

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

Those present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Mr Allan, Mrs Aitken, Mrs Young, Mrs Green, Mr Clark, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Low, Mrs Moir, Mr Fox and in attendance was Councillor Suttie

Apologies; Mrs Brown, Mr Peacock and Councillor Ritchie.

Correction to last months minutes; In the Scottish Water report the campaign should have been described at the Designated Beach Campaign and not the Clean Beach Campaign.

With this correction the minutes were moved for adoption by Mrs Stewart and seconded by Mr Allan.

The minutes are now available on our website, on the Community Facebook page and in the Lundin Links Library.

Co-option

According to the official Community Council rules a new member can be co-opted over and above our quota of eleven members if they have an interest in the community, as long as the number of co-opted members does not exceed one quarter of the Community Council. Also co-opted members are not able to vote on Community Council issues.

With this understanding Mrs Melonie Moir was proposed for co-option by Mrs Stewart and seconded by Mr Allan.

Mrs Moir was duly co-opted onto the Community Council.

Lundin Mill Footbridge

The footbridge is still closed at present with Fife Council having to replace the barrier again as it is being taken down repeatedly.

Fife Council are required to seek three estimates for the work needing done.

Scottish Water

Adam Warner, the Scottish Affairs Officer for Scottish Water attended the meeting to give an outline of the work carried out to the sewage treatment outfall at the Temple car park, Lower Largo.

The project cost £640,000 and was to replace the sewage outfall in order to reduce the risk of waste spilling into the Temple Burn.

Scottish Water has invested two million pounds over the last ten years in this catchment.

The population of the area is 2,500 and the current sewage treatment plant has capacity for more.

The water coming from the treatment plant is tested once a week and a report sent to SEPA. The results are considered excellent, (this is not a test for bathing water) however, when there has been heavy rainfall the treatment plant can't cope, and the effluent appears milky. This may not be great but is compliant with SEPA standards. Screening has just been installed to improve the situation and one tanker per month removes sludge from the treatment works.

It was stated that 80-90% of blockages in the system are caused by so called flushable wipes which should be put in landfill bins.

New Gilston has a settling tank and secondary treatment as it discharges into a burn.

Mr Aitken thanked Mr Warner on behalf of the Community Council for his presentation.

The next steps for us involves an application which will go to a multi sector panel chaired by SEPA. They will provide advice to the Scottish Office Ministers and the next step for Scottish Water will depend on the Ministers decision.

Remembrance Service

Mr Aitken and Mr Allan represented the Community Council at this year's Remembrance Service at Largo Parish Church and afterwards at the War Memorial, where a wreath was laid.

Mr Fox represented the Largo Area Community Council at a Remembrance Service at Dunfermline Abbey followed by a civic reception. Mr Aitken thanked Mr Fox for attending on his behalf.

Communication

Following a request from Mr Peacock for details about how the Community Council communicates Mr Aitken gave an outline as follows; Any members wishing items discussed at the meeting pass them to the secretary who forwards them to the Chairman. From this list items are put on the agenda which is put on the community website and sent to Community Council members. Further issues can be picked up at the meetings.

Treasurers Report

The Community Council is grateful to David Stacey for all his hard work as Treasurer and in helping with the hand over to the new Treasurer Mr Peacock.

It was suggested that a new web page be created for a one-off fee of £250. Mr Aitken offered to put up half of the money, with Mr Peacock offering to pay the remaining half. Mr Aitken left the room (Mr Peacock was not at the meeting) while this was discussed. Mrs Young proposed and Mrs Stewart seconded the proposal that the Community Council should pay for this, and the £30 to pay for the PC with all data from Mr Stacey. The proposal was passed, and Mrs Stewart will pass this information to Mr Peacock.

Speed Watch

Mrs Stewart contacted the Community Police about the possibility of Community Council members wishing to attend a Speed Watch course, giving them the opportunity, as volunteers, of monitoring traffic speed in the villages. This may be possible, and it is hope that we will get an update in January.

On other speed matters;

- rubber monitoring strips may be put down in Upper Largo, a site is being considered.
- Bob the Replica Police Speed controller may be brought back to the villages.
- The markings on the speed bump at the shops in Lundin Links have been worn off with the result that the bump is hit hard by drivers unaware of it.
- A new bus shelter will be put up on the north side opposite the shops, although the request to move the bus stop has been turned down.
- New Gilston would like to be considered for speed monitoring and there is a bollard at the west end of the village needing to be put back up.

Lundin Homes

The anxiety over the survival of the trees in the Roundel continues to be an issue as the soil at the base of the trees is still being disturbed. This will be brought up again with Mr Spence.

Pedestrians are coming off the gravel pavement on to the roadway to avoid walking on this surface, which is a danger to pedestrians and the drivers.

There is still confusion over the unfinished path which runs down the west side of Selkirk Grove. It come to such an abrupt end that it is a real hazard to people walking from the development to the park.

Dumbarrie Links Golf Course

It appears that the contractors have put up a fence which is out-with their boundary and there are still concerns over the impact the development is having on the Special Site of Scientific Interest site adjacent. Mrs Stewart will investigate these issues.

Planning

- Erection of dwelling house and garage with associated access and parking on the Land to the North of Law View, Main Street, New Gilston.

Residents have expressed concern over the development which involves trees being removed along a shared access which is also part of a well-used community woodland walk.

The Community Council agreed that there was community interest and that representations would be submitted in support of local residents. Mrs Low will liaise.

- 69 Leven Road – 2nd house in gap site. Resubmission of 7-bedroom development. The Community Council agreed to submit representations including over intensive development of a confined site and a modern development not in-keeping, nor sympathetic with the area.

- 48 Main Street, Upper Largo – Single storey dwelling, previously submitted in 2010. There are concerns from neighbours who have received no notification and access may be a problem.

Lundin Links Hotel

No new information is available. The Community Council has kept in touch with the developer. The warrant has been granted to demolish the rear extension.

Temple Car Park – Boats

The subject of abandoned boats in the car park was raised again. A list of the boat owners concerned is available and it was decided that they should be contacted and asked what their future intentions are for their boats. The derelict boats should be removed as space is very limited in the car park. Mr Allan will contact the owners.

Correspondence

Fife Council was contacted about the state of the vandalised bus shelter at the bottom of Harbour Wynd, however nothing has been done and the resident has contacted the press.

There have been several salt boxes removed from the area (there are none in New Gilston) however we have been informed that any that are absolutely necessary will be replaced.

Parking signs are to go up at the bottom of Bourtree Brae. One facing west for drivers coming along the Main Street and one facing north for those coming down Bourtree Brae.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY, LUNDIN LINKS AT 7.00PM ON THE 21ST OF JANUARY 2019