

**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH OF FEBRUARY
2018 AT 7.00 IN THE LIBRARY, LUNDIN LINKS**

Those present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Mr Wood, Mr Stacey, Mrs Green, Mr Shields, Mr Millar, Mrs Aitken, Mr Clark, Mr Paterson, Mr Green, Mrs Young, Mr Hall, Councillor Davidson and Councillor Ritchie. Apologies – Mrs Fyfe and Mr Moffat.

Correction – Mr Hall's name was misspelt in the paragraph headed Co-option. With this correction last month's minutes were proposed for adoption by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mr Clark.

Speed Cushions

Councillor Davidson, along with several members of the local community attended the meeting to voice their concerns about the dangers of the stretch of road from the Lundin Links Hotel to the Cupar Road. Councillor Davidson then outlined the suggested solutions from Fife Council, following a site visit.

- Speed of traffic to be slowed using speed cushions – Two cushions north east of the Lundin Links Hotel heading down hill, one on the uphill heading towards the Cupar Road and one just after the bad corner heading east.
- Worn road markings – Fife Council are hoping to improve the lining in the near future.
- Narrow pavement. It was suggested that raising the pavement level would prevent vehicles from mounting the kerb – This suggestion will be put to Fife Council
- Overgrown vegetation reducing the perceived useable width of the road – This will be looked at.
- A suggestion was made to create a new path from Penrice Park to the shops – This may prove to be too costly.

The Community Council members were not all in agreement with the suggested installation of the traffic calming measures and following a vote it was decided by majority, with one abstention, to suggest to Fife Council that the humps should be reduced to one on the downward hill from the hotel and one on the downward hill from the Cupar Road.

Councillor Davidson stated that The Council is committed to doing the best for communities and that this would be the beginning of a series of measures put in place to improve the passage of traffic through the villages and that public consultation meetings should be held to find solutions to the problem.

Lundin Mill Bridge

Fife Council have suggested that it would be possible that a bridge could be constructed in situ, from a kit at a cost of £25.000 which is one third of the original estimate and also have commissioned a contractor to carry out the work to inspect the piers. SEPA have stated that the diversion of the flow of water necessary to carry out the repairs must be approved by them and the relevant forms have been submitted for consideration.

Lundin Links Hotel

A meeting has taken place with the developer Keith Punler of Kapital Enterprises, Mr Aitken, Councillor Davidson and Mr Paterson. Application for Demolition of function suite (and single storey extensions) are due to be made shortly and the work is proposed for early summer 2018. The foundations and underground carpark is proposed for excavation in summer 2018 with tidying and weed killing of the site meantime. Also, signage of the new development will be put up to help screen the site.

Buckthorns Core Path

Following a letter of concern from a member of the community, about the Milk Walk, from the coastal path to Upper Largo being blocked, Mr Wood wrote to the Core Path Officer and The Rights of Way Officer and as the livestock are no longer grazing the path is now clear. Mr Clark, the owner of the farm stated that the barriers were not heavy and should have been easy to move. Mr Clark also made an appeal to walkers to keep clear of farm machinery, stop leaving dog poo on the uncultivated strips of land round the field edges left for wildlife and also never leave dog poo bags in the fields and on fences. Sections of the old railway are owned and maintained by the farmers or landowners and should be treated with respect according to the Scottish Access Code.

Community Council Elections

Mr Aitken gave an appeal to the community to support the Community Council by coming along and taking part. We always need new members and before the last election it was only down to a supreme effort on behalf of our Chairman, rallying people to the cause, that we managed to keep going. The elections happen every four years and 2018 is the year. Even if you can only commit to a few months, till after the election, it might make the difference between your Community Council surviving or not. We **can** make a difference.

Rail Link

There was a query from a local resident as to whether the Community Council was supporting the Levenmouth Rail link campaign. The Community Council has had no specific communication with the Rail Link Group, but it was suggested that, due to the benefits the rail link would bring to the area, we should invite a representative from the Rail Link campaign to talk to a future Community Council meeting. Mr Hill has put a link to the group's newsletter on the 'Nextdoor' website. The link will also be put on the Community Council website.

Planning

A steading development of 5 houses at Montrave, near the previous development – No community interest – No objection.

Correspondence

BT has written to ask whether the community wish to purchase the telephone box in Upper Largo. The Community Council are not willing to take this on, but a notice will be put on the notice board on the Main Street in Upper Largo asking if anyone is interested in having it.

Largo Pier

There is growing concern from the community over the condition of the pier and a local resident attended the meeting to give a voice to these concerns. Social media continues to be a problem with people who are unaware of the efforts being made on behalf of the community with this grave issue. "The Chairman stated that the Pier sub-committee had met since the last Community Council meeting and were pursuing this issue on behalf of the community"

AOCB

Motor Vehicles on the Beach

It is illegal for motor bikes and quad bikes to travel on the beach, however there are continued incidents of this happening locally. Although police resources are stretched it is still important to report each incident and give the police as much information as possible. It was decided to invite The Fife Coast and Countryside Trust to a future meeting to discuss the problem.

Dummochy Wall

There is concern over the condition of the wall at the north side of the road, the angle of lean and the extent of the erosion. As it is next to a pavement it is felt that Fife Council should intervene.

The Big Picnic

After last year's great success another Big Picnic will be held on Sunday June the 10th, on the Common, Lundin Links.

The Community Council supports this event and a representative will be present.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 19TH OF MARCH 2018 AT 7.00 PM AT NEW GILSTON VILLAGE HALL