



Largs Community Council  
 Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting  
 Thursday, 21 March, 2024 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllr Phillips(JP)(Chair), Cllr Smith(LS)(Secretary), Cllr Adair (AA), Cllr Alexander (FA), Cllr J Perman(JaP), Cllr Stevenson (RS), Cllr Murdoch(IM), Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Ewan Grant (EG)(NAC), PS Fisher, 3 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr Low Thomson, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Wood, Cllr Woodburn, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Hill, Cllr Marshall, Louise Riddex, Kenneth Gibson MSP

Item	Business
1	<b>Welcome</b> –Chair welcomed all members and Alistair Gemmell, Strategic Planning Manager, North Ayrshire Council to the meeting.
2	<b>Apologies</b> – As noted above.
3	<p><b>Police Report</b>          See attached report at end for stats and summary          Discussion took place around the police report including the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth disorder is increasing a little including youths from out of town but police are working with the schools, parents, bus and train companies</li> <li>• Pro active visits with Trading Standards to pubs and vaping shops. There is not really an issue with the vape shops in town</li> <li>• Action points from last month -            Why no description of the suspect has been circulated – unlikely to change – question of fair trial if description given out            Some shops and businesses in Largs not reporting incidents of shoplifting to the police - this is up to individual shops whether they report shoplifting direct to the police or their area manager who decide on action.            Increase in the number of incidents from last year to this year – not really much difference in types of calls, sometimes just circumstances such as the weather, traffic lights not working <b>etc</b></li> <li>• Ongoing issue of speeding in and out of Largs on A78 to and from Greenock particularly on Friday and Saturday nights – could a static speed camera be installed? Councillors have tried to arrange meetings with Amey to discuss the problem. Could the Councillors , the Council and Amey put something in place to curtail the speeding? PS Fisher will contact Amey again about this. The police will ensure they are a visible presence as much as possible. PS Fisher and councillors will liaise on this .</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Local Place Plans</b> – Alastair Gemmell from NAC gave an update on the Local Place Plans and Development Plan and the timetable, the 1<sup>st</sup> part during 2024 being the gathering of facts and figures, communities aspirations and opinions about their local areas. There will be an opportunity later this year for communities to review what has been gathered. The proposed plan will be available in 2025 with an opportunity for community engagement. The plan will be submitted to the Scottish Government in 2026.</p> <p>The Local Place plan is a community led plan and sets out their proposals for the use of land and buildings. West Kilbride have completed one which is on the website. LCC submitted a notice of interest last year and the deadline for submitting one is June 2024 but there is scope to extend this. The Place Framework for Largs has been published which sets out different projects for Largs and this provides the starting point for a Place Plan. There are 3 options -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• go with the Place Framework and not do a Place Plan,</li> <li>• a conversion of what’s already been done into a Place Plan or</li> <li>• start afresh on a new plan.</li> </ul>

	<p>After discussion it was agreed that Alistair would share the link to the Local Development Plan and also the West Kilbride Place Plan and then LCC would decide on further action.</p> <p><b>Action point – to decide on action following receipt of the above information</b></p>
5	<p><b>Laurel and Hardy films</b> – William McIntyre – he has been staging Laurel and Hardy films successfully in Glasgow for several years and is keen to show the films at Barrfields. William has the films and could support us in the showing of the films. They vary in length from 20 minutes to 1 hour and 10 minutes and are on DVD. Discussion took place about the advertising and charging for the showing of the films and potential issues. One suggestion was that the films could be shown when the doors open before the main feature.</p> <p><b>Action point – Secretary to discuss with Gordon Cowan showing Laurel and Hardy film as a support film and then contact William McIntyre</b></p>
6	<p><b>Action points –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotrail - a full report was received from Scott Prentice of Scotrail following the last meeting giving 2 options for consideration in relation to improvements to the Largs to Glasgow service. Agreed that a meeting should be arranged for all 5 Councillors, the MSP and LCC to discuss the way forward. IM agreed to arrange this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point - IM to organise a meeting as per above</b></p>
7	<p><b>Minutes of meeting on 15 February 2024</b> Approved – Cllr Alexander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Adair.</p>
8	<p><b>Cinema</b> – The next film showing will be Wonka, the doors open at 6pm for 6.30pm start. The school have been contacted to arrange some posters for display around town. The tickets are available on TicketSource or available at the door, £5 cash. Usher training has been organised for 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6pm at Vikingar. FA will check if an usher supervisor is required and is willing to act as one.</p> <p>As a result of the Community cinema, Largs Primary are hoping to show a film to the children in May. The Viking Festival are also considering showing a film.</p>
9	<p><b>Community Notice board –</b> Confirmed no planning permission required and NAC have given permission in writing to erect the notice board on the Gallowgate toilets outer wall. Estimate of £1252.80 provided to buy and install 2 notice boards to display community notices and a tourist map of Largs area. FA proposed that a funding bid would be made to Kelburn Windfarm Trust to purchase the notice boards and the map, total cost would be £1612.80. Suggested a donation of £50 be made by LCC as part of the funding process. If the grant application is successful, the notice boards could be in place by June. The notice boards at Tron Place are owned by NAC and would be very expensive to refurbish.</p> <p>Following discussion about the proposal and also the town map possibly being produced for another notice board by the tourist forum, a vote was taken. The unanimous decision of LCC was to apply for the funding for the notice board.</p>
10	<p><b>Largs Public Toilets</b> – FA referred to the Strategic Tourism Infrastructure Development Plan North Ayrshire Mainland which covers the provision of public toilets.</p> <p>FA proposed the following motion - <b>Largs Community Council recognises that North Ayrshire Council does not have a statutory responsibility to maintain and service public toilets.</b> However, Largs Community Council is concerned that the time consultation period is too narrow to consider all options regarding the preservation and use of these facilities to both residents and visitors to our tourist town.</p> <p>Therefore, Largs Community Council calls on our 5 North Coast Councillors to seek a postponement of any North Ayrshire Council decision until 2025 and to organise an early collective meeting with Largs Community Council members in order to examine all options prior to the commencement of the tourist season in 2025.</p> <p>This meeting to have full access to all financial costings both legacy and projected regarding these public toilets until 2027.</p> <p>Proposal 2<sup>nd</sup> by AA and unanimously agreed by LCC. This will now be emailed to the 5 Councillors.</p> <p>The subject of toilets and the proposed cycle path along the prom is to be discussed at the next NAC meeting. 4 out of 5 councillors are against both the Council’s proposals for the toilets and the cycle path.</p>

	The likelihood of community groups being able to take over the running of the toilets and the financial position was also discussed. No decisions taken as yet regarding this.
11	<p><b>Access to food, Litter Campaign, Community Garden and Dementia Friendly Largs</b></p> <p>See attached update at end of minutes -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Garden – Easter display is up. Proposals to reduce the future garden maintenance have been sent out. Costings have been received from Jewsons. Signage also required. £50 contribution to notice board to be paid from the community garden funding.</li> <li>• Litter Campaign - RS will send out details of the costs for the litter signs</li> <li>• Access to Food – food programme ongoing at Largs Naz Church</li> <li>• Memory Walk – 2 June 2024 – arrangements ongoing</li> </ul>
12	<p><b>Secretary’s report and Social Media –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standing orders to be held over until next month</li> <li>• Malcolm McPhail from KA Leisure will attend next month’s meeting</li> <li>• Crosbie Windfarm – invitation to be extended to attend one of our meetings</li> </ul>
13	<p><b>Treasurer’s Report –</b> Admin account - £532.11, Project account - £4341.55, Larder account - £5324.92. The larder bank account is now open and £5000 will be transferred to that account.</p>
14	<p><b>Sub- committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Environment –</b> as above</p> <p><b>Hunterston –</b> no update</p> <p><b>Licensing –</b> no update</p> <p><b>Planning –</b> dome to be erected on top of Lounge building</p> <p><b>Transportation –</b> no update</p>
15	<p><b>North Ayrshire Report –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood defence work going well</li> <li>• 28/03/24 – Decriminalisation of parking being introduced. 11 minutes in loading areas if loading or unloading</li> <li>• Tourist forum – possible pilot scheme for motor homes at marina</li> <li>• Proposed cycle path – to be discussed at NAC meeting</li> </ul>
16	<p><b>AOB –</b> none</p> <p>Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.</p>
17	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 18 April 2024 at the Community Hub.</b></p> <p><b>Action point – All CCLrs to send their reports to the Secretary prior to the meeting and no later than 15 April 2024</b></p>

## Largs Community Report – Feb 2024

### Your Locality Policing Team

Sgt Donald Fisher

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Please ensure all matters are reported to Police via 101 or 999 in an emergency and that all reporting is done so through the appropriate channels to ensure the appropriate and timely response is received.

\*\*Please be aware all officers work a variety of shifts so may not always be available at the time of your contact. We will respond upon our return to duty. Officers will only have access to their work emails and work mobiles during whilst they are on duty\*\*

### Summary Report

Dates:	14/02/2024 – 17/03/2024	Prev Year
Number of incidents relating to Largs:	228	180
Collated reports of crime:	43	39

During the period of time above there were 228 incidents reported to the Police for Largs area from which crimes were collated and summarised as below:

#### Assault / Violent Crime

01/03	Allanpark St	Assault
01/03	Main St	Assault
02/03	Walkerston Av	Assault
13/03	Walkerston Av	Assault and threatening behaviour
16/02	Gallowgate Lane	Assault
21/02	Gateside St	Assault reported

#### Theft / Housebreaking / Shoplifting

24/02	Woodbank Gdns	Attempt theft of motor vehicle.
22/02	Semi-Chem	Shoplifting
29/02	Morrisons	Shoplifting
01/03	Gogo Street	Enter curtilage with intent to commit theft
03/03	SPAR	Theft

05/03	Aitken St	Theft
07/03	Semi-Chem	Shoplifting
12/03	SPAR	Theft by open lockfast place.
14/03	Greenock Rd	Theft

#### **Disorder**

14/02	Glen Avenue	Threatening behaviour
14/02	Nelson Street	Threatening behaviour
19/02	Medical Centre	Threatening / abusive behaviour
27/02	Morrisons	Threats / abuse to retail worker
03/03	Walkerston Av	Threats and resist arrest – Custody
03/03	Gallowgate St	Theft
07/03	George Street	Threatening behaviour – Recorded Warning
17/03	Kelvin St	Threats and resist arrest - Custody

#### **Court**

18/03	Royal Av	Fail to comply with bail conditions - Undertaking
08/03	John Clark St	Fail to comply with bail conditions – Custody
16/03	Flatt Rd	Fail to comply with bail conditions

#### **Road Traffic**

18/02	Jura Way	Careless driving - Reported
20/02	Moorburn Rd	Fail to stop after road collision
02/03	New St	Drive under influence of drugs – Reported.

#### **Drug Related**

24/02	Waterside St	Possession of controlled substance
24/02	Aitken St	Possession of controlled substance – Recorded warning

#### **Misc / Other**

15/02	Gallowgate Lane	Vandalism to building
19/02	--	Communications – offensive messages – detected
24/02	Nelson St	Vandalism to car
24/02	Aitken St	Consume alcohol in public place - warning
02/03	Tron Place	Vandalism to window and abusive behaviour
06/03	Nelson St	Vandalism broken window
15/03	Nelson Ct	Vandalism to car

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## **Other Information**

Pro-active visits with licensing and trading standards to premises with in the town.  
 Pro-active patrols with 3 Towns, busses and trains targeting youth disorder.

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## Matters Arising from Last Meeting Minutes

Suspect descriptions not passed by Police – will discuss at meeting

Number of incidents variation – will discuss at meeting/.

Shoplifting – Choice to report is down to operating practice of shops.

# Largs Community Council

## In Town Environment and other activities

### Community Garden

**Easter Display** - Sun 17 March + Garden tidy : **Completed**

Locality Participatory Budget (LPB) : £300 for community garden - Spent £227.82 with **balance spent** on 2 No half barrel planter

LPB : **£1,000 Awarded for garden enhancements** poss Events Signboard

Design of Garden : sketch proposal issued to reduce garden maintenance, includes Signs : Litter Emoji / LCC Garden & Events / Memory Garden

### Litter Campaign

Phase 1 : signs within shops complete - **consider update spring 2024**

Phase 2 : large metal Emoji signs at school campus : Youth Forum in discussion with Head Teacher on suitable locations within Campus Grounds - await feedback

Client approval for 1.0m diameter litter Emoji sign to back wall of Food Outlet backing onto seafront car park

Community Garden : 500mm Diameter sign to corner facing Irvine Road

LPC have provided costs for signs (within LPB £700 fund)

Locality Participatory Budget for metal signs £700

**Note** : Youth Forum acquired over 1,000 Emoji Badges with LPC Funding

**Over 600 Pupils now have Emoji Litter Badge** -signed up to not dropping litter and picking up litter within school campus - approach being made to Teachers to also wear litter badges RS to discuss **"Spring Litter Pick"** around school campus with Principal

### Access to Food - meeting held Mon 18 March

**Note:** LCC holding £5,000 from NAC on behalf of Largs Food Hub

Works to Library complete: Volunteers recruited and Hub open Tues pm & Fri am

#### On Going Events

Thursday Common Ground : buffet meal 2.30 - 5.30pm : very successful with 40-45 people attending each week

#### New Projects

Cost to maintain and expand above projects £800.00 approved by LCC

LPB awarded £900 to Further Extend support for Largs Naz (monies paid to Largs Naz))

Largs Naz - LPB £1,000 to be used for "Kids" Cooking Classes

Stakis Foundation (Christmas Dinner) Letter of thanks & photos being sent to Stakis

Foundation with request for funding of 2024 Christmas Dinner Events

**Stakis Foundation also donated £1,000 to expand current ATF activities**

Would Like to Engage with Primary School to provide morning snack / Fruit Bowl : contact to be made via Parent Group

### MEMORY WALK 2024

**Joint Largs Community Council / Dementia Friendly Largs and District /  
Alzheimer's Scotland / North Ayrshire Cancer Care**

**Sunday 2 June 2024 at Barrfields Pavilion 1.00pm - 4.00pm** Expanded to include North  
Ayrshire Cancer Care

DFL initial meeting held in Feb with further review taking place Monday 25 March