

**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE DURHAM HALL,
LOWER LARGO AT 7.15PM ON THE 18TH OF FEBRUARY 2019**

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

Apologies were received from Councillor Ritchie and Mrs Low.

Last months minutes were moved for approval by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mrs Stewart.

Having attended a training day for Community Councillors, Mr Aitken reported on the need for declaring in interest in any item on the agenda in which they have an interest.

Speed Watch

The speed survey on the A195 is still waiting to be carried out by Fife Council.

Lundin Mill Bridge

The bridge across the Keil Burn at the Mill is now open returning the primary children's safe route to school. It is a steel bridge with an anti-slip surface and repointing work on the bridge piers has been carried out. Dave Paterson from Fife Council is looking into getting the path from the bridge to Keilburn improved as was promised once the bridge was completed, also there will be work carried out to improve the steps.

Councillor Suttie has asked that the closure signs be removed.

Scottish Power Disruption

Scottish Power replied to our email in which we asked if any help could be made available for local businesses who were badly affected by the road works over the festive season, in the form of compensation. However, they asked us to accept their apology and no financial compensation was offered. Mr Iqbal from Premier Stores, Lundin Links sent a plea to the community that we all need to use the shops and businesses, otherwise they will not manage to keep going and we will lose them.

Wombles

Following our request for information on the formation of a volunteer group to pick up dog poo and other rubbish, Fife Council have stated that they would supply bags and litter pickers but not high Viz jackets. It might be possible to buy the jackets at an affordable price and get a message printed on them by Fife Council very cheaply.

Emergency Register and Flood Plan

Several years ago, the Community Council tried to set up an Emergency Register so that should an emergency e.g. flooding the community would know who to contact. We succeeded in acquiring flood bags for property at the bottom of the St Andrews Road in Upper Largo, but no register was set up. We have been advised that Fife Council can supply a booklet for information. This will be investigated.

Largo Arts Week

Sue Milne came to tell us about the first Largo Arts Week is to be held in July 2019 from the 19th to the 28th. A steering group has been set up and members are being added at the moment.

Artists will be opening studios and other venues around the villages, as well as music, poetry, laughter and chat in St Davids Church, which will be the Hub during the Festival. There has been consultation with the local primary schools, and it is hoped to have several children's events, including story telling in Keil's Den, sandcastle competitions and a treasure hunt. There will also be a children's art competition.

The Art Club in the Montrave Hall will be included as part of the Festival Week and Homelands will be open for lunch, arts and crafts as well as their annual Strawberry Fair.

The Community Council was asked about the possibility of involvement and after discussion it was suggested that, with the anniversary of the publication of the novel Robinson Crusoe, we could build a raft and have Robinson Crusoe (possibly involving the Lundie Theatre Group) in the sea off Largo beach. Mr Peacock and Mr Allan offered to create the raft. It was also suggested that a skiff race could be organised. A Robinson Crusoe Treasure Hunt for the children on Largo Beach will also be looked into.

The launch of the constitution was Saturday 23rd of January and having set up the constitution the steering group will be able to apply for funding from Creative Scotland and also look into local sponsorship. A website has been created for further information www.largoartsweek.com as well as a Facebook site. There will be a media launch for the festival in March.

Erosion

The erosion of the sea wall east of The White House on Main Street, Lower Largo has been referred to Fife Council's Structural Services Team and the engineers have been to look at the problem. It is hoped that the wall will be repaired before it deteriorates any further.

There is also a major erosion issue with the public access steps next to number 44 Main Street.

Councillor Suttie was asked if Fife Council has an overall strategy for Lower Largo as it was suggested that perhaps there should be a coordinated plan to serve notice on properties owners, or at least contact the owners of sea walls which are in need of immediate repair. Councillor Suttie was asked to report any findings to the next meeting.

Boats in The Temple Car Park

Mr Allan has contacted several of the boat owners and it is possible that a few may be removed soon. The boat club will bring up the issue at the next AGM and the Commodore of Largo Bay Sailing Club has stated that some of their boats are due to be removed. One individual boat is for sale.

The questions asked at the meeting were;

- Should there be a time limit on how long a boat should be left/
- Should there be a register for storage?
- Is the boat seaworthy?

Fife Council will be asked if they have any authority to remove derelict boats from their property and Mr Allan will report any further progress at the next meeting.

Doctor's Out of Hours Changes

St Andrews Community Council held a public meeting to discuss local concern over the temporary closure of the out of hours service in North East Fife. Due to the problems of staffing and cost the service is stopping at Glenrothes, St Andrews and Queen Margaret's Hospitals. Any patients are being sent to Ninewells in Dundee. People needing to use this service for the Largo Area would normally travel to Victoria which has not been affected.

Planning

- The former café in Main Street, Upper Largo has applied for a change of use to a dwelling.
- Application to install Roller Shutter doors at Stewarts the Bakers, Leven Road, Lundin Links.

Correspondence

- Notification of road works on the Scoonie Road for three weeks from the 25th of February for three weeks. The road will be closed completely for the two weekends involved and the buses will be diverted. It was suggested by Mrs Aitken that the traffic control should be at Scoonie Roundabout to prevent drivers from diverting into Leven to get priority onto the roundabout thus causing a large backlog coming from Windygates. Colin Stirling, Fife Council Transportation, will be emailed.

- Alistair Paterson asked the Community Council to have the drums and poles removed from Harbour Wynd following the completion of the work. This has been done.
- The wall at the entrance to the library has been knocked down – Environment and Building Services will look into the problem.
- Fife Council have stated that the parking and Crusoe Statue signs at the Orry, may have to come from next year's budget.
- Scottish Water are now investigating water pressure and water flow problems at the bottom of Castaway Lane (Selkirk Grove) Lower Largo - it seems as more houses are being switched in, the pressures/flow rates are dropping. They are currently monitoring this but no conclusions as yet.
- The pitch of the speed bump at the shops in Lundin Links is still causing concern – complaints need to be registered with Colin Stirling – Fife Council, Transportation.
- There has been a request for a pedestrian crossing to be put at the top of Durham Wynd, Lower Largo. As there are more houses in the area there are more pedestrians trying to cross the busy road to the bus stop. Mrs Stewart will bring this to the attention of Colin Stirling.

Plan4Fife

The Plan4Fife is a local outcome improvement plan started in 2017 until 2027. Our Locality Manager David Paterson will come to the next meeting to discuss this.

Order of Meeting Venues

New Gilston Hall will be out of use for our next meeting so it has been arranged for the Community Council meetings in April and May to be in the Library, Lundin Links.

Recycling Bins

Due to the narrow road it is not possible to have recycling bins at the Temple although Fife Council may look at the possibility of replacing the paper bin at the Station Car Park and Councillor Suttie will also ask about bringing back the bin for rubbish at this site.

Village Reports

Lower Largo – There is still concern for the roundel of trees at Selkirk Grove as the tree roots are undermined by building vehicles and there has been damage to the trees themselves due to the close proximity of the last house. However, the resident of this house has stated that he has no problem with the tree being so close to his house and that he would ensure that no further damage will be done to the trees. Councillor Suttie will make enquiries to allay fears.

Upper Largo – There was discussion at the meeting about the path improvements between Upper Largo and Drumeldrie. It was suggested that it was an excessive amount to spend, however this path has been campaigned for by the residents of Drumeldrie for many years and they are very grateful for the construction of this small section.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 18TH OF MARCH 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN THE STABLES, UPPER LARGO

