

**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH OF
SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00PM AT THE SIMPSON INSTITUTE, UPPER LARGO**

Those present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Mr Wood, Mrs Fyfe, Mrs Green, Mrs Aitken, Mrs Young, Mr Millar, Mr Clark, Mrs Moir, Mr Hall and Mr Allan.

In attendance were Councillor Suttie and Councillor Alexander.

Apologies were received from Mr Green, Mr Allan, Councillor Ritchie and Mr Moffat.

Corrections to last month's minutes – The owner of the chip van is Mr Murray Cameron not Mr Murray as stated.

With this correction last month's minutes were proposed for adoption by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mr Millar.

The Mill Bridge

In order to get the replacement bridge the Council have asked that the Community Council apply for a grant.

The bridge will cost £25,000

The Community Council agreed to donate £500

The Council will donate £7000

The grant from Fife Environment Trust will be £17,000

There are strong indications of support from the community. The response was slow to start but we have now received several letters from parents and a few from the community, a great response from Lundin Mill pupils, a letter from the Head Teacher and Chairman of the Parents Council at Lundin Mill. Particularly negative comments are not helpful.

The Council are hoping to fully ascertain the ownership of the bridge and although it is possible that the owner is David Makgill Crichton however the ownership is not robustly laid down. The estate's legal representatives have been very cooperative.

The decision on the grant application will not be till December and the Community Council are unable to hurry on this process.

Grateful thanks go to Mr Wood for all his hard work with this issue.

Scottish Water

Scottish Water met with Mr Wood and Mr Allan on site at The Temple to discuss the sewage outfall and the clean beach campaign. Scottish Water stated that they would not deploy any further resources.

The process has started for our application for a Clean Beach Award following the submission of the beach user numbers. It is hoped to get a decision in the spring.

It has been confirmed that the west path leading from the old railway to the Woodland Trust land belongs to Scottish Water and following a request it has been strimmed and the job has been put on an annual task list.

A request will also be submitted to level the path as this concern has been brought up at the Community Council meetings for several years.

It has been agreed by Scottish Water to compensate the community for the delay in finishing the pipe work in the summer at The Temple. It was agreed that the requested £700 will be split over two years and go towards our floral displays and the path.

Mr Wood stated that Scottish Water have done a good job at The Temple, communicated well with the Community Council throughout the process and responded well to our request to alleviate the problems which arose.

It was noted that SEPA were taking sea water samples on the 11th of September.

Floral Display

The receipts from plant purchases for the floral displays will be handed to the Treasurer Mr Stacey until the new treasurer takes over, as the current Community Council steps down as from tonight 17.9.18. The newly elected treasurer will then take over in October. Mr Aitken and Mr Wood have offered assistance to Mrs Young with the

procedure. Mrs Young is in the process of filling the large planters with soil. This has been problematic, and it was suggested that a local farmer should be approached for help.

There was concern over the positioning of the planters at The Lundin Links Hotel, with respect to large construction vehicles getting access to the site, but this has been taken into consideration.

Lundin Links Hotel

The Council has confirmed that the application for the demolition warrant has been submitted and work should commence soon.

Mr Dingwall from South Cowal came to offer support having had dealings with The Lundin Links Hotel developers. He was pleased to hear that we were making progress towards starting the development.

Community Council Elections

We are delighted to say that there have been eleven successful applications to the new Community Council the names of which can be found on the Fife Council website.

Pier

At the last Sub-committee meeting it was agreed to get a quote from a civil engineer to cover the cost of remedial action. £7000 will be needed. Possible funding will be sought from 'Awards for all' or similar funding stream. The strength and status of the Sub-committee has been viewed as favourable so far, Mr Jimmy Simpson has joined the committee with considerable experience and help has been offered from the owners of the Net House, however the new Community Council will have to review the status of the existing sub-committee and this should be considered at the next Community Council meeting.

There has been some informed discussion with the Largo Communities Together Group and it is likely that their expertise and power might be helpful. They are already a registered charity and grant bodies want to back organisations that have a breadth of experience.

The dialogue with Mr Dykes, the owner of the pier, has continued and Mr Wood has asked that he sign the memorandum of understanding soon.

Planning

- There has been a concession made for the UPVC windows in the conservation area due to the fact that it is on an extension.
- 19 South Feus Upper Largo - Change of use from agricultural land to private garden ground including formation of parking and erection of boundary fence (part retrospect)

There is a considerable level of concern over the change of the character of the road for residents as well as walkers using this well-established walking route. It is felt by many that the amenity of this conservation area will be depleted. Also, there is the concern over the possibility of this development setting an uneasy precedent.

It was felt by all members of the Community Council that there was a community interest and representations would be submitted.

Roads

The Community Council has received notification that Harbour Wynd will be closed for work to be carried out on the wall, and it is hoped the potholes, for 6 to 8 weeks. The seasonal one way system in Main Street has been reverted to two way earlier than normal due to the closure. There is concern over the bus route and deliveries to businesses in the area. Mr Wood will make enquiries. Photos of the potholes have been passed to Roads.

There is no news on the possible relocation of the bus shelter in Lundin Links.

Largo House Grounds Development

The first consultation meeting in the Simpson Institute Upper Largo was well attended with good feedback from the community. Nothing can be fleshed out at present as there will be several more chances for the community to have their say. There will be further opportunities to get information and have your say in the Largo Library, Crescent

Road, Lundin Links, 16th – 30th September during normal opening hours. Also, a date will be arranged for New Gilston.

AOCB

There is no further information on any increase of the 61 houses in the Durham Wynd development and there has been no response about the protection of the trees in the roundel. A Councillor will investigate this further.

There has been no word about the situation with the bucket store at Peacehaven in Lundin Links. Councillor Ritchie was looking into this issue.

Retiring Community Councillors

Mr Aitken paid tribute to all those Community Councillors who have given of their time over the years but a special mention was made to Mr Stephen Wood, our Secretary who has made a huge contribution to the achievements of the Community Council especially behind the scenes driving the pier development forward, also being instrumental in saving the library and many more projects.

A big thanks also went to Mrs Rhoda Fyfe who was one of the founding members of the Largo Area Community Council in 1976. She has been a great support to the Chairman Mr Aitken for many years.

Mr Aitken also thanked the public for supporting the Community Council over the years.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE INAUGURAL MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH OF OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.15 IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO.