



Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 16 July 2026 from 7pm

Present: CCLlr Stewart (TS) Chair, CCLlr Adair (AA), CCLlr Macintosh (KM), CCLlr J Perman (JPer), CCLlr Phillips (JP), CCLlr Stevenson (RS), CCLlr Low Thomson, Cllr Marshall (TM), Cllr Murdoch (IM), Kenneth Gibson MSP, Cara McKee MSP, Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PS Fisher, Approx. 10 members of the public.

Apologies - CCLlr Canning (KC), CCLlr Woodone (MW), CCLlr Smith (LS), CCLlr Woodburn (JW).

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	Police report – Report previously circulated. PS Donald Fisher presented the monthly police report covering the period 15 June–14 July 2026. Highlights included: • 240 incidents recorded, including 54 crimes. • Repeat offenders responsible for a significant proportion of reported shoplifting offences. • Positive outcomes from investigations into commercial housebreakings. • Ongoing investigation into the Walkerston House fire. • Successful drugs warrant resulting in the recovery of controlled substances. • Reports of antisocial behaviour and eight road traffic offences. The Community Council questioned Police Scotland regarding: • Progress of the Walkerston House investigation. • An alleged incident near the Paddle Steamer. • Ferry queue traffic management. • Public toilet provision and associated antisocial behaviour. The Chair thanked Sergeant Fisher for the comprehensive report.
5	Minutes of meeting of 18 Jun 2026 and Action Points Minutes approved – CCLlr Adair, 2nd – CCLlr Phillips 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 – ongoing
6	Largs Car Park fund Councillors provided an update on the Largs Car Park Fund and invited suggestions for future investment. Discussion included: • Public toilet provision and refurbishment. • Possible installation of vandal-resistant modular toilets. • Solar-powered lighting between Anthony Road and Largs Yacht Haven. • Transparency and governance surrounding allocation of the fund.

	The process by which community projects may be proposed. Community councillors agreed to develop a list of suggested community projects for submission to North Ayrshire Council. Community councillors agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting in advance of next ordinary meeting to discuss these ideas before presenting at next ordinary meeting and submitting to NAC. Action – TS to organise an extraordinary meeting
8	Access to food, Litter Campaign, Community garden, Memory Walk RS provided updates on several community initiatives. He reported that the Community Garden continues to develop well, with the recent World Cup-themed display attracting significant public interest and engagement. He advised that the display will now be replaced with a new feature celebrating Lola and that general maintenance and planting work is ongoing. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with the garden. RS also updated members on the Largs Litter Campaign, confirming that litter-awareness signage has now been installed in local schools and that the campaign continues to seek funding to expand its work. He encouraged local businesses to display campaign signage to help reinforce anti-litter messages across the town. On Access to Food, RS reported there were no major developments at this time. Finally RS highlighted the success of the recent Memory Walk, organised in partnership with Dementia Friendly Largs, which raised approximately £850. Funds were generated through a combination of sponsorship and a tombola supported by local businesses. Robbie thanked everyone who contributed and confirmed the event would return next year.
9	Questions from members of the public – Members of the public raised a range of issues including: - Concerns expressed about the condition of Anderson Play Park, with particular reference to uneven and damaged paths which were considered a potential safety hazard. Members noted that previous concerns had been raised with elected representatives, and it was requested that the matter be pursued with North Ayrshire Council. IM explained that the situation is now being monitored. - Questions were raised regarding the ongoing provision and maintenance of public amenities, including parks and open spaces, with members highlighting the importance of continued investment in community facilities. The Chair thanked members of the public for their contributions and encouraged residents to continue bringing local issues to the attention of the Community Council. The Chair encouraged constructive discussion and emphasised the importance of identifying projects that would benefit the wider Largs community.
10	Secretary's Report and Social Media No report this month.
10	Treasurer's Report – Admin – £270.34 . Is there anything required to be purchased from the Admin Fund? TS suggests there will be spend required on hardware to support recording and transcribing of future meetings. Project - £7305.42.24. Cinema account - £678.07

	Proposed – Councillor Phillips, 2 nd – Councillor Macintosh
11	Sub- committee and Elected Councillors report - Elected Councillors report – • Councillors reported on the Largs Car Park Fund, advising that increased income from the car park has created an opportunity to invest in projects that will benefit the local community. It was explained that suggestions are being gathered from elected members, community groups and residents before decisions are made. Members discussed the governance arrangements for the fund, with councillors confirming that spending decisions rest with the five North Coast elected members and that all proposals must satisfy legal and financial requirements before approval. • Several potential projects were highlighted for consideration, including the installation of vandal-resistant modular public toilets and solar-powered lighting along the route between the marina and the town centre to improve safety for pedestrians. Community Council members and residents were encouraged to submit further ideas for consideration. • Councillors also provided an update on efforts to secure the future of public toilet provision in Largs. It was noted that discussions are continuing with community organisations regarding the possible transfer and management of toilet facilities, with the aim of maintaining services despite the Council's financial pressures. • An update was also provided on coastal regeneration works, including the new play park and wider improvements being delivered through the Ayrshire Growth Deal. Councillors explained that rising construction costs had resulted in some elements of the original proposals being scaled back, although significant investment in the North Coast continues. • During discussion, councillors responded to questions from members of the public regarding the operation of council funding, the decision-making process for local projects, and the financial position of North Ayrshire Council. Members emphasised the importance of transparency and encouraged continued public engagement in identifying priorities for future investment. • The Chair thanked the elected members for their updates and welcomed the constructive discussion on how the available funding could be used to deliver lasting benefits for Largs.
12	AOB – Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
13	Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 20 August 2026, from 7pm at Vikingar. • Action point – Reports to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting and no later than 17 August 2026