



Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 21 May 2026 at 7pm

Present: CCLlr Stewart(TS)(Chair), CCLlr Smith (LS)(Secretary), CCLlr Wood (MW) Treasurer, CCLlr Adair (AA), CCLlr Low Thomson, CCLlr J Perman(JPer), CCLlr Phillips(JP), CCLlr Woodburn (JW), Cllr Murdoch(IM), Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PS Fisher, Michael Thompson & Liam McClure - KA Leisure, Katie Brown and James – MCR Pathways, Douglas Blair – Viking Festival, 8 members of the public

Apologies – CCLlr Canning), CCLlr Macintosh, CCLlr Stevenson, Cllr Hill, Cllr Marshall, Kenneth Gibson MSP

Item	Business
1	Welcome –Chair welcomed all members and guests and reminded everyone that the minutes are recorded for minute purposes only.
2	Apologies – As noted above.
3	Katie Brown – MCR Pathways Katie explained that MCR Pathways is a national charity and stands for Motivation, Commitment and Resilience for young people. • The charity provides support and guidance for young people who are facing instability and adversity in their lives for many reasons. • They provide them with a volunteer mentor who is a member of the public interested in giving a young person help to a positive outcome in their lives. • They work across educational establishments ie all mainland schools in North Ayrshire. The charity started a partnership with NA in 2019 in one school and due to its success, rolled out across all schools including Largs in 2024. • The impact of mentoring has meant that 90% of the young people achieved at least one qualification by age 16. 87% of young people who had mentor support in the later stage of their education achieved at least % qualifications. Mentoring changes lives for young people, makes them feel better about themselves and improves their confidence. • The programme needs volunteer mentors who have found that it can give them a greater sense of purpose, a better understanding of young people and skills development. All that is asked of volunteer mentors is to give 1 hour per week during the day in school to build a meaningful relationship with the young person to help them achieve their potential. Minimum period of volunteering is 1 year's commitment. • The volunteer mentor is matched up with a young person who has similar interests or career path and then the programme is led by the young person by their interests, sport, crafts and method of support. The mentor is supported by James and there is an online hub with resources. • Largs Academy currently has seven mentors, and the programme aims to increase this to 25. Anyone interested in becoming a mentor can scan the QR code on the leaflet for more information or visit the MCR Pathways website.

4	Police report – Report previously circulated. Discussion took place around the police report including the following – • Shoplifting – there are still habitual offenders and people from out of town involved. Information is shared across Ayrshire about offenders • Several vehicles were vandalised. • 6 breaches of bail – people who are breaching their bail night after night • Breaches of the peace during the good weather caused by people having had too much to drink and getting into bother. The good weather doesn't seem to have increased the number of crimes • Traffic offences – traffic police have been in this area – 10 incidents for various reasons • The better weather encourages increased numbers of young people to come to the beach but there are plans in place to alert police early so that they can meet them off the train and take any required action • Counterfeit currency – not aware of any more crimes • Full support of police at the Viking Festival and the fair. • Wetherspoons have applied to become an off license – police will be considering the implications of this. MW stated that the question of overprovision within the town can be considered. IM also stated that part of the application was to increase capacity inside. • MW raised the question of the abandoned motorcycle at Fraser St/ Morris St car park – agreed to check it out • Parking on the prom – IM stated parking on the prom is classed as pavement parking with some exceptions • Roadworks at Haylie – CC asked about police involvement when the lights don't work. There was a lack of calls to the police regarding the recent problem when the lights got stuck on red. IM confirmed the need to report these incidents to the police. The email address can also be used. He has had assurance from Transport Scotland that every traffic management on the A78 through Largs will be manually operated from 7am to 7 pm.
5	Minutes of meeting of 16 April 2026 and Action Points Minutes approved – CCllr Adair, 2nd – CCllr Phillips AP - Scotrail - Scott Prentice's replacement to be identified – JW will email to follow up JW to email Rhonda Leith to request an update on progress of Douglas Park – ongoing JW to invite Chief Executive of KA Leisure to LCC meeting – JW to obtain details of Chief Executive from Michael Thompson JW wished to congratulate all the elected MSPs and issue a standing invitation to all our MSPs to our meetings. Agreed to send an invitation – JW to draft
6	Largs Viking festival – Douglas Blair Douglas gave an update on this year's Viking Festival plans. • A Viking longboat which can sail has been acquired for the festival. The marquees are fully booked. • Community groups have been invited to be part of the parade and also the longship. The starting point for the parade is under discussion. • There have been several discussions with NAC and Streetscene about funding for the erection of the Viking Village and security barrier. • The staging will not be at Aubrey but will be used as a parking area. This is to avoid the problems experienced last year with parking. • Festival of Fire will be at the putting green and Vikingar will be open for the use of the café and toilets. The Viking Festival is always looking for more volunteers for the festival.

7	Access to food, Litter Campaign, Community garden, Memory Walk Largs Memory Walk will take place at Barrfields Stadium at on 21st June at 12 noon and all are welcome. Request for Jim Perman to attend for Largs Resilience.
8	Questions from members of the public – At RNLI station a number of holes have appeared on the edging of the prom and need to be repaired – IM confirmed that this was already in hand.
9	Secretary's Report and Social Media Information drop in for Largs Cash Hub at the Bank of Scotland on 16/06/26 and 21/07/26 from 10am – 2pm. LCC Elections are due to be held in September /October 2026 as they were postponed from last year. We are still waiting for the Review of the Scheme of Establishment to be published. JW agreed to email NAC for an update. Action point – JW to email about the review of the Scheme of establishment
10	Treasurer's Report – Admin – £270.34 . Is there anything required to be purchased from the Admin Fund? Project - £7536.24. There is still some PB funding available for the boards at the Community Garden. Perhaps Mens Shed and SWI would be interested. Cinema account - £678.07 Proposed – AA, 2nd JP
11	Sub- committee and Ex Officio Report Ex- Officio report – • Next meeting of Locality Partnership is on 22/06/26 at Clark Memorial Church. Any member of LCC can attend the meeting. • Raised questions at NAC meeting about asbestos being found at the new Ardrossan campus and the refusal of the grant for a public event • Dangerous building within the town – causing concern • M & S car park is complete, inside fitting is taking place, possible August opening, entry and exit to M& S discussed but unsure if it will be left turn only • Footway outside has been resurfaced. IM is pursuing the resurfacing of the footway from there to the roundabout at Aitken Street. • Irvine Road footway should be done in this financial year • JP expressed his concern at the standard of workmanship of the filling of potholes • Poor return of surveys about Yuletide evening. Considering holding it on Friday night and all day Saturday • JW suggested fines raised in the seafront car park should be paid to the car park fund.M stated that fines they raise cover the cost of their work Licensing Update – LCC agreed that we do not support the Wetherspoons application to become an off license
12	AOB – • No temporary traffic regulation order received to remove the loading restriction outside the former Farmfoods . The loading bay will remain. No traffic orders are received.

	• Cairnies Quay – WLT wished to commend the amazing job carried out at the toilets at Cairnies Quay • Cycling Project funding from Common Good Fund – discussion about the process around grant applications and the Chair having a conflict of interest. Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
13	Date of Next Meeting – 18 June 2026 at Vikingar. • Action point – Reports to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting and no later than 14 June 2026