



Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
 Thursday, 19 September 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 J Perman(JPer), Cllr T Stewart, Cllr J Woodburn (JW), Cllr Hill(AH), Cllr Marshall(TM), Cllr Murdoch(IM), PS Fisher, Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Ewan Grant (NAC) and colleague, Lesley McCormack (KA Leisure)(LMcC), Douglas Blair (DB) (Viking Festival), 6 members of the public , Stephen McCarron and colleague – The 9CC Group

Apologies: Cllr Stevenson, Louise Riddex, Katy Clark MSP

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members, members of the public and guest speaker Stephen McCarron to the meeting. He also introduced LCC members to the attendees.
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"> • Concern about the number of shoplifting, assaults and disorder incidents and also assaults on retail workers • Some of the incidents are by people from out of town • Shoplifting incidents have been detected due to CCTV, knowledge of area and experience of police • Couple of drugs search warrants this month due to good community information • Disorder was low at Viking Festival • Shoplifting incidents at Morrisons and Co-op – company security policy on challenging people • Possibility of having mounted police at public events • PS Fisher confirmed that discussions already take place between the police, families and other agencies ie Social Services, schools on the impact of behaviour on the community and what measures could be put in place to counteract this. JW asked how a co-ordinated approach towards drugs, youth disorder and general antisocial behaviour could be put in place. An increase in youth disorder has probably been created by the social policies of government, punishment of offenders and a more liberal approach. • Suggestion made to invite the Chair of the Fire and Police Committee in North Ayrshire to attend a meeting to discuss the level of crime locally – action point
4	<p>Questions from members of the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state of pavements in Largs are an ongoing issue but budgetary constraints affect the ability to repair them • Debris is being dumped in gardens at the local school. Advised to discuss with elected Councillors • Steps at the bottom of May Street to get on to the beach are broken and there is no handrail. It is causing concern – what can be done? Elected Councillors to take forward. • Why are so many people from outwith North Ayrshire being allocated Council houses when many people in North Ayrshire are unable to get a Council house? The allocation of housing policy was discussed and a suggestion made to invite the Head of NAC Housing to a meeting. <p>Action Point – JW to invite the head of Housing to a meeting</p>

5	<p>The 9CC Group – Stephen McCarron</p> <p>Stephen stressed that he has nothing to do with windfarms and was offering advice only. He gave a presentation about his experience of Community Council’s involvement with windfarm development and how to achieve a positive impact for community benefit. The 9 CC group is the collaboration of 9 Community Councils of East Ayrshire. They are still able to campaign against windfarms but their aim is to maximise the community benefit available to them.</p> <p>Key objectives –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all communities can access the funds and local people take local decisions about where the money should be spent. • Strong governance • Community was fully engaged in funding decisions • Create jobs for local people <p>2 levels of funding – the Strategic Fund – is managed by the collaboration of the 9CC and 1 member from each CC decides how the money is spent.</p> <p>Local Community Fund – divided by the communities who have joined together -local people ie Community Councils decide how the money is spent</p> <p>Windfarms will pay £5000 per megawatt under government best practices.</p> <p>Stephen stressed that this was about local people getting access to the resources available through community benefit and being able to manage it locally. He stressed that this is separate from whether we agree with the windfarm development.</p> <p>A Q & A session followed.</p>
6	<p>Action Points –</p> <p>Largs Railway service – IM is still trying to arrange a meeting and include a principal officer from NAC</p> <p>Bellman’s Close car park – broken machine – ongoing</p> <p>School mini bus – expression of interest under CIF being progressed</p> <p>Summer lunches and activities for children – Ewan Grant to take forward</p>
7	<p>Minutes of meeting on 15 August 2024</p> <p>Approved – CCLlr Adair, 2nd CCLlr Alexander</p>
8	<p>Local Place Plan and Community Notice board</p> <p>Community Notice board is in place and organisations are now using it. Email requests for display of posters to be sent to LCC email address.</p> <p>Local Place Plan –sub group meeting taking place on 26/09/24 with Alistair Gemmell attending. It is now on its 2nd draft but it is expected to be completed by end of the year. Future NAC Information Events to be discussed with Alistair Gemmell</p>
9	<p>Vikingar – LM has emailed KA Leisure CEO to request Vikingar be open during Viking Festival for use of toilets and other facilities</p>
10	<p>Viking Festival – DB stated how successful the event had been and the weather was excellent . A review of the elements of the festival will take place for next year. There were some issues about the toilets and parking during the Festival of Fire and more bins are required but overall the event was a success. A Viking Longship is being built for next year by the Scottish Maritime Museum. Chair commended the festival.</p>
11	<p>Access to Food, Litter Campaign, Community Garden, Memory Walk</p> <p>Report previously circulated</p> <p>Viking display at the Community Garden was extremely well received. Next display will be Hallowe’en.</p> <p>Litter Campaign is going well. 1st to 3rd year pupils are starting weekly litter picks around the school area.</p>
12	<p>Cinema – Numbers attending the last film were a bit disappointing and perhaps it might be better to use the Valhalladrome which holds 80 people. Possibly consider a film showing for Hallowe’en.</p>
13	<p>Secretary’s report and Social Media – both already discussed</p>
14	<p>Treasurer’s Report –</p> <p>Admin – nil. There is a slight overspend of £69.44 which will be paid from next year’s budget.</p> <p>Project - £5796.46 which includes a donation of £3000 from Stakis Foundation.</p> <p>Cinema account - £735.67</p>

	Proposed : TS, 2nd: FA
12	<p>Sub- committee Reports</p> <p>Environment – as above</p> <p>Hunterston – no update</p> <p>Licensing – no update.</p> <p>Planning – no update</p> <p>Transportation – No update. The poppy wreath has been ordered.</p>
13	<p>North Ayrshire Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AH – the budget for next year is being considered and savings will need to be found • Second homes – an impact assessment on revenue is being carried out. The majority of second homes are on Arran and Cumbrae both of which are very different – under consideration. Tourist tax is being looked at but issues with this. Concern raised about the librarian situation. • IM – Parking Enforcement Officers – 5 out of 6 have left . Possibly issues with their conditions of service. • No use of solar power for 3 areas in North Ayrshire • M & Co – refit being planned, M& S – no further progress, Anayas is now having work done to its exterior • TM – now joined the Health and Social Care Partnership . Their budget has been overspent by 6 million which will have an impact on care at home packages.
14	AOB – none. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
15	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 17 October 2024 at Vikingar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action point – Reports to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting and no later than 16 September 2024