



Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 12 December 2024 at 7pm

Present: Councillor Phillips(JP)(Chair), Councillor Smith (LS)(Secretary), Councillor Wood (MW) Treasurer, Councillor Adair (AA), Councillor Alexander(FA), Councillor Low Thomson (WLT), Councillor J Perman(JPer), Councillor Stevenson(RS), Councillor Woodburn(JW), Councillor Murdoch(IM), Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Ewan Grant(EG) (NAC), 6 members of the public

Apologies: Louise Riddex, Councillor Stewart, Councillor Macintosh, Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Hill, Councillor Marshall, PS Fisher

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members and members of the public to the meeting.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	<p>Police Report Report previously circulated. In the absence of PS Fisher, discussion took place around the police report including the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether the reduction in incidents from previous months meant that there had actually been a big improvement in crime within the town. • A member of the public present doubted that there had been an improvement and recounted her own personal experience as a witness in a court case. She has been threatened and was very concerned that the offender was given a community order despite the violent crime committed. MW will obtain the details and discuss with PS Fisher. • Shoplifting incidents remain a concern • Discussion around whether we are actually tackling offenders. • All crimes should be reported to police • Number of police in Largs are a concern • Summit with relevant agencies – PS Fisher agreed to arrange this to provide a better understanding of the processes – Action Point ongoing
4	<p>Action points – Scottish Water have now fixed the manhole cover at the Guest House in Irvine Road although there is now another cover causing concern plus another at the Computer shop in town. Skelmorlie Aisle – a local contractor was given the job of renovating the gate – IM will follow up JW has emailed Head of Housing for meeting and will probably be a Teams meeting – ongoing School mini bus – awaiting Locality Partnership decision – ongoing Community Champions – celebration week for volunteers in March 2025 - ongoing Helter Skelter – FA is still awaiting a reply to the letter written to the Chair of Helter Skelter requesting a trustee position on the board. – FA to follow up Largs Railway service – agreed to invite Scott Prentice to LCC meeting in February Action Point – invitation to be issued to Scott Prentice to attend in February Hunterston – the meetings may change to evenings which could resolve the problem of representation. A possible volunteer has been identified if required– ongoing Pavement parking – a full discussion took place around the question of pavement parking and the issues being experienced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM stated that councillors had asked for exemptions for various streets but the Scottish Government criteria around the width of the road and pavements was not met for exemptions. • If pavements are privately owned, people will still be fined for parking on them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern was expressed about the Fire Service and other emergency vehicles' access on certain roads in an emergency. IM has raised the problems with NAC but it is Scottish Government legislation. There has been a general lack of communication about pavement parking Suggestion made in the short term to restrict fines to town centre only and not pavement parking <p>Action point – JW to draft a letter to Transport Scotland, the relevant committee in the Scottish Government and roads to invite the elected members to discuss the situation and the fact that their legislation is not working at a practical level – ongoing. Ask for presentation from NAC senior officer to explain the position</p>
5	<p>Minutes of meeting on 21 November 2024 Approved – Cllr Adair, 2nd Cllr Wood</p>
6	<p>Local place Plan – The plan has been sent to everyone for consultation – no points raised so LCC is now being asked to adopt the plan – agreed. Proposed – Cllr Adair, 2nd – Cllr Low Thomson</p>
7	<p>Access to Food, Litter Campaign, Community Garden, Memory Walk Report previously circulated. Christmas display is now in place and has been well received by the community – great feedback. Anti litter sign still to be put up at school. Supporting Christmas dinners at Largs Naz Church and Brisbane Evangelical Church. Tea Dance - 20/02/25 – joint fundraiser with DFL, Largs Food Hub and Access to Food group. Memory Walk – June 2025 - date to be confirmed.</p>
8	<p>Questions from members of the public Concern was raised about the state of the waste ground at the M & S site. IM explained the reasons for the lack of progress on the site. Hopefully work will start on site in January/February 2025. A full discussion took place about the access road for the houses next to the site, the planning application for an additional 4 parking bays for cars next to the house, the lack of privacy by the householder due to this and the full history of the ownership of the land. LCC agreed to object to the 4 proposed additional parking spaces. Proposed – Cllr Woodburn, 2nd – Cllr Low Thomson Manse Court – as it is private premises, NAC will not get involved. IM will liaise with the owners</p>
9	<p>Secretary's Report and Social Media Secretary will send out list of 2025 meeting dates Routine activity online about where and when LCC meets. A mixed response to the local paper's article about the Place Plan.</p>
10	<p>Treasurer's Report – Admin – £546.56. Cost of wreath has still to be accounted for. Project - £4305.25 Cinema account - £735.67 Proposed : AA, 2nd: FA</p>
11	<p>Sub- committee Reports Environment – as above Hunterston – June 2025 date – on track 2 reactor buildings - white – no change Calibration not being carried out Decommissioning – 2025 – asked for community to be consulted with options given first. Licensing – no update. Planning – as above Transportation – AA provided feedback from Crosbie Windfarm consultation. We will need to put up the money if we wish to join the 9 Community Councils but confirmed that this could be paid from the 1st year's money.</p>

12	<p>North Ayrshire Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largs Seafront Car Park meeting with Councillors and NAC where excessive costs and the upgrade of other toilets was discussed. There will be ongoing discussions about the future of the other toilets. IM stated that the income needs to be increased to support local projects. Hopes that new pay and display will help with this. • JPer questioned whether the Councillors scrutinised the expenditure recorded against the Car Park account as a number of items had quite clearly been miscoded to the account. JPer has challenged these items amounting to £2400. Further discussion took place about the ongoing use of the car park account, the expenditure attributed to it and the need to increase expenditure on local projects. • Participatory Budget grant has been awarded to LCC for 10 notice boards at the Community Garden
13	<p>AOB – the results of the online budget consultation should be notified shortly. State of the pavements again raised. Response was budget constraints. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</p>
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 16 January 2025 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 13 January 2025