



Largs Community Council  
 Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting  
 Thursday, 20 June 2024 at 7pm

**Present:** Cllr Phillips(JP)(Chair), Cllr Smith (LS)(Secretary), Cllr Wood(MW)(Treasurer), Cllr Adair (AA), Cllr Alexander(FA), Cllr Low Thomson (WLT), Cllr McIntosh(KM), Cllr Stevenson(RS), Cllr T Stewart (TS), Cllr J Woodburn (JW), Cllr Marshall (TM), Cllr Murdoch(IM), Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Ewan Grant (EG)(NAC), Anne-Marie Hunter (AMH)(NAC), PS Fisher, Lisa Barr(LB)(Viking Festival), Lesley McCormack (LM) KA Leisure, Laura Petrie - Crosbie Wind Farm, 7 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr J Perman, Louise Riddex, Kenneth Gibson MSP

Item	Business
1	<b>Welcome</b> –Chair welcomed all members and members of the public to the meeting.
2	<b>Apologies</b> – As noted above.
3	<p><b>Police Report</b>            Report previously circulated.            Discussion took place around the police report including the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in breach of bail conditions due to more people being out on bail and being policed</li> <li>• Speed detections carried out with road policing department including on the A78</li> <li>• Promenade disturbance with 10 -12 young men , mid 20s, no reason identified for the incident</li> <li>• Police meetings held to discuss how anti social behaviour should be addressed. Have forward plans about where issues might be</li> <li>• Number of people being rehoused in Largs from outwith the area. Some of the incidents relate to people from the North Coast who now live in the area – repeat offenders. Concern was raised about this issue. NAC decide the housing position but there are also private lets.</li> <li>• Concern also expressed about increases in shoplifting, house breaking and car vandalism.</li> <li>• 80% of rehousing by NAC is for homeless people and also emergency accommodation</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point - AMH will identify the person within NAC who can advise NAC housing allocation policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A78 speeding around Hollywood area -the standard of driving around this area is still causing concern. Agreed the need for a traffic survey to be carried out by Amey/Transport Scotland. Elected Councillors have raised this issue previously but the problem remains. We need to know what stats would be required for action to be taken.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point – Secretary to write to MSP to ask for assistance in the resolution of this problem</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bogus callers – PS Fisher’s advice is not to give work to people coming to the door offering to do jobs. Consider signs saying cold callers not welcome.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Crosbie Wind Farm – Laura Petrie, Project manager</b>            A presentation on the proposed Crosbie Wind Farm was given by Laura Petrie followed by a question and answer session. There have been several consultation events with more to follow. The company has been working closely with NAC for the best scheme and some alterations have already been made as a result of the consultations. There will be 13 turbines, each with a height of 200 metres. There is expected to be community benefit of £390,000. Concerns were raised about the height of the proposed wind turbines and the noise level, the fact that the wind farm is very close to a school and houses and the need to keep any jobs there might be, local. There will be further public consultation events in the future.</p>

5	<p><b>Minutes of meeting on 16 May 2024</b> Approved – CCLlr Woodburn, 2<sup>nd</sup> CCLlr Stewart</p>
6	<p><b>Action Points including - Community notice board and cinema update</b> Cinema – next showing will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August just prior to end of school holidays. Film has yet to be decided. Ushers will be required. St Mary’s school also wish to have a cinema viewing for the school. Community Notice board – a grant of £1600 has been made to LCC by the Kelburn Windfarm Trust for public information boards. Cheque presented to the Treasurer. Change of venue to the Valhalladrome in Vikingar for future LCC meetings agreed. Future dates of meeting to be sent to Michael Thompson. Active Travel - JW has emailed Greig Brown about how he could work with the school to improve the cycle ways and he is open to suggestions. He has also asked Largs Primary Parent Council to speak to the children and the road safety officers and ask how the journey routes to school could be improved. <b>Action point – ongoing. Await response from Active Travel</b> Railway consultation – the elected Councillors have not yet agreed a meeting. <b>Action point -IM will email the Councillors again to arrange a meeting.</b></p>
7	<p><b>Questions from members of the public</b> Janet Muir - Outstanding money from sale of Helter Skelter – Largs Academy has no mini bus and is the only school in North Ayrshire without one. A substantial amount is currently spent transporting pupils to various activities. Request made for funding for a mini bus – supported by letter from Largs Academy Head teacher. Money from the sale is still held in the bank and is for the benefit of Largs children. JW and AMH from NAC are willing to work with Janet Muir in relation to this. Katie - from a farm in Brisbane Glen Road is looking for a grant to build a shed for an animal experience for the benefit of the local community and tourists. She is looking for support in this. AMH will assist with this.</p>
8	<p><b>Vikingar update – Lesley McCormack</b> LM gave an update on the changes taking place at Vikingar in relation to more community events and the history of Largs. Relaunch of Vikingar has taken place and Euro football matches have been shown. There has been consultation with Visit Scotland in relation to how to attract more people to Largs and to become involved in the cruise ship visitor business by creating a package involving Largs for them. JW commented on how well the relationship is developing with LCC.</p>
9	<p><b>Viking Festival – Lisa Barr</b> LB gave an update on this year’s Viking Festival. Due to Cumbrae’s funding difficulties, there will not be any long ship sailings during the festival. The proposed cinema showing is not going to be possible this year. The Hagersson lecture is booked for the festival. The Viking Village will be bigger and better this year.</p>
10	<p><b>Access to Food, Litter Campaign, Community Garden, Memory Walk</b> Report previously circulated Community garden – the grant has been spent on improving the garden, the signage is in place and great feedback is received from members of the public. Litter campaign – signs have been erected at various parts of the town. Still under budget Access to food - ongoing. Meals continue to be delivered by Largs Naz church. LCC banners have been purchased from LCC funds. Memory Walk 2024 – great success. Just under £1000 raised. The walk will be repeated next year.</p>
11	<p><b>Secretary’s report and Social Media –</b> <b>Social Media</b> – TS has changed the notices of LCC meetings to calendar invites. More people are now engaging and he is experimenting with different channels but is concentrating on Facebook and Instagram. TS will arrange to add minutes, agenda and reports to the invites on FB.</p>
12	<p>Treasurer Report – <b>Admin</b> - £495.16 <b>Project</b> - £3488.13 <b>Cinema account</b> - £439 Proposed : AA, 2nd: KM</p>

	2 invoices from Largs printing Company for £255.60 and £513.60 to be paid from Admin account and Project account respectively.
13	<p><b>Sub- committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Local Place Plan</b> -FA gave an update on the group’s progress on the Local Place plan which must be completed by November 2024. Any suggestions for development and use of land within the Largs boundaries should be incorporated within the plan. A small team has been set up for this and any suggestions which would enhance the area would be welcome. The group are looking at a vision of Largs with unlimited funds in 5 to 10 years ie what would benefit our community. Flyers are being prepared for distribution to businesses for their ideas about what they want to see in Largs in the future. This has also been set up on Social Media.</p> <p><b>Environment</b> – as above</p> <p><b>Hunterston</b> – email circulated</p> <p><b>Licensing</b> – no update</p> <p><b>Planning</b> – no update</p> <p><b>Transportation</b> – No update</p>
14	<p><b>North Ayrshire Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motor homes – financed and funded through the Tourism Forum. Discussion about providing facilities for motor homes at the marina when there is already a site at Brisbane Glen Road. JW asked why NAC are not applying for grant funding for toilets instead of supplying facilities which already exist elsewhere. TM advised that it has been proposed to use some of the car park funds to benefit the toilets. There is a specific programme which can be used to seek funds from the Scottish Government to put in service camper van spaces which will stop them parking along the seafront.</li> <li>• Car park – now changed to pay and display but it is not working at present. Various changes will be made to improve it. Car parking charges will be increased which could then be used to finance the toilets.</li> <li>• TM praised the enforcement system which he considers has been a great success.</li> <li>• 1 hour parking was considered to be too short a time for parking but there are other areas to park.</li> </ul>
15	<b>AOB</b> – LCC meetings will continue during the summer months.
16	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 18 July 24 at Vikingar.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action point – Reports to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting and no later than 15 July 2024</b></li> </ul>