

**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 18th OF
SEPTEMBER AT 7.00PM 2017 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, NEW GILSTON**

Those present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Mrs Fyfe, Mr Wood, Mrs Green, Mrs Aitken, Mr Wilson, Mr Miller, Mr Green, Mr Clark, Mrs Young, Mr Stacey and Mr Paterson.

In attendance was Councillor Ritchie.

Apologies were received from Mr Moffat and Councillor Alexander.

Correction to last month's minutes – Councillor Riches should have read Councillor Ritchie

Last month's minutes were approved for adoption by Mrs Fyfe and seconded by Mr Wilson.

Fife Council Report

- Fife Council Road Engineers were asked to investigate the condition of the harbour Bridge in Lower Largo, however there has already been an inspection in February 2017 and no untoward damage was found. It is hoped that this will reassure the community.
- Parking outside the harbour shop – A suggestion from Fife Council to reserve spaces round the corner on Main Street with limited waiting for shop customers only was rejected by the shop owner and members of the Community Council as every space available is needed for residential parking. Transportation stated that it was not possible to remove the yellow lines so close to a junction so it was agreed to leave things the way they are at present and a site meeting will now not take place.

Largo Pier

Mrs Dykes, owner of The Crusoe Hotel and the pier, has agreed to meet and discuss the future of the pier with Community Council members. The pier sub-committee of the CC setup over 4 years ago consisting of Chair Vice Chair Secretary and Treasurer will meet to discuss the issue prior to the meeting with the owners of the Crusoe Hotel and the Chair asked if any other members wished to join the sub-committee and Mr Paterson was co-opted onto the sub committee

The Boat Club have agreed to provide any information requested but will not attend the meetings.

The Common Play Park

A site plan has been drawn up by Fife Council and forwarded to the Community Councillors with the play area on the west side of the Common next to Victoria Road. It was stated that the position of the play area was not set in stone. A Park Committee has been set up with local interested people to drive forward the plans, make sure the community is consulted (the Community Council is in favour of the park development) and work with Fife Council. A Fife Council Area Committee meeting will be held on the 19th of Sept to discuss the issue.

Bins

Fife Council have stated that if bins are underused they will be resited to an area where they are required. Hence the bin has been removed from the Station car park and put in Station Park and the Bin at The Montrave Hall has been put on Crescent Road next to The Library. It was suggested that a paper recycling bin is needed at the recycling site at the Station Car Park if there is no bin for cardboard boxes and the dog poo bin on Bourtree Brae was removed although it was used frequently. Councillor Ritchie will look into this.

Largo House

A steering group has been formed and it is looking into the Land Reform Act with a view to purchasing land round Largo House for the community. Members of the group have been tasked to investigate aspects of

the project which they have experience in e.g. horticulture and will report back to the next meeting. There will be nothing of significance to report to the Community Council for at least two months, at which time any development will be reported.

Footbridge at The Mill, Lundin Links

The bridge has been deemed unsafe due to a handrail being unattached and a support beam having been washed away. Although ownership of the bridge is uncertain Fife Council are willing to take on the responsibility of the repairs and as it is a public right of way and well used as a safe route to the primary school the Council will carry out repairs with due diligence. The Community Council stressed the importance of speed when carrying out the necessary repairs. The example of the footbridge in Keil's Den was voiced as an example of quality work in an inaccessible site.

Dumbarnie Links

A scoping study is being carried out by ITP Energize on an area of links at Dumbarnie with a view to creating a golf course. The area does not include the SSSI site and it has been stated that no housing or hotels would be built on site. Two public consultation exercises are to be held on the 26th – 30th of October in The Old Manor, Lundin Links and The Montrave Hall on Monday 3rd of October at the monthly Community Council meeting. Plans for the golf course are available on the Fife Council Planning web site. There will be a presentation at the next Community Council meeting.

Correspondence

- Mr McBride, Cupar Road, wrote to the Community Council with grave concerns over the proposal by 'Galliford Try' to erect a telephone mast at the telephone exchange next to his house. Several residents of Penrice Park have also objected. Mr Wood will write to the company and ask for more information but as Statutory Consultees we have to reserve comment until the Planning Application has been submitted.
- Robert Palmer -Artist- has written to the Community Council to remind us that it is 300 years since the publication of Robinson Crusoe and he has been commissioned to carry out commemoration work.
- A Lower Largo resident wrote to complain about the low level, late night helicopter flights. We have little information, however the exercise taking place is due to stop on Sat 23rd of Sept.

Lundin Links Hotel

There has been very little improvement on the site since we requested the area be weed killed and tidied up. Another request will be made. There is also a problem of the alarm going off with no one responding, which is an annoyance for people staying nearby.

A meeting was arranged with Councillor Davidson but due to possible confusion this has to be rearranged.

Planning

- 1a North Feus, Upper Largo – New Shed and fencing – No objection.
- 3 Cottage, Pratis Farm – Creation of field gate onto the main Kennoway to Cupar Road – Fife Council Roads should ensure the planned exit is safe.
- Homelands, Lundin Links – 5 lodges on the site of the original Homelands House. Plans are available to view at Homelands Centre on Links Road. The plans should be available for the Community Council to discuss at the next meeting.

Core Paths

The local core paths need cutting to ensure accessibility.

Roads and Lighting

- The pavement in Emsdorf Street, Lundin Links is in need of repair and was brought to the attention of Fife Council several years ago. Both sides need repair however the south side is more urgent. Councillor Ritchie will put in a report.
- The bushes on Links Road need cutting.
- There is no crossroad sign on the approach to Leven Road from Pilmuir Road. This should be looked into.
- The planning conditions were looked into for the new build on Golf Road regarding to traffic management, however there were no specific conditions with regard to the road and it was not considered to be bad enough, even though it has been difficult at times, to involve the police to manage the traffic.
- There is concern from residents of Penrice Park over the parking of cars on the pavements following the removal of the yellow lines on Cupar Road. The Police can be asked to look into it.
- A sign post has been requested for Lundin Mill Primary School. At present there is no sign and it is essential that emergency vehicles especially can find the school. It would be useful to have the sign at the entrance to Emsdorf Crescent.
- There is a possibility that the wall at the top of Harbour Wynd will be repaired in October so that the barrier which has been a traffic hazard for a considerable length of time can be removed.
- The pole for the Drummochy Road sign has rusted through and needs to be replaced.
- The hedge needs to be cut at the side of road between the War Memorial and the Eagle Gates Lodge. The hedge is normally cut in November by the landowner, however it is felt that it should be cut more often to prevent pedestrians from being scratched by the hawthorn or even stepping out onto the main road to avoid the branches. Councillor Ritchie will write to the landowner to draw his attention to his responsibility for the hedge cutting. Also on this stretch of road the wall requires attention as boulders are falling onto the pavement.

Environment

- Work is due to start on the sewage treatment hole next to the Lundie Golf Club car park after the 25th of Sept.
- Thanks to Fife Council for reinstating the surface of the Station Car Park and also for fixing the broken toilet in the Temple Car park, although it seemed to be getting locked earlier than it should. Fife Council will be contacted to resolve the problem.

Community Council Website

The quote of £720 from Buzz Computers is too expensive and it was suggested that we look into subscribing to Digital Fife which is used by other volunteer groups.

Mr Paterson is to bring a proposal to the next meeting. A few volunteers came forward with offers of help along with suggested local individuals who have particular skills in web design.

Coastal Path

Following a request to make the old railway/Coastal Path more accessible to cyclists the Access Officer is to look at the issue of the gates.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 16TH OF OCTOBER 2017 AT THE MONTRAVE HALL, LUNDIN LINKS AT 7.00PM