

**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 19TH OF MARCH
2018 AT 7.00 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW GILSTON**

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

Apologies – Mr Stacey, Mr Moffat and Councillor Davidson.

Last months minutes were moved for adoption by Mr Millar and seconded by Mrs Young.

Lundin Mill Bridge

Fife Council have made the finance available for the bridge in this financial year. The next step is to get permission to alter the flow of the burn temporarily to repair the bridge piers.

Speed Control from the Lundin Links Hotel

The recommendation for speed cushions both on the downhill and uphill stretch, heading towards the Cupar Road has been passed to Traffic Management with a budget of £20,000 approved by Fife Council with no start date as yet. The traffic control scheme for Upper Largo, which includes dragon's teeth markings and painted speed cushions, has also been approved and will go ahead this financial year. Councillor Davidson should put forward a comment that an Area Traffic Management survey should be carried out for the villages.

Notice Board in Lower Largo

A notice board has been put up at The Library for community use and there are funds available to put one up in Lower Largo. The suggestion is for the notice board to be positioned on the Railway Inn side of Andy's Store. It was agreed to purchase the notice board costing £200 and have it erected. As with the library notice board it will only be for community use. Thanks to Mr Wood for all his hard work.

Community Council Members

Community Council election will be held in October and a plea is going out for new members.

Mrs Melanie Moir has put her name forward to be co-opted onto the Largo Area Community Council. This proposal was put forward by Mr Paterson and seconded by Mr Clark. All members were in favour of the co-option.

Scottish Water Outfall at Temple

In response to correspondence from the Community Council querying the length of the sewage outfall Scottish Water stated that SEPA have granted them a licence to have the outfall where it is at the mean spring low water mark.

Mr Allan, a Lower Largo resident is campaigning to improve the water quality in Largo and has suggested that we apply for Blue Flag status. If poor water quality was the only thing hindering us from achieving our Blue Flag, then this may put sufficient pressure on Scottish Water to improve the situation. 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.

Meanwhile Scottish Water announced that replacement work on the sewer overflow pipe at the Temple car park will be started soon and will carry on for 6 weeks. This will affect most of the car park, the road and the beach, although the toilets will stay open. Scottish Water stated that, 'These works will help

protect the local burn, improve the health of the local beach and ensure the Lower Largo sewer system operates as it should do for years to come.'

Largo Pier

Due to ongoing negotiations the community is asked to be patient as there will be no comment from the Community Council. Discussions are proceeding and there have been constructive offers of support and help.

Concerns from the community included the question of raising funds for repair work – the first requirement is professional assessment of the work needing done and ultimately there should be a plan for future sustainability within the community.

Also, a question about emergency repairs to allow the harbour to be used as a stop gap measure.

The Community Council will make a request and see if something can be done to help.

Mr Hall will join the Pier Sub Committee.

Fish and Chip Van

There has been a complaint about the fish and chip van parking in Lundin Links on Friday nights. The concerns are; blockage of road, the smell, churned grass (which was caused by snow clearing) and pedestrian safety.

After discussion with several directly affected residents it was apparent that the majority of local people were in favour of the chip van. Several alternative sites were suggested including the creation of permanent hard standing, a discrete distance from houses to prevent damage to grass. The licence of the Chip Van owner will be checked to ensure compliance and Mrs Moir will liaise with Councillor Davidson to help resolve the problem.

Post Office Van

The Post Office have started the provision of a van service in the area. It will be in Links Road (near the shops) in Lundin Links from 9 am – 11 am on Mondays

11.30 am – 1.30 pm on Wednesdays

In Main Street, Upper Largo on Mondays from 11.15 am – 1.15 pm

Lundin Links Hotel

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. A further request from Councillor Davidson will be made to tidy and weed kill the site meantime, especially the removal of an old mattress. Also, signage of the new development will be requested to help screen the site. Some tidying work has been carried out at the front of the property.

Planning

New plastic windows have been installed at a property in Main Street Upper Largo. This will be reported to Planning as the property is within a conservation area.

Correspondence

A conference will be held on the Levenmouth Rail link on Friday 27th of April. There are 2 places for Largo Area Community Council members.

Mr Eunson has written mentioning the pier listing and would be willing to come and talk to a future Community Council meeting on the history of the harbour area.

AOCB

- Several members of the community are upset by the impending staff reshuffle and subsequent loss of our long-standing postmen. After discussion it was decided that, although it will be a sad loss, as a Community Council it was not our place to interfere in the staffing process of the Post Office.
- There is growing local concern about the condition of the pavements in Emsdorf Street and Emsdorf Road, Lundin Links. They have been in a very poor condition now for a very long time and are a real hazard for disabled residents and children going to the primary school nearby. This has been raised at the Area Committee but is only a category C problem which means there are no plans to carryout the work. It was suggested that a petition, outlining the problem should be sent to the Head of Roads at Fife Council by the residents affected.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 16TH OF APRIL 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN THE STABLES, UPPER LARGO