – no update.
11	<p>North Ayrshire Council Report – Cllr Marshall advised that NAC has a £10 million deficit. Service concessions – schools will be repaid over 50 years instead of 25 years. Council Tax is increasing by 5%. More money has been made available for fixing potholes, improved Christmas lights and the fixed penalty charge for parking will be increased to £100. It is expected that next year will be even worse. NAC is planning to build 1500 houses over a 5 year period to help grow the population. The proposed housing at the old Brisbane Primary site will not happen until the market settles a bit.</p> <p>Cllr P Perman queried the parking at Bellmans Close as many people are not paying for their parking. This will be dealt with under decriminalisation of parking. Calum highlighted some of the problems with public transport particularly at weekends. Cllr Murdoch has asked for a comms programme about the introduction of decriminalisation of parking to encourage people to use public transport. NAC are currently advertising for street ambassadors.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch advised that the seafront car park system is now working better. Largs seawall defence work will start on 15th May and there will be no access to the prom when this work is ongoing. Cllr Murdoch considered that the work at Fort Street is not value for money as there will only be another 6 spaces. A78 resurfacing is currently taking place. There are several roads in Largs being budgeted for resurfacing. Several Councillors and NAC had a walk along the prom to discuss work needing done.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch expressed his disagreement with the decisions taken about Douglas park tennis courts.</p>

	<p>The Mens Shed has now opened, it has had a lot of support and is a great success.</p> <p>The play park at Aubery will be getting repainted as a start and hopefully will be enlarged at some point.</p> <p>The condition of Anderson park was raised as the rubber matting has moss growing on it which makes it slippery and generally the park is run down.</p> <p>Councillors agreed to find out about the new community transport and advise LCC.</p> <p>Cllr Marshall reminded all that Mactaggart and Mickel have planning permission for houses up the glen and the north side of the burn. Local development Plan 3 will be coming up soon and it is an opportunity to object if a site is identified which is not wanted. Medical services and schools also require to be part of this.</p>
12	Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
13	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 20 April 2023 at the Community Hub.</p> <p>Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 17 April 2023</p>