

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 2017 AT  
THE STABLES UPPER LARGO AT 7.20 PM**

Those present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Vice Chairman Mrs Fyfe, Mr Wood, Mrs Green, Mr Stacey, Mrs Aitken, Mr Shields, Mr Green, Mrs Young, Mr Clark, Mr Millar and Mr Wilson.

Apologies were received by Mr Paterson and Mr Moffat.

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

**Silverburn Development**

Mr Brian Robertson, Chair of the Community Interest Management and Regeneration of Silverburn Park gave a presentation outlining the plans for the development of Silverburn.

At present the organisation Fife Employment Access Trust (FEAT) have people working on site maintaining and improving the woodlands and garden, clearing invasive species, planting snowdrops, donated by Cambo and allowing access to specimen trees.

The vision for Silverburn is to create a place of quiet enjoyment, supporting health and wellbeing while respecting the habitat and biodiversity of the area.

The Aims are – To improve the woodlands and gardens, enhance existing buildings and develop new features.

- To restore the Flax mill to modern standards respecting its history.
- Research the history of the estate.
- To develop facilities which will attract visitors.

Phase 1 will be to open a campsite in April 2018 for 12 tents, 4 campervans and 3 pods. The campsite will be next to the golf course at the east end of the site, with the pods being nearer Silverburn House. Also, to create allotments to be opened in August 2017. Planning has been approved for this phase.

Phase 2 the Flax mill restoration will not be complete until 2022 and will include a visitors centre, backpackers hostel, café/restaurant and events space.

Other projects for Silverburn include interim catering facilities, a playpark, adventure playground, pond dipping platform, fitness trail, outdoor classroom, woodland walks and an orienteering course.

It is hoped to work closely with schools and involve young people. With that and the increase in activity in the park it is hoped that the level of break-ins and damage done will be reduced.

FEAT are always looking for volunteers and also looking for funding and grants especially until the funding revenue stream is in place.

More information can be found at [www.silverburn.co.uk](http://www.silverburn.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/silverburnpark/](https://www.facebook.com/silverburnpark/) or



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Thanks went to Mr Robertson for a very exciting and informative presentation. We wish his organisation all the best for the future.

## **Phone Mast**

The press has reported that Mercury Motors is no longer intending to lease the site to GallifordTry Communications in order to erect a phone mast. The company is considering other sites.

## **Largo Pier**

Stuart Dykes owner of the Crusoe Hotel phoned the Chairman and subjected him to an intemperate tirade during which he stated that Fife Council had told him he had to restore or demolish the pier and then he stated his intention to demolish the pier.

However, in order to demolish the pier Mr Dykes will have to apply for a building warrant. All parties involved are aware that the community wish to purchase the pier.

Mr Wood will clarify the position with Fife Council.

## **Largo Library**

Attendance has been good in parts and there is the beginnings of interest in the library for other uses. There was a suggestion that we have some of the Community Council meetings in the library to help with funds. Mr Wood will find out about the price.

## **Lundin Links Hotel**

There has been no response from Kapital Enterprises to Mr Aitken's enquiries about the time scale for a starting the work on the development.

## **Planning**

12 Glamping pods – The Burses, Lundin Links – This will be screened with trees – No objection.

Drum Park – Stairway from garden onto beach – No objection.

No response following the planned closure of the Royal Bank in Leven to our request for a mobile bank.

Also we have had no response from Leven Community Council on the subject. We intended to offer support, being our nearest bank.

## **Village Reports**

Lower Largo – There is still a hole in the pavement at the Temple. A photo will be passed to Mr Aitken to identify the problem.

- There was a request for an anti-dog poo sign to be put up on the railway to try to encourage dog walker to bin their dog poo.

- It was suggested, to inform walkers, that a sign showing the location of the public toilets be put up on the coastal path at The Temple.

- The sign showing the location of the Crusoe Statue needs to be replaced and should be relocated to a more appropriate site.

- There are still household bins permanently left out on the Main Street and it was mentioned that there are a number of bins that are never used due to every household being given 4 bins. Would it be possible for the flats in the Main Street to be given the option to share? The Environmental Service will be approached on the subject.

- The hole in the wall on Harbour Wynd has still got a barrier on it causing an obstruction.

Lundin Links – Although there is work being carried out, the flooding at Pilmuir Road has not improved.

- The police have been using a speed gun on the Leven Road. It is hoped this will reduce the speed of the traffic through the village.

- The hole next to the Golf Club car park has not been repaired. This is now a safety hazard as well as an eyesore on the Coastal Path.

Upper Largo – The Children Crossing sign is missing bolts that should be replaced – Mrs Young will action this.

- The green telecom boxes on the church green are still causing distress due to the visual impact they are having on this area of historic importance. Mr Wood will find out if our Councillors can find out if something could be done to improve the situation with the Planning Service.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE 2017 AT 7.15 PM IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO**

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