

LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH OF JUNE 2018
AT 7.00PM AT NEW GILSTON VILLAGE HALL

Those present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Mrs Fyfe, Mr Wood, Mrs Green, Mrs Aitken, Mr Stacey, Mrs Young, Mr Green, Mr Hall, Mr Paterson, Mr Clark, Mr Millar and Mr Shields.

In attendance was Councillor Ritchie.

Apologies were received from Mrs Moir, Mr Moffatt and Councillor Davidson.

Corrections to last month's minutes; Mrs Young gave her apologies for the April meeting but were missed from the April minute, at the beginning of the Blue Flag paragraph 'Green Flag' should read Blue Flag, the public meeting in the Caledonian Hotel to comment on banking services was held with our MSP, Mr Allan was to investigate the use of a drone to carry out a head count on the beach and not Mr Paterson and the June meeting was to be held in New Gilston not the library, Lundin Links.

With these corrections the minutes were proposed for adoption by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mrs Fyfe.

Scottish Water

Mr Wood met with representatives from Scottish Water to discuss what measures could be taken to maximise the car parking at the Temple car park during the continuing improvement work. The delay is due to equipment failure. In order to help with the Sailing Club Regatta, which requires considerable parking capacity, Scottish Water has agreed to reduce the work area by removing some of the spoil and reduce the fencing.

A sewage leak in the Serpentine was reported to SEPA, however nothing was found. Also the ownership of the path between the railway and the sewage plant and the land round the plant needs to be ascertained for maintenance and improvement.

Beach Count

A head count to improve the sea water quality is to be carried out on the 24th of June. Unfortunately, with the Temple Car Park being closed the visitor numbers may be down.

Fish and Chip Van

Mr Murray's licence has been extended to allow sufficient time for his customers to be served, although a number of alternative sites for the van are being investigated as well as a possible further session at the Station Car Park, Lower Largo. Councillor Davidson has said that he will make himself available to support the local residents who are being affected by the chip van and feel they do not have as strong a voice as the customers.

Floral Displays

A considerable number of planters have been placed around Lower Largo, Upper Largo and Lundin Links. They were sponsored by individuals and businesses and organised and placed by Nicola Young who has a passionate interest in decorating the villages with floral displays.

Abbeyford Leisure, who own holiday properties in the village, including the property below the Crusoe Statue, have pledged a sum of money for a floral tub, as well as placing information leaflets at the Statue. Mrs Punler, the Owner of The Lundin Links Hotel has also donated a sum of money to cover the cost of floral enhancement. Mrs Young will be invited to the next Community Council meeting to discuss her ideas for the villages.

Durham Park

There are concerns over the gate across the Durham Park entrance not being secure enough to protect children running out of the park onto the road and the condition of the fence between the hall carpark and the field. The Parks Department will be asked for a site visit to look at the problem.

Largo Pier

There was a general wish from the last meeting with Mr Dykes, the owner of the Crusoe Hotel and the pier, to move forward with the core work of ownership transfer to the community. The spoil from the pier which was blocking the channel has been removed to allow boats to use the harbour. The work was funded privately and there is no need now for emergency funding to clear the channel, however the pier still needs to be reinforced before the autumn storms. The Local area office has set aside £2300 which will remain with the Council. The sub-committee have not got all necessary permissions needed e.g. Marine Scotland. The Civil Engineer who was involved has had to step down due to ill health.

Community Council Elections

The inaugural meeting of the new Community Council is October 15th in The Durham Hall, Lower Largo. Individuals wishing to be on the Community Council should complete a nominating paper which is available online now from the Fife Council website. The completed papers must be submitted to Fife Council by 4.00pm on the Thursday 6th of September.

The Community Council has gained a level of energy over the last year and it is hoped that this will continue and carry forward the new Community Council.

A press article will be submitted to inform the community and it is hoped that new members, young people especially, should be encouraged to join. The Community Council needs a quorum of 8, and I advise you did, at the time of the last community council elections'.

Post Office

Mr Wood has written to the Area Network Change Officer to suggest that the mobile Post Office van visit Lower Largo, The Lundin Links site is changed to the library car park to ease congestion and an Upper Largo visit might be at the entrance to John Woods Houses. The Post Office stated that there will be a six-monthly review and that they would be happy to provide a service to Lower Largo as long as there is transport available and that the changes will be favourably considered as long as there is sufficient computer satellite communication. These positions will be checked, and a good outcome is hoped for.

Royal Bank

Mrs Aitken and Mr Clark attended the public meeting in The Caledonian Hotel, Leven to comment on banking services in the area with a Member of the Scottish Parliament. Points raised on behalf of the Community Council included, how long it takes to wait in the bank queue and the difficulties in getting to the bank using public services. Also mentioned was the cut back in the mobile service and the delay when you pay in at a mobile bank.

Community Picnic

Our Big Community Picnic was held on the 10th of June on the Common, Lundin Links. It was well attended with over 300 people. A Community Council banner was produced for the event and Mrs Moir and Mr Paterson manned a stall giving information on the activities of the Community Council which was well received.

Lundin Links Hotel

Keith Punler has been contacted again for an update in the development. There is no information on whether permission has been granted for the demolition work to be carried out or not.

The discarded mattress will be removed by the Council and the Councillors are under the impression that, as it is a private uplift, Mr Punler will be billed.

Roads

Traffic Management were unable to come to the meeting but sent a report following a request for information.

- The parking signage at Drummochy will be changed and the parking tickets handed out here have been rescinded.
- The parking will no longer be seasonal or time limited.
- The number of spaces will be increased to 9
- The sign poles will be reduced in number and the signage directing traffic to off street parking will be improved.

The Mill Footbridge

There is now no need for SEPA to be involved, three quotes have been received, Fife Council have allocated funds and it is hoped that the bridge will be commissioned soon.

Peacehaven

There are concerns over the waste bins in the grounds of Peacehaven. The bins are in full view of the street and the neighbouring residential property with the lids being open on occasion with particular concern over the clinical waste bin. It was felt that the bins could be screened more effectively. Fife Council will look into the issue.

AOCB

Drones are planned for filming around Lower Largo by an Irish film company on behalf of the Smithsonian Institute.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 20TH OF AUGUST 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN THE LARGO LIBRARY,
LUNDIN LINKS**