





Largs Community Council  
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting  
Thursday, 17 August 2023 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillor Phillips(Chair), Councillor Smith (Secretary), Councillor Wood (Treasurer), Councillor Adair, Councillor Perman, Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Low Thomson, Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Murdoch, Ewan Grant – NAC, PS Donald Fisher, Calum Corral (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Scotland, 2 members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor Black, Councillor J Perman, Councillor Hill, Councillor Marshall

Item	Business
1	<b>Welcome</b> –Chair welcomed all members and 2 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 07 July ('</p> <p>PS Fisher stated that the assaults were unrelated. He advised that anyone concerned about the manner of driving in residential streets should report this and it will be followed up.. The police will speak to the drivers although there would probably not be a prosecution. The 101 call point at the police station is still not fixed but is being chased up.</p> <p>The Action point relating to the 101 system remains outstanding.</p> <p><b>Action point – PS Fisher will liaise with PS Semple regarding any action taken with regard to 101 system.</b></p> <p>Councillor P Perman commented that the parking at the junction of Bath Street remains a problem. She also asked if the action points could be updated in the police report. Councillor Murdoch is compiling his own traffic report and will send photographs of cars illegally parked to the police. Greggs van continues to park on the chevrons but this is because the loading bays are full of parked cars. There is no time allowance for vehicles parked in the loading bays. There was a full discussion about where buses are dropping off and the ongoing problems with parking especially around the ferry. Parking in Largs remains a major issue. Various suggestions were made to ease the situation.</p>
4	<p><b>Matters Arising from Minutes and Action Points</b></p> <p><b>Action Points-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Smith to send Councillor Stewart the Code of Conduct for a Community Councillor to sign and forward to NAC - cleared</li> <li>• Councillor P Perman stated that the cinema is not a regular feature in Fairlie. She has been advised by KA Leisure that the school would only be available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6 to 9pm. The charge is £25 per hour for 3 hours ie £75 for hall hire, £100 for license and DVD hire. Suggestion is to trial it once. A possible entry charge would need to be made. Choice of film is also an issue.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point to remain active for further consideration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Councillor Black to investigate the cost of an appropriate sign for the garden - ongoing</b></li> <li>• <b>Christmas competition to be organised at Community Garden – sub group – September/October</b></li> <li>• <b>Louise to follow up the land train</b></li> <li>• 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 - <b>continuing action</b></li> </ul>

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5	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting of 20 July 2023</b> Approved - Cllr Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cllr Adair</p>
6	<p><b>Grant Funding – Access to Food, Litter Campaign and Community Garden</b></p> <p> July update.docx</p> <p>Cllr Stevenson provided an update as above. Ewan Grant stated that the work on the library to convert part of it to a larder is to start on 28/08/23. The management of the larder by volunteers was queried and concern was expressed about the financial aspect. West Kilbride larder is run by volunteers.</p> <p><b>Action point – Ewan Grant to clarify the volunteer position with NAC.</b></p> <p><b>Community Garden</b> - volunteers required for a tidy up of the garden. Viking warriors are currently being constructed. A sign promoting events to be considered for Community Garden. Cllr Smith asked that the sign be purchased early in the next financial year. She also suggested that LCC gives consideration to the areas we wish to take forward and the grants we want to apply for eg Participatory Budget. It was agreed that a small group would be set up to identify projects to take forward which would be of benefit to the local community. Cllrs Smith, Wood, Stevenson, Stewart and Phillips agreed to be part of the group.</p> <p><b>Action point – a meeting of this group to be arranged</b> A further suggestion was made to ask the local community for ideas by using social media.</p> <p><b>Action point - Cllr Low Thomson to post LCC leaflet on social media and find out cost of notice board</b></p>
7	<p><b>Dementia Friendly Largs Memory Walk – 17 September 2023 at Barrfields Park</b> Schedule of action points issued to members of Dementia Group &amp; LCC Next meeting will be prior to event - Monday 4 September 6.30pm Inverclyde Sports Centre – all welcome to attend.</p> <p>Action point – LCC members invited to attend this meeting to make final arrangements for the walk. Posters are being put up around the town. The QR code will take you to the website where registration can take place and a donation can be made. There are also t shirts available for purchase. Certificates will be given out to participants following the walk which is in memory of Davy Macdonald and Peter Grant. There will be 2 collections at Morrisons where the leaflets for the Memory Walk and LCC membership will be given out. Trishaw rides will take place at the Memory Walk but training needs to take place first. LCC also to have a stand to promote LCC. It has been agreed that LCC fund the literature for the joint DFL/LCC event and this will be paid from this year’s accounts. Launch event for this year’s Participatory Budget to take place on 26/08/23 at West Kilbride – Cllrs Low Thomson and Smith will attend.</p>
8	<p><b>Secretary’s report and Social Media –</b> Reminder - Scottish Parliament - Budgets 30/08/23 at 3.30pm – Cllrs Phillips and Wood agreed to attend this event Kelburn Estate Woodland Creation –Forestry Grant Scheme application - any comments should be made by 30/08/23. Cllr Stevenson would promote some community benefit from this.</p>
9	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report –</b> Admin account - £528.60. Awaiting final bill from Largs Printers for the Memory Walk and LCC literature. Project account - £3504.97, no expenditure this month so this remains the same as last month. Larder account - £6000. Approved – Cllr Adair, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cllr Stewart</p>
10	<p><b>Sub Committee Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environment</b> - no update</li> <li>• <b>Hunterston</b> – No update</li> <li>• <b>Licensing</b> – consultation paper on proposed Licensing Policy 2023 -27 – no comments</li> <li>• <b>Planning</b> – Tillhill - application for improvements to walkways to increase accessibility - no objections</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Transportation – no update</b> <b>Action point – Cllrs Marshall and Murdoch and CClr Phillips to arrange a meeting with the Head Teacher after the schools return from holiday about the traffic management- ongoing</b></li> </ul>
11	<p><b>North Ayrshire Council Report –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Murdoch is raising the issue of the standard of the resurfacing work on the Haylie Brae. The shell grip to be completed by end of August.</li> <li>• Public toilets - upgrade should have been finished by end of July but work has run on. Gents and ladies toilets will be operational during the Viking Festival and the work will resume after the September weekend. There is a question about how £300,000 has been spent on the reburbishment</li> <li>• Car park infrastructure is still creating problems. There is now a member of staff at the barrier helping cars to exit</li> <li>• Fort Street/ Pierhead – still querying final cost of work</li> <li>• M &amp; Co – Cllr Murdoch has asked what is happening with the building</li> <li>• M &amp; S - utilities have still to be disconnected.</li> <li>• Anayas – NAC can't do anything about it at present. Unsure if anything can be done cosmetically to the building</li> <li>• Resurfacing has been completed at Alexander Avenue and when the schools return , the traffic management will be monitored</li> <li>• Viking Festival – the construction of the village has started. Fireworks will be moved from Broomfields to Aubrey</li> <li>• Aubrey toilets – any repairs have to be financed by Largs Seafront car park</li> </ul>
12	<b>AOB – CClr Phillips thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</b>
13	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 21 September 2023 at the Community Hub.</b></p> <p><b>Action point – All CClrs to send in their reports prior to the meeting and no later than 18 September 2023</b></p>