



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

**Present:** Cllr Phillips(JP)(Chair), Cllr Smith (LS)(Secretary), Cllr Adair (AA), Cllr Alexander(FA), Cllr Low Thomson (WLT), Cllr McIntosh(KM), Cllr J Perman(JPer), Cllr Stevenson(RS), Cllr Woodburn(JW), Cllr Hill, Cllr Marshall(TM), Cllr Murdoch(IM), PS Fisher, Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), Ewan Grant(EG) ( NAC), 8 members of the public

**Apologies:** Louise Riddex, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Wood

Item	Business
1	<b>Welcome</b> –Chair welcomed all members and members of the public to the meeting. He introduced Alistair Gemmell from NAC .
2	<b>Apologies</b> – As noted above.
3	<p><b>Police Report</b>          Report previously circulated. PS Fisher provided further information on the report.          Discussion took place around the police report including the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The number of crimes has increased this month which is disappointing. A mixture of crimes.</li> <li>• Increase in shoplifting continuing- often repeat offenders. Perhaps more incidents being reported. Police are attempting to be more visible. How stores display their goods and their security procedures regarding challenging people play a part. The reasons for shoplifting are a mixed combination</li> <li>• There has been a number of vandalism incidents primarily youths – travelling from and to other towns play a part. Police engage with the youths, their parents, BTP and Social Work. Police do consider areas of enforcement but the individuals concerned are mainly children.</li> <li>• Number of drugs incidents have remained very much the same but possibly more growing of cannabis taking place.</li> <li>• Serious assault in alleyway at Morrisons and usefulness of CCTV was discussed.</li> <li>• Summit with relevant agencies – PS Fisher agreed to arrange this to provide a better understanding of the processes – <b>Action Point</b></li> <li>• Speeding in Moorburn Road and streets off it – agreed to be more visible</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Local place plan – Alistair Gemmell, NAC Planning Department</b>          AG expressed his thanks for the work done by members of LCC in drawing up the LPP for Largs. Any responses should be made by 6/12/24.          AG gave an update on the stage we are now at - the evidence gathering stage for new plan. Recommended looking at the place profile covering Largs online and provide feedback to NAC. Housing, environment and transport reports will feed into the evidence report. The Local Place Plan can feed into the evidence report. Once agreed by NAC , the report is submitted to the Scottish Government. Now asking for LCC to look at the report online and feedback any comments. The LPP can be used for LCC’s views.          FA thanked LCC sub group for their assistance in drawing up the LPP. This is now out for consultation – any comments by 12/12/24. The purpose of the plan was discussed.</p>
5	<p><b>Questions from members of the public</b> – Owner of the guest House at Irvine Road/ Gogoside Drive junction wanted to highlight the problem of excessive noise when traffic is going across a manhole cover outside his property following the roadworks carried out on the A78. The noise has impacted on his business and is also affecting residents in Homemount house. He has been communicating with Amey but has now been told it is the problem of Scottish Water. The Councillors have been in touch with Amey and were promised it would be fixed. They will contact Scottish Water to get the problem fixed urgently.</p>

	<p>JW expressed his general dissatisfaction with Amey's service and considered that Transport Scotland should be contacted and a complaint lodged with them. All agreed that a letter be sent to them.</p> <p><b>Action Point – JW to draft appropriate letter to Transport Scotland</b></p> <p>Skelmorlie Aisle – gate was taken away for renovations and has not been replaced. IM will follow up State of pavements was discussed and the apparent lack of action to improve them. Ongoing budget problems impact on this.</p>
6	<p><b>Action Points –</b></p> <p>JW has emailed Head of Housing for meeting and will probably be a Teams meeting – ongoing School mini bus – The expression of interest has now been accepted for a full application which will be heard at the Locality partnership meeting on 26/11/24</p> <p>Community Champions – Community learning and Development are planning a celebration week for volunteers in March 2025 and will be holding various events then. Nominations for recognition of volunteers will be requested nearer the time.</p> <p>Helter Skelter – FA has written a letter to the Chair of Helter Skelter requesting a trustee position on the board but has not yet received a reply. AH stated that Helter Skelter intended opening up an application based funding process similar to CIF, a 2 stage process. It is hoped that the original trustees in Largs and other young people will be identified to score the applications. The initiatives will be to support young people.</p> <p>Largs Railway service– Agreed to invite Scott Prentice, Scotrail in January/February 2025 to a meeting to further discuss Largs Railway service.</p> <p><b>Action point – Scott Prentice, Scotrail to be invited to LCC meeting January/ February</b></p>
7	<p><b>Minutes of meeting on 17 October 2024</b></p> <p>Approved – Cllr Adair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Stevenson</p>
8	<p><b>Access to Food, Litter Campaign, Community Garden, Memory Walk</b></p> <p>Report previously circulated.</p> <p>Remembrance display was well received. Spring bulbs are ready for planting. Thanks to Jimmy and Janet Muir for gift of tricycle.</p> <p>Christmas display will be put up on 1<sup>st</sup> December. LCC Christmas sign will be put up.</p> <p>Anti litter sign still to be put up at school.</p> <p>Supporting Christmas dinners at LargsNaz Church and Brisbane Evangelical Church. Purchase of tickets discussed to make it inclusive.</p> <p>DFL joining up with Largs Food Hub for Tea Dance in February.</p> <p>Memory Walk date to be confirmed when Food Festival date is known.</p>
9	<p><b>Secretary's Report and Social Media</b></p> <p>NAC have confirmed that unapproved minutes can be published following each meeting pending ratification. We will now publish the minutes following the meetings on Social media.</p> <p>Emails forwarded – Crosbie Windfarm drop in session at Seamill Hydro on 10/12/24</p> <p>SEPA Flood Resilience online event on 28/11/24</p> <p>Katy Clark MSP event on Industrial Strategy for West of Scotland in Irvine on 9/12/24</p>
10	<p><b>Treasurer's Report –</b></p> <p><b>Admin –</b> nil. We are still awaiting this year's grant from NAC.</p> <p><b>Project -</b> £4856.40</p> <p><b>Cinema account -</b> £735.67</p> <p>Proposed : WLT, 2nd: AA</p>
11	<p><b>Sub- committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>Environment –</b> as above</p> <p><b>Hunterston –</b> Hunterston Stakeholder Group – issue at Hunterston A will be raised at December meeting. JW intimated that next year he would be unable to continue with both the Stakeholder Group quarterly meetings and Hunterston Parc 6 monthly meetings so he is looking for someone from LCC to take over.</p> <p><b>Action point – volunteer required</b></p> <p><b>Licensing –</b> no update.</p>

	<p><b>Planning</b> – no update</p> <p><b>Transportation</b> – No update.</p>
12	<p><b>North Ayrshire Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AH stated that the Council’s budget consultation is ongoing . Awaiting Scottish budget. Impact of NI position unknown. Council’s staff count increased to 818 but may not be full time figures.</li> <li>• IM – Parking Enforcement Officers are continuing to enforce the traffic in Largs town centre and also pavement parking across North Ayrshire. An exemption for Alexander Avenue was queried but IM stated that it was not given an exemption , only considered for one but not approved and not communicated by NAC. The problems of using Alexander Avenue with the number of parked cars was highlighted. JW suggested writing 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. JW will draft a letter. All agreed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action point – JW to draft a letter as above.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IM had a meeting with Scotrail on 15/11/24 – no new issues were discussed, no new information provided</li> <li>• Christmas lights were provided by Colin Weir Foundation</li> </ul>
13	<p><b>AOB</b> – Progress on getting handrails on the steps at the beach was queried. IM advised that NAC are looking at the question of handrails. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>
14	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 12 December 2024 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 9 December 2024</b></li> </ul>