



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

Present: CCLlr Phillips(JP)(Chair), CCLlr Smith (LS)(Secretary), CCLlr Wood (MW) Treasurer, CCLlr Adair (AA), CCLlr Alexander(FA), CCLlr Low Thomson (WLT), CCLlr J Perman(JPer), CCLlr Stevenson(RS), CCLlr Stewart(TS), PS Fisher, Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), 11 members of the public, Sam Richards and 4 others from Britain Remade

Apologies: CCLlr Macintosh, CCLlr Woodburn, Cllr Marshall, Kenneth Gibson MSP, Louise Riddex (NAC),

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members, Sam Richards and members of the public. He reminded everyone that the minutes are recorded for minute purposes only.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	Britain Remade – Sam Richards Sam Richards provided an explanation of his campaign Britain Remade, a cross-party campaign funded by philanthropy and his belief is that it should be easier to build infrastructure. Failure to do so has resulted in high energy bills, the country has not built enough clean energy and still relies on importing expensive gas. Sam gave details of his background and the reasons for setting up the campaign ie <ul style="list-style-type: none">• to provide practical ideas for ministers to implement, run campaigns around the country listening to people and looking at removing some of the barriers of nuclear in Scotland and returning it to sites such as Hunterston.• Concern over our very high energy costs – looking at how to cut bills and create new jobs as we move to net zero.• Considers that new nuclear power plays a key part with small nuclear reactors• No clear plan for Hunterston but believes one of the small nuclear reactors should be there creating a range of new jobs, security of energy supply and reduction in cost of bills• Safety – the nuclear industry has one of the best safety records in the world and the new model is safer than ever.• Britain Remade will be calling upon UK Government to launch a review into Scotland’s existing nuclear sites to determine what the opportunity is for new nuclear across the country at these sites, most likely for the new state of the ark modular reactors. A question and answer session followed. Chair thanked Sam for his presentation..
4	Police Report Report previously circulated. Discussion took place around the police report including the following – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased number of incidents this month due to increased numbers of people coming to Largs with some getting involved in criminality and more road traffic offences which have not previously been included in the report, more incidents of possession of controlled substances – Kelburn festival has influenced this• There are response officers on duty 24/7

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abduction – someone held somewhere they didn't want to be – reported after the incident – ongoing enquiry Counterfeit money – clearly counterfeit money was presented and retained by shop. Cases go for investigation at a national level The belief that people with a blue badge can park anywhere Incidents of people openly drug dealing within the town and the behaviour of people on remand
5	<p>Action points – Minutes and action points from previous meeting reviewed.</p> <p>Action point – Brisbane Observatory - contact community groups later this year – JW/LS</p> <p>Action point – Police - send invitation to Chief Superintendent to attend future meeting</p>
6	<p>Minutes of meeting on 19 June 2025 – amendment at section 11 – should read play area at Linn Avenue</p> <p>Approved – Cllr Wood, 2nd Cllr Stewart</p>
7	<p>I3 site in Irvine – Freedom of Information request received. JW has proposed the following –</p> <p>1 - LCC to write an open letter to all 5 elected members, suggesting that the money - £1.25m should be repurposed, and split between communities. Largs CC would like to use their share to</p> <p>1 - Purchase a community minibus</p> <p>2 - Plant flowers beds on Prom and subject to remaining funds,</p> <p>3 - undertake works to reopen Aubrey toilets. This would require elected members to work together as a 5, and with other elected members, to present a motion to council.</p> <p>This would be more likely to succeed if other communities supported this approach.</p> <p>2 - Inform other CCs of this approach and asking them to consider if this is something they would support.</p> <p>JW considers this is in effect 'free' money that is being used for Capital Expenditure, and not part of the yearly budget considerations. He is sure that our communities would benefit massively from this at a local level rather than to undertake feasibility studies on windfarms for which there is not planning permission or business case for.</p> <p>There was some debate about the availability of this money but based on the information available JW's proposal agreed by all.</p> <p>Proposed JW, 2nd WLT</p> <p>Action point – Letter to be sent to elected Councillors as per above</p>
8	<p>Review of Scheme of Establishment – Agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss and formulate a response to the review – Secretary will arrange.</p>
9	<p>Access to food, Litter Campaign, Community garden, Memory Walk</p> <p>Report previously circulated.</p> <p>Summer display for Community garden is in place</p> <p>Large emoji litter sign to be put up at main entrance to Largs Academy after the holidays.</p> <p>Access to Food meeting to be arranged to plan future spending.</p> <p>Memory Walk – held on 22/06/25. Rained again but a successful event with around £100 0 raised for Dementia Friendly Largs</p>
10	<p>Questions from members of the public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety – Waterside Street -concern was raised about the line of sight when exiting a driveway into the street due to parked cars. Advised to contact elected Councillors about this problem Concern expressed about the traffic at the bottom of Waterside Street and Main Street and the state of pavements – again an issue for elected Councillors Concerns expressed about the lack of money being spent in Largs in comparison with the rest of North Ayrshire in particular Irvine. All swimming pools in North Ayrshire except for Largs which is

	<p>the oldest have been replaced and Largs is in a poor state. General dissatisfaction expressed relating to money coming to Largs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helter Skelter funding queried – the remaining funds of approximately £70,000 are awaiting allocation from applications opening again in October
12	<p>Secretary's Report and Social Media Secretary advised that in anticipation of this year's Participatory Budget, a drop in session is due to be held in Largs Library on Wednesday 13/08/25 from 6 to 8pm for any groups wanting to know more about the fund. Cinema – invoice received for last film showing. The fee is changing to a flat fee of £100 irrespective of the size of the screen. Perhaps a buffet and film showing could be trialled. This has been done in Saltcoats and has been successful. Suggestions for films requested. MW explained the new comments book for visitors and encouraged people to use it to make suggestions etc No Social Media update</p>
13	<p>Treasurer's Report – Admin – £117.71 Project - £4428.38 Cinema account - £678.07 The end of the financial year is 31/08/25 so all accounts have to be finalised. Any outstanding accounts to MW. Proposed : WLT, 2nd: AA</p>
14	<p>Sub- committee Reports Environment – Already discussed. Hunterston – No update Licensing – no update. Local Place Plan – email received from the Gondola firm asking for a further meeting by Zoom on 22/07/25 to discuss the forward momentum. The project is still live. Planning – no update Transportation – no update.</p>
15	<p>North Ayrshire Report – no report</p>
16	<p>AOB – WLT commented on the impact of high energy prices on local businesses and an arrangement which can be made with energy companies by local communities to buy energy at a reduced rate. Businesses would need to be involved. WLT will investigate further. Linn Avenue Play park – a time capsule has been purchased to be installed at opening ceremony. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>
17	<p>Date of Next Meeting – 21 August 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 17 August 2025