

LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE LIBRARY, LUNDIN
LINKS AT 7.00 PM ON THE 21st OF JANUARY 2019

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

Mr Aitken wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed them to the meeting.

Last month's minutes were approved by Mr Clark and seconded by Mrs Young.

As Kelly Fraser, possible representative for New Gilston, was not at the meeting it was decided to hold over the co-option discussion till next meeting.

Meetings

It is intended to book the meeting venues one year in advance, moving round the villages in turn. Although we avoid holding meetings in New Gilston during the winter months in case of poor travel conditions.

February Meeting – Durham Hall, Lower Largo

March Meeting - The Stables Upper Largo

April Meeting - New Gilston Village Hall

Lundin Mill Footbridge

The bridge was demolished on the 21st of January as the first stage in the repair and reconstruction of the bridge. The 75% grant from the Fife Environment Trust has been awarded, allowing the work to go ahead. Thanks to the community for their support and also our grateful thanks go to Mr Stephen Wood for all his hard work pushing this project through. 25% of the cost is covered by Fife Council, with £500 from Largo Area Community Council and £500 donation for Mr David Crichton the land owner.

Mr Patterson, the Community Manager for Fife Council has stated that the work should be completed by mid-February, weather depending. It is hoped to get clarification on this. Mr Peacock will be asked to put this information on the website.

Speed Watch

Mrs Stewart and Mrs Young met with PC Latto to discuss speed control measures in the area.

Rubber strip speed monitoring – this is a possibility, however a full traffic flow is needed as it measures average speed and number of vehicles.

Bob the Replica Police Speed controller – It was suggested that this measure is only effective for a short period of time.

Speed Watch – If a group is willing to volunteer it may be possible to get training organised, however the volunteers would have to be willing to move around to different villages.

The markings have been redone on the speed bump at the shops in Lundin Links.

Roads

- There was an extended period of road works involving traffic lights at the shops in Lundin Links over the Christmas period, due to a gas leak. This badly affected the trade for the businesses involved, especially as the parking was suspended. There was a lot of frustration due to the lack of activity during the period while the lights were in place. The question being asked was, was it not possible to take the lights away during the Christmas and New Year break when the contractor was on holiday? The local businesses are struggling to keep going in the current climate and it was decided that the Community Council would write to Scottish Power to ask if any help could be made available for these businesses in the form of compensation. The businesses affected will be informed of our actions.
- There are indications that the Scoonie Brae is to be resurfaced in March. Fife Council, Transportation will be asked for confirmation.
- There is a planning application in for alteration to the harbour wall at the bottom of Harbour Wynd, Lower Largo.

Largo Arts Week 19th-28th July 2019

It is hoped that the week will involve a variety of arts and representation from lots of local groups as well as individual artists. A representative from the organising committee has been invited to the next meeting. A few of the offered venues are; The Simpson Institute, Upper Largo, Homelands and St Davids. There are plans to include; painting, drawing, sculpture and lots more including music from The Glasgow School of Samba.

The Largo Area Community Council need to decide if we want to be involved.

Suggestions so far were; a raft race, treasure hunt on the beach to involve the children and getting back in contact with Robinson Crusoe Island, although this may be an ideal event to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the publication of the novel Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe, which also happens this year.

Planning

- 69 Leven Road, Lundin Links – 7-bedroom new build dwelling in gap site. Approved with a planning condition of single occupancy which should be closely monitored by Fife Council Planning.
- New Gilston, North of Law View, Main Street – Application has been withdrawn, not refused. It is hoped that the residents will keep on top of this.
- 19 South Feus – Extra parking refused.

Correspondence

Lundin Homes – The completion of paths and roads will take place when the house building has been completed in the second half of 2019. 3 trees are to be planted.

Mr Fox and Mrs Stewart will liaise with Alan Spence – Lundin Homes concerning the building rubbish blowing into the Serpentine.

Lundin Links Hotel - The East Fife Mail asked for a statement from Mr Aitken as to the current position with the Lundin Links Hotel. Mr Aitken provided this and also got a statement from Mr Punler, the owner, stating that a contractor had been identified and that work would begin on the demolition of the back section of the hotel in approximately 10 weeks. Our MSP has also asked for the owners contact details.

Largo Communities Together Group

The group organized a very successful Polish Exhibition in The Durham Hall, Lower Largo. This was funded by The Polish Consulate. A good number of stories were told of connections between local people and the Polish troops and of settled members of the Polish community in the villages. It was felt that there were many more stories to be heard.

The Community Group are slowly building a membership which supports of the idea of developing the unused ground round Largo House.

New members are always sought, and new forms are available in the Library, Lundin Links.

All the comments from the community consultation will be collated soon and a feasibility study carried out using the results.

The Pier Group is now part of The Largo Communities Together Group in order to help the Group with support, expertise and offering the position of being under the umbrella of a Trust (SCIO)

At the last Pier Group meeting Mr Simpson was voted in as Chairman, Mr Wood is Vice Chair and Ms Stewart as secretary.

Web Site

The web site is 95% complete and only waiting for the host to delete the original version. The Community Council are looking for contacts of the community groups to put on the web site.

Village Reports

Lower Largo – Mr Allan has investigated the ownership of the boats in the Temple car park and he has spoken to the Sailing Club Commodore to discuss the tradition of overwintering. The issue is with the derelict boats and which ones are seaworthy. It was decided having also spoken to Rab Anderson, Chairman of the Boat Club, that a note would be put out to the individual owners concerned and if there is no movement then the Council will be asked to serve notice on the owners with a notice on the boats.

It is hoped that the designation of the beach will be decided by the end of February.

Upper Largo – There has been a request from the Hairdresser to see if there is anything that can be done about the bus stop obscuring the front of the shop. Ms Stewart will ask for an inspection to be carried out to see if another site can be found or possibly a new design of shelter.

Lundin Links – Another email has been sent concerning the bus shelter as nothing has yet been done. The wall at the entrance to the library has been broken down for some time and needs to be repaired, also the Victoria Road sign is still needing to be put back up.

AOCB

There is an ongoing problem in the area of dog poo on the streets and paths. There was a suggestion of putting poo bags on lamp posts for dog owners to pick up when necessary. There are also volunteers, known as Wombles, who pick up after other people's dogs. This may be a possibility and an email will be sent to Fife Council to ask about the necessary equipment.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO AT 7.15PM ON THE 18TH OF FEBRUARY 2019