





Largs Community Council  
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting  
Thursday, 20 July 2023 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllr Phillips(Chair), Cllr Smith (Secretary), Cllr Wood (Treasurer), Cllr Adair, Cllr P Perman, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Murdoch, Ewan Grant – NAC, PS Donald Fisher, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Scotland, 4 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr Black, Cllr J Perman, Cllr Stevenson, Cllr Low Thomson, Cllr Ferguson,

Item	Business
1	<b>Welcome</b> –Chair welcomed all members and 4 members of the public to the meeting. He reminded everyone of the code of conduct at meetings.
2	<b>Apologies</b> – As noted above.
3	<p><b>Police Report</b> See attached report for stats and summary</p>  <p>Community Council - Largs - 2023 06 June</p> <p>PS Fisher has now returned to Largs. He stated that the bulk of undetected road traffic incidents were bumps in the car park. Cllr P Perman raised the subject of Greggs delivery van parking in the middle of the A78 to deliver his goods as he was unable to park in the loading bays due to parked cars. PS Fisher advised that he would look at the situation regarding cars parking in the loading bays. Cllr Stewart commented on the fact that there had been no rise in incidents considering it is peak summer, nice weather and the recent music event in the pubs. A member of the public commented on an incident of harassment experienced by a neighbour in Auchenmaid Drive when 6 youths entered her garden wearing masks and crawling along the ground. He attempted to contact 101 by using the call point at the police station but was unable to do so. PS Fisher stated that he would again report the fault in the call point. The difficulties in getting through on the 101 system were fully discussed and also the action point from the last meeting when PS Semple had agreed to discuss the situation with the Chief Constable. PS Fisher agreed to discuss this with PS Semple and get back to us. PS Fisher advised that if anyone is concerned about their safety such as in the incident discussed they should consider calling 999.</p> <p><b>Action point – PS Fisher will liase with PS Semple regarding any action taken with regard to 101 system.</b></p> <p>Cllr Adair raised the question of removal vans being parked in front of houses in Sandringham for 10 – 14 days. PS Fisher advised that the law states that no-one has the right to a view so the question is whether the parking of the vans is against the law. Cllr Smith asked for more detail of the incidents in the police report as was provided previously ie gender, age, location and summary. PS Fisher agreed to do so.</p> <p>Cllr Murdoch is in the process of compiling his own traffic report for Largs as he is fed up with the situation. Cllr Marshall advised that decriminalisation of parking enforcement is now to be introduced in November. PS Fisher will check how long parked vehicles can sit in a loading bay.</p>
4	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 18 May 2023</b> Approved - Cllr Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cllr Adair Minutes of 15 June 2023 – Approved Cllr Adair, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cllr Wood</p>
5	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</b> <b>Action Points-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Smith to send Cllr Stewart the Code of Conduct for a Community Councillor to sign and forward to NAC.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CClr P Perman stated that the school can only be used to show films on Mondays to Wednesdays but it is questionable whether this would be worthwhile. A license to show films costs £100 plus the hire of the DVD. During the school summer holidays a cinema would probably be popular particularly if it is wet. <b>CClIr Perman will discuss with the school and also try to find out how successful the cinema is in Fairlie.</b></li> <li>• CClr Black to investigate the cost of an appropriate sign for the garden - CClr Smith to follow up with CClr Black</li> <li>• Christmas competition to be organised at Community Garden – sub group – September/October</li> <li>• Local Gift card ongoing – CClr Stevenson</li> <li>• Louise to follow up the land train</li> <li>• CClr Black has emailed Midland Pullman Luxury Services and also another rail company to consider Largs as a destination – CClr Black has communicated with Hunterston Parc about the redundant sidings - <b>continuing action</b></li> <li>• Town twinning – ongoing.</li> <li>• <b>GP Surgery</b> - CClrs Phillips and Smith to re-engage with GP’s surgery, contingency plan required – <b>ongoing</b></li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Grant Funding – Access to Food and Litter Campaign</b> CClIr Stevenson will be arranging a meeting of the Access to Food group to take forward the slow cooking programme with Tasha from Largs Naz Church. LCC received a grant from Participatory Budget for the purchase of slow cookers for this course. Tasha intends to start the programme from September . <b>Litter campaign</b> – large posters have been drawn up by CClr Stevenson and Largs Printing Company for display around town. They now have to go to NAC for their approval of the sites chosen. The cost of the posters will be met by the Participatory Budget grant received. Largs Academy will be purchasing 1500 litter badges at the beginning of term to give to all pupils.</p>
7	<p><b>Dementia Friendly Largs Memory Walk – 17 September 2023 at Barrfields Park</b></p>  <p>Memory Walk Agenda (1).docx</p> <p>Dementia Friendly Largs and Largs Community Council are jointly organising this event and would like as many volunteers as possible to assist on the day. CClr Stewart suggested the Troon Drumming Circle may be able to come along and he will ask them. He will consider other possibilities for the event. A donation for taking part in the walk is requested. Largs Printing Company will be printing the posters and certificates for the event.</p>
8	<p><b>Secretary’s report and Social Media –</b> Scottish Parliament - Budgets 30/08/23 at 3.30pm – CClrs Phillips and Wood will attend this event North Ayrshire Licensing Board – consultation on proposed Licensing Policy 2023 -27 by 25/08/23. Will add to agenda for next meeting.</p>
9	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report –</b> Admin account - £528.60. Project account - £3504.97, no expenditure this month so this remains the same as last month. Larder account - £6000. No update on a Larder for Largs. The question of a larder has been ongoing since October 2022. Ewan Grant advised that the library has been identified for the larder but is unsure if this has been progressed at all. He will check. NAC has agreed that the cost of printing the posters and leaflets for the Dementia Memory Walk can be met from the Admin Account.</p>
10	<p><b>Sub Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environment</b> - no update</li> <li>• <b>Community Garden</b> – CClr Stevenson will be asking for volunteers to do a tidy up of the garden</li> <li>• <b>Hunterston</b> – No update</li> <li>• <b>Licensing</b> – no update except for the consultation paper.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning</b> – 68 Greenock Road, junction of Greenock Road and Douglas Street, application to build a house in the front garden. The application for this was withdrawn. The elected Councillors were against this plan.</li> <li>• <b>Transportation</b> – 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. – ongoing. The question of a Traffic Management Plan and Health and Safety was discussed fully. It was agreed that it is first necessary to establish what the problem actually is. Action point – Cllrs Marshall and Murdoch and CClr Phillips to arrange a meeting with the Head Teacher after the schools return from holiday</li> </ul>
11	<p><b>North Ayrshire Council Report –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CClr Marshall stated that Mackerston Putting Green is back in operation this summer. The fair will be returning to Largs but the Big Wheel will not be returning this year.</li> <li>• Beach cleaning – NAC clean the beaches at Irvine and Ardrossan but not Largs and Millport although Millport has now been cleaned so hopefully the Pencil will be cleaned</li> <li>• Cllr Marshall drew attention to 3 consultation exercises on the Scottish Government website for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the proposed increase in Council Tax rates for Bands E-G.</li> <li>- Visitor levy – overnight accommodation - charge made per night</li> <li>- 2<sup>nd</sup> home tax – proposed increases to the tax on 2<sup>nd</sup> homes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Cllr Murdoch stated that the public toilet refurbishment is behind schedule</li> <li>• M &amp; S delay is not being caused by NAC. It is construction related.</li> <li>• Reconfiguration of roadway at Fort St – drainage culvert cost - not considered value for money. 2<sup>nd</sup> lane at ferry is not being used.</li> <li>• Work on flood defences has started and the prom will be closed off</li> <li>• Still issues with the seafront car park charging system</li> <li>• Tron Place – the tree was removed due to it being dangerous and rotten</li> <li>• Attended meeting with representatives from Brisbane Australia about the promotion of the Largs / Brisbane links.</li> <li>• M &amp; Co – nothing definite yet</li> <li>• CClr Adair received a complaint about trees being taken down at the red sandstone building opposite the station. If there is no preservation order , the trees can be removed. CClr Marshall advised that an emergency preservation order can be made by NAC if a tree is to be chopped down.</li> <li>• CClr P Perman advised there was a water leak at the ladies toilet. Should be reported by phoning NAC. CClr Smith raised the question of the ladies toilet at Aubrey still being out of order. The drainage issues are raised frequently by the elected Councillors</li> <li>• New benches on prom – not substantial enough. Cllr Marshall has put in a FOI request to find out the cost of the new seats which are considered not fit for purpose</li> <li>• There is now a person employed at weekends to help with the entry and exit of the car park. There is also a review taking place of the car park.</li> <li>• The fair will be in Largs during the Viking Festival week</li> <li>• The plaque on the old police station has not been restored and won't now form part of the new building – to be decided where it will now go.</li> </ul>
12	<p><b>AOB –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the historical links between Largs and Sir Thomas Brisbane were discussed and North Ayrshire Council are also now showing an interest in this history and in particular the possible educational links.</li> <li>• A member of the public raised the subject of speeding vehicles both in and out of Largs at the straight part of the road towards Greenock which he believes requires speed management ie speed cameras. Cllr Marshall stated that Transport Scotland had advised him that they had done a speeding survey of this section of the road and the average speed was 2 or 3 miles off the speed limit. He understands that the 40 mile limit outside Largs was introduced to do a safety audit. Both</li> </ul>

	<p>Councillors will continue to chase this up. He agreed average speed cameras would resolve the problem but Transport Scotland maintains there have been no serious accidents on this road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another member of the public stated that in the amenity housing there is a lady who constantly shouts and swears at everyone. The residents have had to call the police but the problem still exists. Cllr Wood stated that they should contact the mental health section in Social Services. There is also a problem with an individual constantly feeding the seagulls. Cllr Murdoch asked him to send him an email about this. There is also a problem with excessive smoke coming out of the communal chimney. This has been emailed to Cllr Murdoch who will raise the issue with NAC.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>
13	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 17 August 2023 at the Community Hub.</b></p> <p><b>Action point – All Cllrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 14 August 2023</b></p>