

LARGO ARA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE STABLES, UPPER LARGO AT 7.00 P.M. ON THE 20TH NOVEMBER, 2017

Those Present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Mrs Fyfe, Mrs Aitken, Mr Clark, Mr Paterson, Mrs Young, Mr Shields

In attendance was Cllr Davidson and Mr Hall

Apologies were received from Mr Wood, Mrs Green, Mr Millar, Mr Green and Mr Stacey.

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

Proposed Off Shore Windfarm

A large number of members of the public attended to hear a Presentation outlining the plans for nine offshore demonstration wind turbines off the coast of Methil, Buckhaven and East Wemyss, given on behalf of 2B Energy by Mark Murray. He advised that a marine licence had been granted for two of the turbines and that a further application was being prepared for an additional seven. The reason for so many was to have a central hub which would enable the company to switch off individual turbines but continue to run the remainder. He advised that once the installation process was started a turbine could be up and running within one month.

Local Concerns:- The main concern was what benefit would this have to the local area and what impact would it have on the birds and marine life. Mr Murray advised that the company were working with all the various agencies in order to minimise problems.

Mr Murray also advised that there should be no noise locally from the structures.

Also mentioned was the use of local employment. The meeting was advised that the work would be put out to tender but it was hoped that at least some of the work would be done locally. On this point it was asked that the company consider taking on a number of local apprentices.

At the beginning of 2018 there will be further public consultation advertised in the local press and members of the public will be able to comment and object at that time.

Lundin Links Hotel

The meeting was advised that Cllr Davidson and Vice Chair Rhoda Fyfe were to have had a meeting with Keith Punler but that that was called off by Mr Keith Punler. Mr Punler had still not been in touch advising an alternative date.

Largo Pier

Steven Wood is still to set up the next meeting.

Lundin Links Play Park

Mrs Aitken advised that a leaflet regarding funding had been received by the Community Council and that this had been passed into the Library for passing to the Group involved.

The Mill Footbridge

Mr Aitken advised that there had still been no report received on the safety of the bridge. He advised that he is still in touch with the Army who are willing to inspect and advise on a temporary solution. Due to the time this has taken and the lack of action by Fife Council it was agreed that this be taken up with Cllr David Alexander to see if he can bring any pressure to bear on the officials.

Telecom Mast

Mr Aitken advised that he had been informed that Ian Ballingall had informed him that Fife Council had intimated that there had been a mistake and that due to the mast's height no planning permission was required. In view of the mishandling of this application The Community Council decided to lodge a complaint with the Ombudsman. It is believed that the residents are also considering doing the same.

Bulb Planting

Mr Paterson advised that 1,500 mixed bulbs were planted with the assistance of the Silverburn Squad who intimated their wish to be involved in any future projects. It was noted that there had been a contribution from Largo Horticultural Society towards the cost of the bulbs which was very much appreciated.

Pilmuir Road Signs

The signs had been removed by contractors while trying to alleviate the flooding problem and the contractors have been requested to reinstate them.

Bus Stop in Lower Largo

The council have been asked to repair and they have agreed to this.

Planning

Various planning applications were examined but none were deemed to have any community interest.

THE NEXT MEETING OF LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JANUARY, 2018 IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO AT 7.15 P.M. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN DECEMBER.