



Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 17 April 2025 at 7pm

Present: Councillor Phillips(JP)(Chair), Councillor Smith (LS)(Secretary), Councillor Wood (MW) Treasurer, Councillor Low Thomson (WLT), Councillor Macintosh (KM), Councillor J Perman(JPer), Councillor Stevenson(RS), Councillor Woodburn(JW), Councillor Murdoch(IM), Louise Riddex (NAC), PS Fisher, Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), 6 members of the public, Gordon Black (Cycling Without Age)

Apologies: Councillor Adair, Councillor Alexander, Councillor Stewart, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Councillor Marshall, Ewan Grant (NAC)

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members, members of the public and Gordon Black to the meeting. He reminded everyone that the minutes are recorded for minute purposes only.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	<p>School Patrol Crossing</p> <p>JW reminded everyone that as part of the budget proposals, one of the school crossing patrols at the junction of Glenacre Avenue and Alexander Avenue was to be removed. This was approved at the budget meeting on 26/02/25 by NAC. This is a very busy crossing at the Primary School. JW submitted a Freedom of Information request to find out what assessment had been done. It appears that this assessment is completely flawed in that the assessment was carried out from 4 to 4.30pm which is well after the school comes out. It also talks about markings for a mini roundabout which does not exist at this area. JW considers that it has not been assessed correctly and therefore the cut is not valid. There is no mitigation noted. There is grave concern as it is such a busy crossing. The FOI has been sent to the elected members for their action. We wish the decision to be reversed. IM explained the difficulties of reversing the decision, other cuts would need to be made and the standing orders would need to be suspended to allow the Council to discuss it again. LR suggested that communication with other areas which are also subject to cuts would be worthwhile. JW considers that from a Largs perspective, the safety assessment is not valid and this is what should be challenged. JW suggested a letter be sent to Head of Service and the 5 elected Councillors could take up the case for Largs. It was pointed out that whilst services are being cut, at the same time a 20% pay rise has been awarded to Councillors. Whilst we support other areas, LCC have to represent Largs on the basis of the incorrect assessment. Agreed a letter should be sent by LCC. IM agreed that the Councillors would also consider the case.</p> <p>Action Point – JW to draft letter from LCC</p> <p>Action point – LR will advise details of any Action groups in other areas which have been formed as a result of the cuts to school crossings</p>
4	<p>Police Report</p> <p>Report previously circulated.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the police report including the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW advised that the Gas Board are installing 6 CCTV cameras in their yard which will be facing the car park. Police will use anything that is available. • Hit and run incident – a male has been traced and charged with road traffic offences. The car was identified along with the registration number and direction of travel which was very helpful. • Theft of number plates – a group were involved and it was all in the same timescale

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breaches of bail – can be long term residents of Largs. Increased numbers of people with bail conditions leads to more people being checked so probability more breaches found
5	<p>Cycling Without Age - Gordon Black 90 branches in Scotland, Gordon is the Captain of the Largs Chapter 10 pilots in Largs and 1 trishaw The trishaw is for the benefit of anyone, including children, being outside for an hour or so and helps social engagement. Booking of the trishaw is by phone. Gordon is working closely with Hutton Park Care Home and taking residents with a carer out for short runs of 20 minutes Currently trying to raise funds for a second trishaw, cost is £10,000</p>
6	<p>Action points – Helter Skelter – online application is live, the fund is for the benefit of young people and will be open until 30th April. The trustees will decide on the applications received. Action point – CC will submit a Freedom of Information request to obtain the number of North Ayrshire Council employees who live in England and thereby benefit from the tax system - ongoing</p>
7	<p>Minutes of meeting on 20 February 2025 - Approved – CCLlr Wood, 2nd CCLlr McIntosh</p>
8	<p>Local place Plan and Gondola Ventures– A letter of intent has been signed with Gondola Ventures and they are planning to visit Largs week commencing 19th May to carry out a feasibility study and to meet the key stakeholders. LCC to note the date and invitations will be extended to the elected Councillors.</p>
9	<p>Mini bus – JW was not allowed to take part in the LPP meeting and there was some confusion over the application. Many questions were asked, most of which were answered in in the paperwork. LR advised that only the applicant is invited and that would be Largs Thistle. The information will be forwarded. Largs Thistle will be the owner and keeper of the mini bus.</p>
10	<p>Access to Food, Litter Campaign, Community Garden, Memory Walk Report previously circulated. Community garden – the Easter display has had a great response from the public. Well done to AA and residents of Sandringham who have taken over the flower beds Litter Campaign – Youth Forum will discuss where the emoji sign is to go in the school. Additional emoji signs to be displayed in school. Sign at Vikingar is broken and needs to be replaced. Agreed to replacement cost. Ongoing problem of cigarette butts at prom – unsure if litter campaign can take this on. Access to Food group – another meeting to be arranged. Memory Walk – 22/06/25 . Trishaw confirmed</p>
11	<p>Questions from members of the public Litter picking – volunteers can do so at any point. Any organised litter picking is advertised on Social Media. IM can arrange to obtain equipment for this purpose if contacted. Rubbish at back of Helter Skelter is now being moved</p>
12	<p>Secretary's Report and Social Media CLD celebration event on 27/03/25 – LCC was nominated for the Shirley Morgan award but was not successful. Certificate given recognising the nomination. Fairer Food Ayrshire (Larder network) were successful. The Youth Forum won the Youth award.</p>
13	<p>Treasurer's Report – Admin – £463.30 Project - £4744.90 Cinema account - £1100.67 No invoices received yet. Proposed : RS, 2nd: WLT No Social Media update</p>
14	<p>Sub- committee Reports Environment – Impact signs – DFL and Community Development Trust will both take signs. Largs Events – IM still to respond.</p>

	<p>BT advised that phone box can't be adopted as it is still classed as being in use.</p> <p>Hunterston – JW is stepping down, KM has volunteered. JW nominated KM, 2nd JP</p> <p>Hunterston Parc – for information see hunterstonparc.com</p> <p>Report of Hunterston Parc Liaison Committee meeting –</p> <p>A press release will be issued by the Committee (to publicise the group)</p> <p>Renaming of internal roads being considered. Example "Oil Rig Road" may not suit a green project site</p> <p>Physical site remains quiet, with only remediation work and visits from Navy vessels</p> <p>Planning Application in process to begin work on Tower foundations</p> <p>All above ground structure to be removed if the business fails (Bond)</p> <p>Estimated £150M to fill the hole to allow construction of the Marine Yard (to make turbine gravity bases)</p> <p>Dutch companies bidding to use suitable dredgings from Liverpool area</p> <p>XLCC is currently planning and modelling the site</p> <p>A new construction company is being sought, after ISG "went bust"</p> <p>Work expected to begin in March 2026</p> <p>HALO building in Kilmarnock being used as an XLCC base (sales and project activities)</p> <p>17 apprentices currently being trained in Irvine, with more spaces available</p> <p>XLCC is not reliant on the Morocco Project, as other companies will purchase the cables</p> <p>Concern that "political delays" could see the business being lost to Germany</p> <p>Port will be capable of tasking cruise ships - but this is not part of the plan</p> <p>Licensing – no update.</p> <p>Planning – no update</p> <p>Transportation – no update.</p>
15	<p>North Ayrshire Report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streetscene are working on their summer programme with not a lot of staff. Some seasonal workers have been taken on Flats at St Mary's site have been allocated and people are now finally moving in The proposed playpark at Linn Avenue – confirmed that the equipment has been ordered and will be installed this summer.
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AOB – Brisbane Olympics and the local connection to Largs – suggestion made to engage with Olympic committee to bring the torch to Largs. IM is keen to get NAC on board to promote the links to Largs Agreed David Ennis to be invited to next LCC meeting to talk about the Observatory Trust <p>Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>
17	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 15 May 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 11 April 2025