



Largs Community Council  
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting  
Thursday, 21 August 2025 at 7pm

**Present:** Councillor Smith (LS)(Secretary), Councillor Wood (MW) Treasurer, Councillor Macintosh (KM), Councillor J Perman(JPer), Councillor Stevenson(RS), Councillor Stewart(TS), Councillor Woodburn (JW) (Acting Chair), Kenneth Gibson MSP, Douglas Blair(DB) and Lisa Barr – Viking festival, PS Fisher, Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), 8 members of the public

**Apologies:** Councillor Phillips(JP), Councillor Adair (AA), Councillor Alexander(FA), Councillor Low Thomson (WLT), Councillor Ferguson, Councillor Marshall

Item	Business
1	<b>Welcome</b> –Chair welcomed all members and members of the public. He reminded everyone that the minutes are recorded for minute purposes only.
2	<b>Apologies</b> – As noted above.
3	<p><b>Police Report</b> Report previously circulated. Discussion took place around the police report including the following –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to stop is very often where someone has bumped and damaged a vehicle when it was parked but not left details. The law states that someone should seek to report it within 24hours, but often they do not and often they are unaware of this.</li> <li>• Shoplifting - a distinct increase from previous months. Part of this is due to social economic conditions but it appears this is down to a select few individuals.</li> <li>• Question from MW around how the police deal with antisocial behaviour and what powers police have in this area. DF - if there is a sufficiency of evidence, crime is recorded and person traced/arrested and put to Procurator Fiscal.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION - DF to invite Suzanne Chow to future meeting, third Thursday of every month, we have space in October or November.</b></p>
4	<p><b>Action points</b> – Minutes and action points from previous meeting reviewed. <b>Action point – Brisbane Observatory - contact community groups later this year – JW/LS</b> Kenneth Gibson will offer support with any future plans for this.</p>
5	<p><b>Minutes of meeting on 17 July 2025</b> Approved – Councillor Wood, 2<sup>nd</sup> Councillor Stewart</p>
6	<p><b>Vikingar</b> - JW offered support for Vikingar and its operation and the staff. Vikingar is the heart of our community and we support any moves to maintain and upgrade facilities at Vikingar.</p> <p>DB Raised the fact there is no sound loop in the Valhalladrome. <b>ACTION - LCC to raise with Management if this is something that can be looked at. It is a real issue with the Hakkison Lecture where many people struggle to hear.</b></p> <p><b>Viking Festival</b> - Similarly, we are aware of a significant amount of online abuse, and trolling, of the Viking Festival volunteers. As a Community Council, we are strong supporters and advocates of our Viking Festival and believe what has been going on borders on harassment. We would ask those engaged in debate to</p>

	<p>please be aware of the impact of their words on the people who give their time freely, for no reward, to help create our community.</p>
5	<p><b>Railfutures</b> - To invite to a future meeting to discuss strategies for lobbying improvements to the North Coast line including faster and more frequent services, as well as enhanced services during summer and special events such as next year's Viking Festival.</p> <p><b>Action point – invitation to be sent as above</b></p>
6	<p><b>Access to food, Litter Campaign, Community garden, Memory Walk</b></p> <p>Report previously circulated.</p> <p>Summer display at Community garden received fantastic feedback. Viking display now ready – help requested on 24/08/25 to do this.</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. A successful event. Planning for next year's event will start soon.</p>
7	<p><b>Questions from members of the public</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School crossing warden absent at junction of Holehouse Road/ Alexander Avenue. JW emailed NAC and received a speedy reply explaining the situation regarding staffing. They are aware of the situation and hopeful of having someone in place very soon.</li> <li>• A member of the public raised the subject of the new playpark and compared it to what has been provided in Irvine and Kilmwinning. Kenneth Gibson confirmed that it is up to the LA to decide how the funding received from the Scottish Government should be spent. All NA should be allocated equitably, and it is the responsibility of the 5 elected Councillors to see that this is the case. KG agreed to speak to NAC about the strategy for play areas. Concern was raised about the lack of response to FOIs submitted.</li> <li>• Aubrey toilets raised – Viking Festival are providing portaloos during the festival. JW gave a brief history of the toilet saga in Largs including the situation at Aubrey. LCC would like more of a say in how the car park fund should be spent.</li> <li>• A member of the public asked what was being done for younger people in town. Suggestions have been given for an open football pitch. KA Leisure provides some opportunities, but gym facilities are dated. Suggested IT upskilling. There seems to be a lack of awareness of what is in existence for young people. LCC would like to produce a newsletter to inform the public of events and activities in Largs. Possibility of working with the local paper, various groups and LCC for next summer. The new radio station at Largs Development Trust was highlighted for communications. An invitation was given to the young person to work with LCC.</li> <li>• Concern expressed about the number of shops in town selling vapes and how this is not good for Largs. The question of overprovision was discussed. In Scotland businesses must register to sell vapes but no license is required.</li> </ul>
12	<p><b>Secretary's Report and Social Media</b></p> <p>Invitation received to attend a Patient Participation Group being held at Largs Medical Centre on 26/08/25. JP will attend this meeting.</p> <p>Chair and Secretary will be participating in the Viking Festival parade.</p> <p>A speaker from the group 'Save Cowal's Hills' will attend the LCC meeting in September.</p> <p>No Social Media update</p>
13	<p><b>Treasurer's Report –</b></p> <p><b>Admin – £80.71</b></p> <p><b>Project - £4016.76</b></p> <p><b>Cinema account - £678.07</b></p> <p>The end of the financial year is 31/08/25 so all accounts must be finalised. Any outstanding accounts to MW.</p> <p>Suggestion made to spend on printing supplies to enable agendas etc to be printed off for the meetings.</p>

	<p>Possibility of running a cinema from the Vikingar discussed ie types of films to be shown, theme nights etc. JW suggested applying for Participatory Budget to host a movie night for families including those with additional support needs with food possibly in January or February. LCC agreed</p>
14	<p><b>Sub- committee Reports</b>  <b>Environment</b> – Already discussed.  <b>Hunterston</b> – No update  <b>Licensing</b> – no update.  <b>Local Place Plan</b> – Gondola update- meeting took place with Gondola Ventures and landowners. It was discussed how to put mountain bike trails in place so the gondola wouldn't be there in isolation. All under non-disclosure.  <b>Planning</b> – no update  <b>Transportation</b> – no update.</p>
15	<p><b>North Ayrshire Report</b> – none</p>
16	<p><b>AOB</b> – KG stated that he had had more complaints about anti-social behaviour in Largs recently than he has had in the last 6 years.  He agreed to take forward the play park strategy and how much has been allocated, the issue of the toilets in particular Aubery and the Common Good fund. He has also received complaints about the number of road closures particularly at the north end. He recommended contacting Finn Robertson at Amey and possibly asking him to come to one of our meetings. Will look at licensing for vape shops.  KG advised that 80% of his time is spent on constituency issues. He is unable to attend many of our meetings due to being in Edinburgh but is keen to keep in touch with any issues. Discussed transport issues and the abolition of peak rail fares.  KG discussed his role particularly as Chair of Finance committee and the cost of public enquiries, aiming to reduce costs and timescales.  Any photos of roads or pavements requiring improvement should be sent to either LCC Facebook page or email address.  Received positive decision about the minibus – full amount of grant awarded.   Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>
17	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting – 18 September 2025 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 15 September 2025</b></li> </ul>