



Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
 Thursday, 16 May 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Phillips(JP)(Chair), Cllr Smith (LS)(Secretary), Cllr Wood(MW)(Treasurer), Cllr Alexander(FA), Cllr J Perman(JaP), Cllr Mcintosh(KM), Cllr Stevenson(RS), Cllr T Stewart, Cllr J Woodburn, Cllr Hill, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Murdoch(IM), Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Ewan Grant (EG)(NAC),Kieva Muirhead(NAC), PS Fisher, Lisa Barr (Viking Festival), 2 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Adair, Cllr Low Thomson, Cllr Ferguson, Louise Riddex, Kenneth Gibson MSP

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members and member of the public to the meeting.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	<p>Police Report Report previously circulated. Discussion took place around the police report including the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW - Assaults seem to be quite high. PS Fisher agreed. They have taken place along the prom, Mackerston, Fort Street and involve 2 or 3 people. No major youth disorder problem. Vandalism also by a couple of people. Police are challenging the behaviour but it is not general behaviour across the town. • Detection rates - some crimes will be 100%, in others detection rates will be dependent on the crime. • Hoping for more police presence now that better weather is here and more people are around the town • Recruitment of Special constables in North Ayrshire – if there are any available they will be asked to come • Definition of theft by finding – found and kept • Hate crime allegations – 1 in the last few days. A previous one was queried involving elderly people and their conversation. This may be recorded as a hate incident. • Increase in numbers of breaches of bail. Confirmed there are more people in Largs on bail between initial court appearance and court hearing. Breaches of bail are identified when police are checking up on them • Only 1 motor vehicle theft since last meeting
4	<p>Minutes of meeting on 18 April 2024 Approved – Cllr Woods, 2nd Cllr McIntosh</p>
5	<p>Action Points including Local Place plan, Community notice board and cinema update Local place Plan – FA has submitted a paper for discussion and sent out the handbook produced by NAC. The timescale for completion of a Place Plan is very tight. West Kilbride’s completed plan could be used to assist us. Discussion took place about the way forward and included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FA suggested that a group would be required to progress this. • Zone areas and the need for them • Consider consulting local architect • Plans and aspirations for the future • Involvement and views of other groups in Largs • Consider areas in Place Plan eg seafront, town centre

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance of Alistair Gemmell, NAC • Any funding available • Cllr Hill is willing to pull together existing plans and reports previously commissioned • Group to comprise of FA, JW, TS, JPer, JP and IM <p>Action point – FA to arrange a meeting with volunteers and feedback to LCC</p> <p>Community Notice board – application has been made to Kelburn Windfarm – likely response at end of June</p> <p>Cinema – Largs Primary school children attended a cinema showing over 3 days this week arranged by LCC and funded by the Parent Council. The children walked from school to the Vikingar. A fantastic success. The next showing will be during the Viking Festival. LCC to consider another film showing during school holidays in August before the schools go back and Hallowe’ en. Ushers will be required.</p> <p>Action point – Suggestions for films to be sent to Secretary and Barrfields theatre to be booked</p>
6	<p>Access to Food, Litter Campaign, Community Garden, Memory Walk</p> <p>Report previously circulated</p> <p>New LCC pop up and banner purchased for use at events. New signs for the community garden also being produced and also signs for the litter campaign. Weights suggested for the pop up.</p> <p>Ongoing work taking place at the Community garden to make it easier to manage. Excellent feedback from the general public.</p> <p>Litter campaign - locations for signs around town have been identified</p> <p>Access to food - ongoing</p> <p>Memory Walk – 2/06/24 at 12 noon. Music, Fire service, KA Leisure, Largs resilience, Tai chi, walking football – all at the event</p> <p>LCC to have a stand – volunteers required to man it</p>
7	<p>Secretary’s report and Social Media –</p> <p>Declaration of Office to be completed by new member.</p> <p>Revised Standing Orders have been circulated. The amendments are designed to make the meetings run more efficiently and be time limited. The minutes should be limited to a record of decisions taken and any dissent. Written reports to be prepared for agenda items and circulated beforehand.</p> <p>Proposed - RS , 2nd TS</p> <p>Change of venue to Vikingar from Cumbrae Gardens Engagement Hub - at no cost. Agreed to meet in Vallhadrome in June and make decision on venue for future meetings.</p> <p>Action point - To decide on venue for future meetings</p> <p>Social Media – LCC has joined up with other groups on Facebook to increase our profile. TS asked for agreement to experiment with other channels . – Agreed</p>
8	<p>Treasurer Report –</p> <p>Admin - £532.11</p> <p>Project - £3722.27</p> <p>Cinema account - £859.67 – still waiting for the invoices from the last cinema showing.</p> <p>The Admin account still has money to be spent before the end of year.</p> <p>There is only £335.87 in the Project account which is available to LCC for general spend , the remainder being restricted funds.</p> <p>Proposed : FA, Seconded: RS</p>
9	<p>Sub- committee Reports</p> <p>Environment – as above</p> <p>Hunterston – Magnox is planning on carrying out polling in this area around attitudes to nuclear power.</p> <p>Licensing – any further updates on licensing will be notified to LCC</p> <p>Planning – Wetherspoons have withdrawn their application. RBS have applied to take away the ATM and signage from outside the building. There seems to be a question about the future use of the bank in the planning application.</p> <p>Transportation – No update</p>

10	<p>North Ayrshire Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School librarian service will remain as it is until January 2025. The proposed cuts were a budget proposal to save money but this became public knowledge before the staff were informed which was not best practice. • Decriminalised Parking – 500 penalty charge notices issued across North Ayrshire. 218 have been paid and £11000 has been collected. Feedback has been good. The wardens work 2 shifts until 10pm. Alexander Avenue is the only street which has an exemption. Fraser Street decision is still awaited. Any excess from DPE will go into the general fund. • Public toilets – ongoing situation • Motor home facilities – camp site owner is unhappy about facilities being provided at Bowen Craig. JW asked why money is being spent on motor home facilities when we need toilets to remain open. There are no services currently for motor homes but there will be a charge for any services provided. This would be funded from a different source from the toilets which are funded from the car park which is currently losing £60,000 to £70,000 per year due to the ticket system not working. Pay and display is to be installed. The 12 month period of warranty has passed so nothing can now be done. The same company is being used to change to the pay and display. At weekends it has been necessary to pay a NAC employee overtime rates to collect the parking charges. • EV charging points – RS asked what is happening about these? • Ferry contract - watch the council live stream • The prom work is due to open imminently • Largs Events – Food festival – 1st and 2nd June – not many Largs businesses taking part • Christmas illuminations - £10,000 has been given from Colin Weir Trust • A form from an unknown source is being circulated to local businesses asking for personal and financial details which is causing concern.
14	<p>AOB – A member of the public was unhappy about the delay by NAC in issuing a form to claim compensation for the damage caused to his car by potholes. He also wanted to know what was happening about the cycle track. JW had expected that Active Travel would attend tonight’s meeting and suggested we consider how we could use the funding available for what we actually need in Largs.</p> <p>Action point – EG to follow up attendance of Active Travel</p> <p>The Councillors are working on organising a meeting to take forward the question on how to achieve improvements to the Largs/ Glasgow railway line.</p> <p>Action point – Councillors to report back at next meeting on their progress in this.</p> <p>Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>
15	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 20 June 24 at the Community Hub.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action point – Reports to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting and no later than 15 June 2024