



Largs Community Council
 Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
 Thursday, 17 October 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 McIntosh(KM), Councillor J Perman(JPer), Councillor Stevenson(RS), Councillor Stewart, Councillor Woodburn (JW), Councillor Marshall(TM), Councillor Murdoch(IM), PS Fisher, Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Ewan Grant(EG) (NAC), Kenneth Gibson(KG) MSP, 7 members of the public

Apologies: , Louise Riddex, Lesley McCormack

Item	Business
1	<p>Welcome –Chair welcomed all members and members of the public to the meeting. He introduced LCC members to the attendees and asked that everyone adhere to the allocated time slots for their reports including any questions.</p>
2	<p>Apologies – As noted above.</p>
3	<p>Police Report Report previously circulated. PS Fisher provided further information Discussion took place around the police report including the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar number of incidents to last year • Increase in shoplifting this month- a range of individuals involved, ongoing inquiries taking place, some repeat offenders • Increase in failing to stop and report a road collision <p>Road closures this weekend – police are notified of road closures by Amey. The routes to be used during road closures and the potential problems were discussed. Concerns were expressed in relation to the closures. Number of police in Largs – 4 for locality policing and 2 for shift patterns – trying to have them on the beat if possible as deterrent. Resources are shared across Scotland according to need. Campus police officer remains attached to the campus and deals with work in school. Road accidents – safety measures discussed – not necessarily driven by police. Trunk roads – government considers safety on these roads.</p>
4	<p>Action Points – JW has emailed Head of Housing for meeting and will probably be a Teams meeting – ongoing Largs Railway service– IM is still trying to arrange a meeting and include a principal officer from NA -ongoing KG stated that Scotrail had advised him that it was not possible to amend timetables at this time but stakeholders would continue to be consulted. Scott Prentice is willing to return to another LCC meeting. It is hoped that IM’s meeting will take place before any further meeting with Scott Prentice. Agreed to invite him in January/February 2025 to a meeting to further discuss Largs Railway service. Action point – Scott Prentice, Scotrail to be invited to LCC meeting January/ February Bellman’s Close car park machine now working Summer lunches and activities for children – Louise Riddex’s email to be resent</p>
5	<p>Minutes of meeting on 19 September 2024 Section 3 – Police report reads - An increase in youth disorder ‘has probably been created by’ the social policies of government to be amended to read ‘may have been affected by’ Approved with amendment – Councillor Adair, 2nd Councillor Low Thomson</p>

6	<p>Questions from members of the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steps at May Street down to the beach are in a dangerous condition with no handrail and a drop of 14 inches from the bottom step to the beach. The access is unsafe. One of the ladies has had an accident at the steps. Attempts have been made to contact NAC and the Councillors but the problem has not yet been resolved. IM will take this forward with NAC. • Disabled parking at Vikingar – problems parking by members of chair yoga class – cars without a blue badge are being parked in disabled spaces. The path to Vikingar is not accessible for people in wheelchairs. JW will contact Vikingar management regarding these points. Parking Enforcement Officers could address parking in disabled spaces. • Concern raised about the condition of the pavements – IM continues to pursue this problem • Concern raised about the state of the M & S site - Councillors are pursuing this
7	<p>Local Place Plan – now at final draft stage and consultation with the community will shortly be taking place</p>
8	<p>School mini bus – expression of interest under CIF being progressed for £63000. The main applicant has to be identified to progress this, likely to be Largs Academy Parent Council.</p> <p>Common Good Fund was suggested as it has money in it but this project delivers under the all the CIF criteria. Helter Skelter – difficulty being experienced in finding how to apply for money held in this account. Helter Skelter is a registered charity but details of the 7 trustees are redacted and it is not known who they are. The fund has an excess of £110,000 in the account. FA proposed that LCC write to the trustees, when he gets an address, to ask that LCC have a seat on Helter Skelter. LCC have asked Councillor Hill for more information but no reply has been received to date. AA seconded the motion and all agreed that the trustees should be contacted regarding this.</p> <p>Action point – FA to take forward</p>
9	<p>NAC Funding Cuts Proposals</p> <p>JW has reviewed the Budget cuts being proposed by NAC - out of 13 cuts, 12 will directly affect education, children and young people and he is appalled by them and wants the elected members to note this. There is nothing about efficiencies, in corporate or any other areas. The vast majority of people likely to lose their job is at the lower end of the payscale. The elected members maintained that these are only proposals of the administration at present and have not been agreed. There is a shortfall of £13.8 million and the Health and Social Care Partnership has a shortfall of £5.4 million. The proposals are out for public consultation and are not supported by the Councillors present. KG gave an explanation of how the budget system works with the UK Government, Scottish Government and the local Councils. JW proposed that LCC oppose these proposals. Agreed and JW will put a motion together to be submitted.</p> <p>Action point – LCC objection to proposed cuts to be sent to NAC</p>
10	<p>Access to Food, Litter Campaign, Community Garden, Memory Walk</p> <p>Report previously circulated</p> <p>Halloween display at Community garden in place. Chair extended his thanks to RS and his wife for the work in the community garden.</p> <p>Litter campaign – the main sign at the school will be put up shortly</p> <p>Access to Food – sponsoring the Christmas dinners by Largs Naz church and BEC. Also sponsored the Thanksgiving/ harvest dinner by Largs Naz Church</p> <p>Tea dance being held in February as a fundraiser for Largs Food hub and Dementia Friendly Largs</p> <p>Largs Naz Church are planning to organise workshops for the schools about food preservation and dehydration. If schools participate in these, a dehydration machine will be purchased for them.</p> <p>Stakis donation of £4000 – proposal that £2000 be ring fenced for the dinners and workshops – proposed WLT, 2nd AA</p> <p>Memory Walk to take place next year – IM will provide date of Food event</p> <p>LCC Recognition Award – to recognise people who do so much for the local community.</p> <p>Action point – EG to provide information about how LCC can reward community champions</p>
11	<p>Secretary's Report and Social Media – Emails forwarded about a number of surveys–</p> <p>Locality Partnership survey, Budget Survey, Additional Council Tax levy on 2nd homes</p> <p>NA Health & Wellbeing Alliance drop in sessions taking place</p>

	<p>FA raised his objection to the questions in the surveys about where he lives, his age and his sex</p> <p>Cinema -Largs Academy are showing Hocus Pocus on 30/10/24 and Back to the Future on 20/11/24. LCC are helping to advertise these showings</p> <p>Social media – engagement ongoing</p>
14	<p>Treasurer’s Report –</p> <p>Admin – nil. We are still awaiting this year’s grant from NAC.</p> <p>Project - £5784.46 which includes a donation of £3000 from Stakis Foundation.</p> <p>Cinema account - £735.67</p> <p>Proposed : FA, 2nd: RS</p>
12	<p>Sub- committee Reports</p> <p>Environment – as above</p> <p>Hunterston – no update</p> <p>Licensing – no update.</p> <p>Planning – change of use from public house to restaurant at 14 Bath Street</p> <p>Transportation – No update.</p>
13	<p>North Ayrshire Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IM expressed his pleasure at the number of businesses progressing in town • Footway improvements ongoing • Christmas lights and events – financial restraints are a problem • Largs Events applied to the seafront car park fund for a grant but this was refused
14	<p>AOB – none. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>
15	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 21 November 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 18 November 2024