



Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 19 February 2026 at 7pm

Present: CClr Stewart(TS)(Chair), CClr Smith (LS)(Secretary), CClr Wood (MW) (Treasurer), CClr Adair (AA), CClr Canning (KC), CClr Low Thomson (WLT), CClr Macintosh (KM), CClr J Perman(JPer), CClr Phillips(JP), CClr Stevenson(RS), CClr Woodburn (JW), Alex Hughes(AH), Cllr Marshall(TM), Cllr Murdoch(IM), Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), 2 members of the public, Alison Cosgrove- Railfutures

Apologies - Kenneth Gibson MSP, Cllr Collyer, Cllr Hill, PS Fisher

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members and guest speaker Alison Cosgrove He reminded everyone that the minutes are recorded for minute purposes only.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	Alison Cosgrove – Railfutures. Alison gave an update on the work of Railfutures which is a Voice for Rail Passengers run by volunteers. Their aim is to achieve a better railway for passengers with • Easy to understand fares with an easy to use ticketing system • A seat for every passenger on journeys over 20 minutes • More punctual, reliable and frequent services • Access to rail service for all in society • New journey opportunities though new stations and lines The improvements to the Largs service which the public would like to see are to reduce the length of the journeys, an increase in the capacity of trains, reduction in the number of stops, more trains (twice hourly) and to be on time. Alison’s advice was to create a rail user group to concentrate on getting a better rail service and then lobby politicians. Use a personal approach rather than email. Engage with Scott Prentice’s successor in Scotrail and invite him to a meeting to discuss the service and take things forward. Consider having the rail service as a campaigning issue and get our MSP on board. The number and frequency of train cancellations was also discussed. 2 Action points – to find out who Scott Prentice’s replacement is and JW will do a Freedom of Information request to find out the cancellation rate for Largs. The problems of trains at Viking Festival weekend clashing with the air show at Ayr was discussed. Suggested raising it with the MSP to raise a question with the Minister for Transport. Alison ended her presentation on a positive note regarding improvements to a number of routes in Scotland.
4	Police Report – PS Fisher was absent but the report had been previously circulated. MW was aware of incidents having taken place but were not recorded in the police report although she understands that it is not always possible to disclose everything. She is also concerned about the number of police on duty in Largs. MW will contact PS Fisher on behalf of LCC to discuss the issues with him. Action point – MW to contact PS Fisher as above
5	Minutes of meeting on 15 January 2026 and Action Points AP – JW to email Rhonda Leith to request an update on progress of Douglas Park – JW will follow up. IM stated that the community group involved have not progressed the forms required. To be noted IM questioned the content of the minutes.

	JW explained the process for the approval of minutes by Community Councillors. Minutes approved – CCLlr Woodburn, 2 nd CCLlr Woods
6	Access to food, Litter Campaign, Community garden, Memory Walk Report previously circulated. The next display at the Community Garden will be for Easter. Litter campaign – emoji litter sign is now displayed at Bake n Bite. Concern was raised by a member of the public about the amount of dog poo around Largs. Access to Food – another meeting is due Memory Walk – confirmed date is Sunday 7 June 2026 Football memories taking place at Cameron Centre – 1 st event taking place on 20/02/26
7	St Columba’s Church – TS gave an update on progress. Without any warning the church was given a closing date of yesterday for its sale. The Friends of St Columba’s have made a competitive offer for the church subject to the Church of Scotland retaining the church for some time yet whilst surveys of the building are carried out and to further explore how funding can be found. The trustees are meeting tonight to decide which bidder has been successful.
8	Questions from members of the public – • An email was received from a member of the public about parking wardens and Airbnb but they are not appropriate for LCC to consider • Another email received about the ongoing problem of speeding on the A78 – this has been passed on to PS Fisher • Largs potential involvement in the Brisbane Olympics was discussed and IM expressed his concern to NAC that if they do not take some action the Olympic torch would not be coming to Largs. LCC are keen to support this and want to be involved
9	Secretary’s Report and Social Media • No update
10	Treasurer’s Report – Admin – £200.34 – awaiting refund of insurance costs from NAC Project - £7723.74 (£1000 Participatory Budget paid on 13/01/26) Cinema account - £678.07 Proposed – AA, 2 nd JP
12	Sub- committee and Ex Officio Reports Youth in the Community – AH gave an update on the progress of the Youth Project Safe Space at the Vikingar and asked members to attend their introductory event on 20/02/26 between 12 and 2pm at Vikingar. AH also asked for financial help from LCC for advertising flyers. £160 agreed, proposed KM, 2 nd RS. Hunterston – report previously circulated. KM gave an update on the presentation made by Highview Power on their proposals for Power Storage and a Stability Island at Hunterston. Possibly will create around 1000 jobs. Ex- Officio report – TM advised of new UK funding for Councils for improving town centres and public places, half a million available for North Ayrshire- early stages at present but will be available for communities. Health and Social Care Partnership has a deficit of £14 million which will impact on Council Tax increases. Council tax will be decided on 25/02/26 at NAC meeting. Both Councillors expressed their concern about the increase. IM commented on the huge payments made every month by the Council for the PPE contracts. He also detailed the considerable cost of installing the 20 mile speed limit across North Ayrshire. This cost is being born by the Scottish Government not North Ayrshire. IM has received complaints about the lack of consultation about the extension of the pavement and the new island on Brisbane Glen Road. As a result of a serious accident which took place at the junction last year , traffic police expressed their concerns about the junction and asked for the work to be done. The Scottish Government funded this work but there was no consultation prior to the work being carried out. . IM has raised this with NAC.

	JW asked about the redistribution of additional Government money(i3) to the local communities. He had asked about this in August 2025 but had received no reply.
13	AOB – Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
14	Date of Next Meeting – 19 March 2026 at Vikingar. Action point – Reports to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting and no later than 16 March 2026