Largs Community Council
Approved Minutes of Ordinary meeting
Thursday, 17 September 2026 from 7pm

Present: CCllr Stewart (TS) Chair, CCllr Smith(LS), CCllr Adair (AA), CCllr J Perman (JPer), CCllr Phillips (JP), CCllr Low Thomson, (WLT), Cllr Hill(AH), Cllr Marshall Cllr Murdoch (IM), Calum Corral (CC) (Largs & Millport Weekly News), PS Fisher, 14 members of the public.
Apologies – CCllr Canning, CCllr Macintosh, CCllr Stevenson, CCllr Wood, CCllr Woodburn

Item	Business
1	**Welcome –** The Chair welcomed all members and the public and reminded everyone that the recording was for minute-taking purposes only.
2	**Apologies –** As noted above
3	**Police report –** PS Fisher provided the monthly update covering the previous month. Discussion took place around the police report including the following - • 225 incidents and 90 crime reports, a slightly higher number this month. • The assaults were associated with arguments involving alcohol during the busy summer period. • General thefts from property and vehicles. • Shoplifting offences remain a concern with the numbers being higher this year than last year. • Domestic incidents formed a minority of the assaults in this reporting period. The evidential threshold required before search warrants can be obtained in suspected drug-dealing cases was explained. • Two unusual reports were noted: boarding a UK-registered vessel without the master's permission, and a report concerning jet skis approaching marine wildlife. • Special constable recruitment remains open. • Concerns were raised about drones operating on fireworks night. A specific crime report in the figures presented was not identified and PS Fisher agreed to check the position. • The scaffolding/traffic management at Gallowgate has not caused significant policing issues, although concerns had been reported about visibility of traffic lights for vehicles leaving the ferry area.
4	**Minutes of meeting of 20 August 2026 and Action Points** Minutes approved – CCllr Adair, 2nd – CCllr Low Thomson Asset transfer of Douglas Park remains ongoing. JW to invite Chief Executive of KA Leisure to LCC meeting – JW to obtain details of Chief Executive from Michael Thompson **– ongoing** The condition of the lane beside the former M & S premises and littering were discussed. Members noted uncertainty over ownership/lease responsibilities and differing views on who should bear the cost of clearing litter deposited by the public.

5	**Community Christmas Party and Winter Warmer Community Event** • Community Christmas Party: Saturday 19 December, 2.00pm-5.00pm, at Barrfields Theatre. Ticketing and promotional arrangements are being finalised. Food costs are expected to be funded by the Access to Food group subject to agreement. Winter Warmer event: Saturday 7 November from approximately 3.00pm. Film choices and event arrangements are being developed.
6	**Public Toilets** The first meeting of the toilet subgroup had considered refurbishment, modular facilities, the condition of existing buildings, Largs Car Park Fund and the potential for community management or asset transfer. The toilets concerned were Aubery, Broomfields , the Pencil and Mackerston. Cairnies Quay representatives confirmed a willingness to support improved facilities but progress on community asset transfer has been slow despite information having been supplied. A phased approach bringing one or two facilities into operation was discussed and a temporary arrangement ahead of a full asset transfer was suggested. The next meeting is planned for 19 October. The Chair asked elected members to ensure that the concerns expressed by members of the public are reflected in that discussion.
7	**Access to food and Community Garden** • The Access to Food group met on 10 September. £860 remained ring-fenced for its winter programme. • A request was made to transfer a further £1,140 from unrestricted project funds, creating a total winter-event budget of £2,000. This will support Largs Naz Church Christmas Day meal, BEC Christmas meal, a free week's shop for members of both Larders and the Christmas event at Vikingar. • The transfer of £1,140 was approved. A community garden tidy-up is being arranged either on 26 September or 3 October. Community Councillors were asked to support if available.
8	**Questions from members of the public –** • Concern was expressed about the condition of Moorburn Manor and vegetation growing within its grounds and on the pavement outside the premises. Elected members advised that as this is a privately owned building, the Council has limited powers over appearance unless statutory conditions apply but vegetation affecting the pavement can be pursued. **Action point -** IM to raise the pavement/vegetation issue; Chair to write to North Ayrshire Council regarding the concerns raised about the property. • Concern was raised about the informal crossing point at Superdrug and difficulties for older and disabled pedestrians. Previous constraints on installing a formal crossing were noted. • Eastern Avenue parking – concern was raised about vehicles parking close to the junction which creates problems for buses to pass. It was suggested the same restrictions as in Alexander Avenue could be considered. – IM will take forward. • Concern was expressed about the lack of a school crossing patrol at Alexander Avenue/ Eastern Avenue/Holehouse Road junction. This has been due to the difficulties experienced in recruiting for that position. **Action point** – IM agreed to investigate these 3 issues

9	**Secretary's Report and Social Media** No report – items already covered.
10	**Treasurer's Report** – Admin Account– £2.34, Project Account- £7283.82 Cinema account - £678.07 Proposed – CCllr Low Thomson, 2nd – CCllr Phillips
11	**Sub- committee and Ex Officio reports –** • AH reported on the exploratory discussions regarding possible wider Ayrshire local government reform and the need for local decision making and budgets. Any formal decision will be taken at a full council meeting with all Councillors present. • Motorhome/campervan parking at Bowen Craig: a target opening around Easter 2027 was reported TM reported on the concerns regarding behaviour in schools and declining maths outcomes in the PISA results. Members also discussed the value of alternative and outdoor approaches for pupils who do not thrive in conventional classroom settings. IM advised of planned resurfacing footways in Largs which he hoped would be within the current financial year and the finish used appropriate for the town centre. Ongoing complaints to Transport Scotland were reported in relation to drainage and other A78 matters.
12	**Review of the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils** The outcome of the review was received shortly before the meeting and JW has sent his response to members. Initial feedback suggested that several of LCC's proposed changes had been accepted although some matters may remain of concern. JW has proposed an offline meeting to discuss the proposals and Chair wishes to review the paper in detail. Action point – Offline meeting to be arranged to discuss the proposals. Consultation deadline - 25 November 2026
13	**AOB** – • Thirty3 – concerns raised by RS about unfinished external stonework and the appearance of the building. It was noted that the owner had invested significantly in bringing the building back into use and has invited the public to provide ideas for how it could serve the town. **Action point -** Chair agreed to speak to the owner of Thirty3 to advise that the property was discussed and concerns raised. Gallowgate building/scaffolding: cost and traffic management were discussed. Costs incurred by the Council may be recovered from the owners. It was reported that NAC will be taking over from Amey and will have their own traffic management scheme which will include the reinstatement of the right turn.
14	**Date of Next Meeting – Thursday 15 October 2026, from 7pm at Vikingar.** • **Action point – Reports to be sent to the Secretary prior to the meeting and no later than 12 October 2026**