

LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 16TH OF APRIL 2018
AT 7.00 IN THE STABLES, UPPER LARGO

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

In attendance was our Locality Manager David Paterson.

Apologies – Mr Green, Mr Moffatt, Councillor Ritchie and Councillor Davidson.

Last month's minutes were moved for adoption by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mr Millar.

The Bridge at The Mill

It has been concluded that the bridge does not belong to Fife Council although they have previously done work on it, however they have accepted that right of way has been established with use over many years and are willing to take on the ownership and upkeep of the bridge, as well as the improvements needed. At the moment the handrails are unsafe, and the support piers have been undermined by the water. Fife Council cannot start work on the bridge until permission had been granted from SEPA to temporarily change the course of the river.

At the moment Fife Council are looking at prefabricated units which can be built up on site as the access road is too narrow, but as yet there is no final cost. It was suggested that The Fife Environment Trust may be able to help with the finance.

The suggestion was that it should be of metal construction for longevity and cost.

There is concern over the condition of the steps on the north side of the bridge. This can be looked into.

Scottish Water Activities

Scottish Water are in the process of replacing water pipes in The Temple car park and on the beach. They have informed affected properties that there will be traffic disruption for two months.

The forms to allow the Largo beach to acquire Blue Flag status have been submitted. As mentioned in last month's minutes the next step in the process is to collect anecdotal evidence that the beach is used by a significant number of people (150 persons) From the 1st of June till 30th of September comments and observation need to be collected as evidence and submitted to SEPA. Mr Allan who has campaigned for improved water quality in the area for some time, has undertaken to collect this data. SEPA have offered assistance if needed and Robbie Blyth, the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust Officer has helped and is happy that this will be a community effort.

Largo Pier

The subcommittee have been looking at the problems involved, and progress is being made. An architect and consultant have offered Pro-bono assistance although at some point we will have to go forward with a formal proposal and then quotes will be asked for.

Discussion and assessments have been made with experts in this area and money raising suggestions have been made. The pier will be surveyed in the next few weeks to give us a reference document.

At present the work is being done by a Community Council Subcommittee, however before too long a constituted body in the form of a trust should be set up. It has been suggested that it should consist of a small number approx. 9 local people who show a certain level of commitment to the long-term project.

At the moment the harbour is no longer navigable, and the subcommittee will try to get some short term remedial work carried out although we have been advised that any work may hamper any grant application or possibly do further damage. Communication with the owners of the pier is being kept open. It has to be made clear that any newly formed trust will not take on the liability of the pier until there is a guarantee of external funding.

Fife Council is working closely with the subcommittee at the moment.

Jenny Gilruth, the MSP for Mid Fife and Glenrothes is meeting with Mr Aitken and Mr Patterson with regard to the pier.

Fish and Chip Van

The van at present is parking across the road from Peacehaven Home in Links Road, which is not causing an issue with residents, however the licence till needs clarification and may need to be extended if the chip van needs to be stationary for longer than 15 minutes.

Notice Board

There is now a community notice board on the north side of Andy's Store in Lower Largo (opposite The Railway Inn) This is for community information only and information can be put up by handing it into the shop. Thanks to Mr Wood for actioning this project.

Roads

- A site visit has taken place in Emsdorf Street and although the Councillor was sympathetic to the condition of the pavement it was not seen to be dangerous. Having said that Kevin Smith stated that it would be put on a priority list for next year and pedestrians who fall are asked to report this to the council.
 - The residents feel that any repairs in the past have been poor and not lasted long.
 - There was a report that the road entrance to Station Park from Harbour Wynd is in a poor state and needs attention and the white road markings down-hill from the Lundin Links Hotel still have not been painted.
 - The pot holes all over Fife are a focus for Fife Council.
 - It has been reported that the bus shelter at Largo Harbour is in a very poor state and unfortunately, we are losing the bus service which runs from Largo to Glasgow, next month.
- Our Locality Manager, David Patterson, will take these issues back to The Council.

Library Birthday

The Largo Library and Community Hub is one year old and plans to celebrate with a coffee morning on the 21st of April and a Murder Mystery Night on Saturday April 28th to be held at Lundin Bowling Club from 7.30pm. Details on the Library web site largolibraryfife.org.uk

The signs are very promising for the future of the library with more than 267 members, usage is up and the library is now financially viable. The community owes a debt of gratitude to all those who have worked very hard to make the library a success.

Planning

The Planning Application for a golf course at Dumbarnie Links has been passed with conditions, one being that the course may not discharge sewage into the sea.

AOCB

Lundin Links Hotel – It is still hoped that screens showing the future development will be put up round the site.

Post Office Van – There has been a request for the van to have a stop in Lower Largo due to the elderly finding it hard to get up the hill to Lundin Links.

Flowers – Grateful thanks go to Nicola and Martin Young for their floral boat display at the harbour.

Crusoe Statue – We are still waiting for the Crusoe Statue sign to be relocated to a suitable site.

Mr Wood and Mr Shields will attend the Levenmouth Rail Seminar.

THE NEXT MEETING, WHICH WILL BE PRECEDED BY OUR AGM, WILL BE HELD ON THE 21ST OF MAY 2018 AT 7.00 IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO

