

**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING HELD IN THE  
DURHAM HALL LOWER LARGO AT 7.15 PM ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER 2018**

Those present; Chairing the meeting, Councillor Suttie, Mr Aitken, Mrs Aitken, Mrs Green, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Young, Mrs Low, Mrs Brown, Mr Clark, Mr Peacock and Mr Allan. In attendance was Mr Stacey.

Apologies were received from Councillor Ritchie and Mr Fox.

Councillor Suttie welcomed everyone to the meeting and praised the Community Council for their strength and commitment to the community. He also mentioned the welcome support from the new members.

There followed the election of office bearers;

Mr Peter Aitken was nominated for Chairman. Proposed by Mrs Green and seconded by Mr Allan. Mr Aitken was duly selected.

Vice Chairman – There were no volunteers.

Mrs Donna Stewart volunteered for the post of Secretary. Proposed by Mr Aitken and seconded by Mrs Young. Mrs Stewart was duly selected.

Mr David Peacock volunteered for the post of Treasurer. Proposed by Mr Aitken and seconded by Mrs Stewart. Mr Peacock was duly selected.

Mrs Green agreed to carry on as Minute Secretary. Proposed by Mr Aitken and seconded by Mr Stewart. Mrs Green was duly selected.

The question was raised about the options of having the office bearers in post for the full term of four years or until the AGM. The consensus was to keep the posts for the four year term, with the understanding that there may be circumstances where the posts may become vacant before then.

Mr Aitken gave a vote of thanks for Councillor Suttie for Chairing the Inaugural meeting. Also, the Community Council wish pass on their grateful thanks to David Stacey for all his hard work as Treasurer over the years as he is stepping down from the Community Council.

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Chairman Mr Peter Aitken welcomed everyone, especially the new members and stated that it was good to see so much support from the community.

Last month's minutes were proposed for adoption by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mr Clark

Mr Allan volunteered to fill the post of Vice Chairman. This was proposed by Mrs Stewart and seconded by Mrs Aitken.

Mr Peacock volunteered to take on the task of updating the website and putting the minutes and the agenda onto the Community Facebook site.

### **The Mill Bridge**

The grant application has been submitted to the Fife Environment Trust including letters from parents, children and several members of the community. Also included in the submission was a letter in support of the bridge improvement from Mr Crichton, the landowner.

It is hoped that we will be successful and that when the decision is made, in a few months the work can proceed. Our grateful thanks go to Mr Wood for all his hard work on this challenging community issue.

It was stated that the route from Keilburn, across the bridge and up to Pitcruvie Park and the school is a core path and as such should be usable for the community. Fife Council have upgraded the section of this path from the bridge to Pitcruvie Park which is very much appreciated however the section from the bridge to Keilburn and the steps up to Largo Road are also in need of upgrading. The Council did make a commitment to improve this route as part of the Schools Travel Plan before the problem with the bridge arose. Councillor Suttie will raise this issue with David Paterson who originally made the commitment. The Community Council will also email Mr Paterson.

### **Scottish Water**

The application for a Clean Beach Award is complete and going to Committee. Because it is a community led initiative it is hoped that we will be successful. It was suggested that we invite Adam Warner from Scottish Water to the next Community Council meeting.

A question was raised about as to how to stop a repeat of the sewage leak into the bay which happened recently caused by a power outage. Possibly a backup system.

### **Lundin Links Hotel**

There is no further news, but the demolition warrant has been applied for.

The building façade is being kept and the Community Council have asked that a safe route to the shops is ensured for residents. Mrs Stewart will ask for a copy of the planning conditions to clarify.

It was mentioned that there is an historic well in the grounds of the hotel and it is hoped that, if discovered it would be maintained as a feature of local history. Mr Aitken will ask Mr Punler.

Mrs Low volunteered for the position of Planning Convener. Mrs Aitken made the proposal and Mr Peacock seconded it.

## **Largo Pier**

A proposal was put to the meeting that the pier sub committee join with the Largo Communities Together group. Both parties feel that this is the way forward, with the community being able to pull the talent resource together in one place and focus energies to get the job done. The L.C.T. group already have a SCIO which is necessary for any grant application. The sub-committee would be disbanded and there would be two new Pier Trustees on the L.C.T. group. Mr Jimmy Simpson has joined the group and Mr Raymond Muzynski has been co-opted as a Quantity Surveyor. The Pier Trustees would carry on holding meetings and apply for grants separately.

The Community Council agreed. This was proposed by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mr Allan.

This proposal will be put to the L.C.T. group for approval.

The next stage is for the group to look for a small grant to carry out a costings exercise.

## **Village Reports**

### **Lundin Links**

- Bus Stop at the shops – Colin Stirling was contacted, and the initial response was that it needs to be far enough away from a junction, buses need to be able to pass one another and permission would have to be sought from householders. There was a suggestion that the speed hump should be moved, and a bus shelter was required. Mr Aitken will pursue this.

### **Lower Largo**

- There is a continuing problem with derelict boats being abandoned in the Temple Car Park. Once the owners are identified they will be asked to remove their boats.
- A sign is needed to let traffic going east along the Main Street know where the Temple car park is. It was suggested that it be positioned on the dead-end sign post.
- The work on Harbour Wynd is already running behind schedule.
- Thanks to The Coastal and Countryside Trust for removing the lump of concrete dumped on the beach at The Orry.

### **Upper Largo**

- Motor bikes are still causing a nuisance and should be reported for every incident. The Police have had some success with an increase of seize and arrests being made.
- The pavement at the extreme east end of the village has been reinstated. There was discussion as to whether this was a good use of Council money and it was suggested that it would be well used.
- There was a suggestion that The Police be asked if the village could be considered for a Community Speed Watch Scheme.

## **Co-option**

As a Community Council we are able to Co-opt only if there is a long-term illness or resignation as we are at our full quota of eleven members, however we can co-opt for a specific subject e.g. interest in the community for four years without voting rights. Mr Aitken will contact Mrs Moir with this information.

It was suggested that the new members should give a small amount of information about themselves in order that all the members get to know each other.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN NEW GILSTON VILLAGE HALL**