





Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 15 June 2023 at 7pm

Present: Councillor Phillips(Chair), Councillor Smith (Secretary), Councillor Adair, Councillor Black, Councillor Woods,, Councillor Low Thomson, PS Mark Semple, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Scotland, 1 member of the public – Frank Alexander

Apologies: Councillor J Perman, Councillor P Perman, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Stewart, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Ferguson, Ewan Grant

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members and 1 member of the public to the meeting. He reminded everyone of the code of conduct at meetings.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	<p>Police Report See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>June 2023 Largs CC - Police Report.docx</p> <p>PS Semple stated that it had been a busy month but he was not overly concerned about this. Safer shores in North Ayrshire has been implemented. He also stated that this would be his last meeting as he is moving on and PS Donald Fisher would be taking over. PS Semple considers that the 40 mile speed limit on the A78 is making a difference in respect of people’s driving. The recent traffic problems in town due to roadworks was discussed. Councillor Black raised a current issue in town namely the situation relating to paedophiles being housed in Largs and vigilante groups. PS Semple stated that the police are visible, are detecting crime and are taking a proactive approach when they receive any information. Concern was raised that the police reports are not including all that is happening in town. PS Semple maintained that all crimes reports are included and they attend all incidents reported. PS Semple considered that there is a sufficient level of policing in Largs. Councillor Black expressed his dissatisfaction about an incident he was unable to report due to the difficulties of getting through on 101. PS Semple will raise this issue with the chief constable and ask PS Fisher to come back to us. PS Semple stated that the police now have quad bikes and they will use them at Greeto Falls if required. Councillor Phillips thanked PS Semple for his input to our meetings and wished him well in his new role.</p>
4	Presentation by EDF – cancelled for this meeting. A separate zoom meeting can be set up if required.
5	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</p> <p>Action Points-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor P Perman has had a reply from Fiona Fowler about a new screen machine as the old one was becoming unreliable. The new screen machine is not designed for transporting by ferry and single track roads so it won’t be going to Millport. They are not going to be considering any new locations for their schedule as they feel the service is already too stretched. Councillor P Perman will now contact KA Leisure about the school. • Christmas competition to be organised at Community Garden – sub group – September/October • Local Gift card ongoing – Councillor Stevenson • Louise to follow up the land train • Councillor Black has emailed Midland Pullman Luxury Services and also another rail company to consider Largs as a destination – Councillor Black has communicated with Hunterston Parc about the redundant sidings - continuing action

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town twinning – Callum advised that there is an event in Sharps about this on Thursday, 4/05/23. Calum will email details to CClr Black. Funding could possibly be through Common Good. • GP Surgery - CClrs Phillips and Smith to re-engage with GP's surgery, contingency plan required – ongoing
6	<p>Minutes of Meeting of 18 May 2023 Minutes carried forward to next meeting to allow members to read and digest them. Action point – Minutes from May to be approved at July meeting.</p>
7	<p>Grant Funding – Access to Food and Litter Campaign</p>  <p>Largs Community Council 2023 (1).docx</p> <p>All agreed the Community Garden is looking good. CClrr Stevenson wished to note the following - Community Garden : Thanks to those that assisted with tidy up and planting - we do all require to assist where possible</p> <p>Special mention to Keith at St Leonard's Guest House for donation of bike and flowers pots as central display and his evening watering of hanging baskets and plants</p> <p>Largs Railway Station Garden : Colin and his Team would like to thank LCC for arranging donation from NAC of metal bench which is now located in centre of garden and looks Great !! NAC also providing a Children Friendly bench seat to Largs Primary School Campus Garden (again via LCC)</p> <p>Also thanks to our members partners : Paul Smith and Fiona Stevenson who carried out repair works to Dolly the Sheep (metal framed sheep that had been neglected and in a poor state) Now in place with new body parts and plants for summer display !!</p> <p>Cooperation between Community Groups in action - it was Colin that passed on contact details for Half Barrels that we now have in place at Community Garden</p>
8	<p>Secretary's report and Social Media – proposals for Woodland Creation at Kelburn Estate – no comments from LCC. Email received from CClr P Perman updating the position regarding the screen machine and the holiday meals programme at which she and her husband will be helping. Chit chat on 20/06/23 – organised by NAC</p>
9	<p>Treasurer's Report – Admin account - £528.60. Project account - £3504.97, no expenditure this month so this remains the same as last month. Proposed CClr Adair, 2nd CClr Low Thomson The financial year ends at end of August so we should consider how we could spend this. Suggestions made - an Information Board for the town, sign for Community Garden – Welcome to Largs, Largs CC – Agreed. Action point – CClr Black to investigate the cost of an appropriate sign for the garden. CClrr Black stated that he has a flag mounted on a board for the Community Garden for Armed Forces Day</p>
10	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Community Garden – as above • Hunterston – CClr Black will send the minutes on from the meeting in June. He highlighted a number of points from the meeting. • Licensing – no update. • Planning – 68 Greenock Road, junction of Greenock Road and Douglas Street, application to build a house in the front garden! CClr J Perman advised that this will be accessed from Greenock Road and Roads want a 30m visibility splay which will probably need to encroach on the property immediately to the south.

	<p>There are comments (objections) on the NAC website and the main gripe is breach of the building line, which traditionally was from the existing house at 68 Greenock Road, in line with Hutton Park, and the new flats at the bottom of Brisbane Street.</p> <p>The applicant would appear to want this to be revised to be in line with the houses to the north of Douglas Street, and so allow him to put a house in his front garden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation – concern has been raised about the buses going to the school at the same time as the children are coming out on Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays in case there is an accident. Cllr Marshall will be dealing with this concern. Cllr Low Thomson queried why the buses are continuing to park at Costa Coffee despite the recent work completed at the ferry.
11	North Ayrshire Council Report – No report as no Councillors present
12	<p>AOB –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality partnership – Cllr Black is standing down from this. Cllr Phillips will attend the meetings in future. • Frank Alexander drew attention to the proposed linking of the Ayrshire Coast Cycle route from Gourock to Ardrossan <p>Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>
13	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 20 July 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 July 2023</p>