

**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST  
2018 AT 7.00PM AT THE LARGO LIBRARY, LUNDIN LINKS**

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

In attendance were Councillor Ritchie and Mrs Young.

Apologies were received from Mr Wood and Mr Moffat.

Last months minutes were proposed for adoption by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mrs Young

Mr Alistair Paterson has resigned, and we wish to pass on our thanks to him for his service over several years on the Community Council. He was instrumental in reopening negotiations on the pier, also supporting Mrs Young with her floral enhancement round the villages and getting several dropped kerbs to allow improved access.

### **Matters Arising**

- The Temple Car park has been reinstated after the work carried out by Scottish Water on the sewage pipe and it is hope that the burn will be clean following the completion of the work.
- Three beach counts have been carried out in three separate months in Lower Largo over the summer with the main aim being, to put pressure on Scottish Water to improve the water quality in the bay. The numbers of people using the beach exceeded the minimum number necessary of 150 on each visit. The numbers will be passed onto SEPA. The Community Council wish to pass on their grateful thanks to the volunteers who helped with the count, including Mrs Moir, Mr Wood, Mr Paterson, Sandra Clarke and Mr Allan. It is hoped that this community initiative will strengthen our case. The water quality is still poor with brown sludge coming from the exposed outfall at low tide. Which is supposed to be treated. Fife Council's Chief Executive will be informed an asked to write to SEPA.
- It was suggested that Scottish Water be invited to a future meeting.

### **Floral Display**

Mrs Young, who has been working hard on the floral displays round the villages, gave an outline of what has been achieved so far and what further ideas she has. The boats have been donated, with one being planted and funded by Mrs Young, 14 black tubs were purchased by sponsored funds from individuals and local businesses along with donations of bikes, and the large boxes, with top soil available for uplift, were donated by Lundin Homes to be planted with statement plants. A working floral group has been formed by Mrs Young to continue the work needed and a commitment has been made by local residents to water the plants as necessary.

A cheque for £500 has been given to the Community Council, for the purpose of floral display, by Kapital Assets, the Lundin Links Hotel developers and £150 has been given by Abbeyford Leisure, who own holiday properties in Largo, including the flat below and the Robinson Crusoe Statue, also for the purpose of floral display. In this case specifically for the area below the statue.

It was suggested that the floral group be constituted by Mrs Young in order to facilitate grant funding. Mrs Moir proposed that the money in total should be passed to Mrs Young. This was seconded by Mr Clark. There was a consensus with the condition that payment would be made on receipt of detailed invoices by the treasurer in line with Community Council procedure, as the Community Council were in receipt of the donated cheques.

### **Mill Footbridge**

Fife Council has agreed to pay 25% of the cost with 75% grant funding which includes a contribution from the Community Council. It was unanimously agreed that £500 be donated by the Community Council. It is

hoped that the grant will come from the Fife Environment Trust but only if the community support the plans to repair the bridge. To help our cause we are asking the community to write in support of this, by letter or email to [stephenjmwood@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenjmwood@btinternet.com). Our application for this grant must be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **Lundin Links Hotel**

The work on the hotel has been put out to tender and there is some hope that the work will start in approximately 8 weeks from the date of this meeting. There has not, as yet, been any application for demolition. The Planners will be asked to let us know when the application is submitted. An attempt will be made again to remove the mattresses and weed kill the site.

### **Cardy Cottage**

An HGV has damaged the corner of the cottage on several occasions and it has been suggested that a 'No HGV' sign be put up on the Main Street at the bottom of Durham Wynd. Colin Stirling will be asked to look into this problem.

### **Community Council Elections**

The Community Council election of office bearers will be held at the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October in the Durham Hall Lower Largo. Members of the public have been encouraged to stand for the Community Council. In a change to the last election, if more than 11 people stand for the Community Council, then an election will be held. A Fife Councillor will hold the inaugural meeting.

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 6<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **Largo Pier**

The Sub Committee has not met over the summer but is due to meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August. The terms of pier ownership transfer have not been finalised, but progress is being made. (Ownership will not be transferred in any case until major funding is available) An architect is onboard but a new civil engineering company expert in pier restoration is being sought. Whereas work to date by architects and civil engineer has been pro bono the committee is aware that this will not last and grant funding will have to be received in order to start paying the Architect and Surveyor and for specialist legal advice

A Pier Trust will be set up as a charitable body (a SCIO) for limited liability, and the constitution for this has been drafted. It is hoped to encourage further membership, especially civil engineers and quantity surveyors as well as ordinary members of the community. Any support is welcome.

### **Planning**

Councillor Ritchie has asked The Enforcement Officer to look at the Lundin Homes development due to concerns from residents over suspected further development.

There are also concerns over the established trees being undermined by close foundations and one house which is threateningly close. Mr Millar will pass further information to Mr Aitken. Several houses have been enlarged off plan and it appears that the Ransom strip between the houses and the field has been enlarged.

### **Peacehaven Bins**

The previous owners were asked to provide an enclosed bin store, however this has not been continued and it was suggested that there may be an environmental health issue which will be investigated.

## **Murray's Chip Van**

Councillor Davidson has met with the parks Department for a site visit and it has been proposed that hard standing should be provided on the Common. The Bowling Club were against the suggestion of it being on their ground, however the Sports Club were delighted to have the van on their premises.

## **Largo Arts Festival**

There has been a proposal to hold an Arts Festival in the Largo Area in the summer of 2019. A committee will be set up to help organise the event and volunteers are needed. It will coincide with the 300 anniversary of the publication of Daniel Defoe's book Robinson Crusoe. It is hoped to involve any local arts groups, literary, music, art, drama etc also the schools' involvement would be welcome.

## **Largo House**

A charitable organisation of nine trustees has been formed to look into the possibility of opening a dialog with the landowner of Largo House to gain public access to the surrounding land for the community. To this end the group are inviting the community to information sessions in

Upper Largo, Simpson Institute on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 11 - 5 pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 7 – 9 pm

Largo Library & Community Hub, Lundin Links 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Sept during normal library opening times

New Gilston Village Hall – dates and times to be arranged.

## **AOCB**

- The bushes on the road north of the Lundin Links Hotel are becoming very overgrown pushing the traffic nearer the centre of the road, also the banking on the Harbour Wynd needs to be repaired. Colin Stirling will be contacted about these issues.
- Transportation also needs to be informed about potholes in Emsdorf Street, Emsdorf Road and Penrice Park and subsidence in the road near the beach at the Cardy House corner.
- The bus stop opposite the shops in Lundin Links has become a concern after the wall next to the stop was damaged by a large vehicle recently. The bus stop is used by school children and there has been a suggestion to relocate the bus stop to a safer position. Fife Council officials need to look into the problem.
- The dog poo bin at the Common, Lundin Links, which was knocked down, and the Victoria Road sign are needing to be put back up.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS HELD ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN THE STABLES UPPER LARGO**