

LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN MAY 2019 AT 7.20 PM IN THE LIBRARY, LUNDIN LINKS

Those present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Mr Allan, Mrs Stewart, Mr Fox, Mrs Green, Mrs Low, Mr Clark, Mrs Moir and Mrs Aitken.

Apologies were received from Mrs Young Mr Peacock and Councillors Davidson, Councillor Ritchie and Councillor Suttie.

Last months minutes were proposed for adoption by Mrs Stewart and seconded by Mrs Low.

Declaration of interest – Mr Aitken declared an interest in the floral display funding and will step out of the meeting during the discussion.

Community Emergency Planning

Gillian Duncan, Co-ordinator for The East Neuk First Responders attended the meeting representing the East Neuk Community Emergency Planning Team. She gave an outline of the need for a coordinated response for any emergency which may arise in the community, especially in the East Neuk which is further away from any centrally organised bodies. The East Neuk Emergency Planning Team is now constituted, and its members are local people with appropriate skills e.g. First Responders and Lifeboat Coxswain who are working with community councils and hall committees.

The aim is to have a single number which can be used as a contact in case of a local emergency e.g. flooding, major snow fall, gas explosion etc where there might be need of evacuation, emergency shelter or emergency transportation etc.

It was stated that, although New Gilston is included in the East Neuk Emergency Planning Team's area, Largo and Lundin Links are not, and the suggestion was that we create our own plan. Emma Palmer from Fife Council has an emergency template which we could use. This issue was raised when Mr Aitken and Mrs Stewart attended a community council training session. Each community council can apply for a grant of £500 for resources. There would be an identified person in the community to be an initial contact and at the moment Mr Aitken and Mrs Stewart are fulfilling this roll, with the Durham Hall as the emergency venue.

South Feus

The retrospective planning application for a change of use of land from agriculture to leisure, next to 19 South Feus, Upper Largo has been rejected, but the fence is still in place preventing the farmer from being able to cultivate the adjoining section of field. The result of this has been to create an area of land which has become derelict. The area of field which is fenced off, owned by the resident of number 19, has been weed killed and as well as being unsightly, there is concern from the neighbours over the chemicals used.

The residents of South Feus have requested that the Community Council write to The Planning Enforcement Officer to ask that the fence be taken down following the rejection of the retrospective planning application.

It was suggested that mediation be the next step and the Community Council will now write to The resident of 19 South Feus, Mr Masson and Mr Aitken will ask if Mr Masson if he will meet to discuss the matter.

Mill Wynd

Parking restrictions have been extended on Mill Wynd adding to the parking problems in the area leading to residents parking on the double yellow lines. Monitoring of parking is needed as the residents feel that if the areas with double yellow lines were free of cars there would be no problems with access for emergency vehicles, which there has been in the past.

A site visit is required to look at the problems.

Big Picnic

The Big Community Picnic will be held on Sunday 9th of June. Alistair Clark and Mel Moir will man the Community Council table which will provide community information.

Largo Arts Week

The raft to represent Alexander's Selkirk's life on the island and to commemorate the publication of Robinson Crusoe will be built using donated canoes. It is still hoped to have a volunteer to be Alexander Selkirk.

It was agreed to give Mrs Brown a budget to buy a plastic treasure chest, chocolate coins and plastic medals for the treasure hunt. Mrs Low will liaise with Mrs Brown to help.

Designated Bathing Beach

SEPA chaired a meeting at which the decision was made not to designate Largo as a bathing beach for 2019 due to the poor water quality. Volunteers from the Community Council and others spent many hours during the summer in 2018 carrying out a count of people on the beach to supply proof of usage, however, even though the numbers counted were well over the numbers required, this was deemed not satisfactory.

Mr Allan has passed the correspondence to The Scottish Government for advice on how to proceed and he has also been in touch with Jenny Gilruth MSP.

Floral Display

This year there was no grant application submitted to cover the cost of our floral display and it is hoped that a small grant will be forthcoming in the near future to help towards a reduced display and new containers. Meantime Mr Aitken, who removed himself from the meeting during discussion, has offered to cover the cost of the display. This was discussed and it was decided that, although it was a generous offer, the Community Council would cover the cost which would be no more than £200.

Pelican/Zebra Crossing

The Community Council support the petition to have a pelican/zebra crossing on Largo Road however Fife Council have stated that they would not install a crossing to service one bus stop as the cost of £45-£50,000 plus running costs. This could not be justified.

Planning

Fish Shed, Lower Largo - Amended plans were submitted replacing the larch cladding with stone render – It was felt that this was more in keeping with surrounding buildings and the Conservation Area.

Correspondence

- Rail Link meeting to be held on Friday 7th of June – Mr Allan will attend to represent the Community Council.
- As 5G mobile transmission is the next development on the way there has been concerns raised over the question of whether there is any risk to health. It has been suggested that investigations should be carried out before 5G is rolled out. Mrs Stewart will contact Fife Council to ask if this has been considered.
- Douglas Keir from Crossford is looking to set up a band/orchestra and is looking for support. His name and address will be passed to Mr Igham, who plays the saxophone.
- Mrs Young has been approached by the Beauty Box in Upper Largo to ask again about the possibility of moving the bus stop away from the front of their premises. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 17TH OF JUNE 2019 AT 7.15 PM IN THE DURHAM HALL LOWER LARGO.