

LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH OF JUNE 2019 AT

7.15 PM IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO

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

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

Corrections: - The Resident of 19 South Feus Upper Largo is Mrs Mason not Mr Masson as stated.

With this correction last month's minutes were proposed for adoption by Mrs Stewart and seconded by Mrs Moir.

Declaration of interest – There were no declarations of interest.

Largo Arts Week

Dougi McMillan Chairman of Largo Arts Week attended the meeting to give an update on the plans for the Arts Week and to ask if the Community Council would act as the official body for the purpose of renting the telephone box at The Orry, Lower Largo. The rent would be £1, and the idea is to use the phone box as a venue with images inside.

Mr McMillan explained that the idea for the Arts Week had only been conceived last August and to date there will be 37 artists exhibiting as well as a multitude of performers with poets, storytellers and musicians, also food vendors both weekends and all three villages getting involved. Events will be held in the Library and Homelands as well as St Davids, which is the Hub for the week.

Great efforts have been made to publicise the event using banners, social media, websites, posters, leaflets and radio. Generous sponsorship has been forthcoming, and it is hoped that the event will help to put Largo on the map.

Before the event it is hoped that Fife Council will weed the pavements and during the week, empty the bins. It has also been mentioned that, due to the extra pedestrian traffic using Station Wynd, the handrail should be made safe.

The Community Council involvement includes a Treasure and Scavenger Hunt on the beach organised by Mrs Brown and manned by Mrs Brown and Mrs Moir. Mrs Low has organised the purchase of a treasure chest, gold coins and medals. Also, a Robinson Crusoe raft sailing from the harbour to the Temple. The raft will be built by Donald Low and Matt Allan and Mr Low has volunteered to dress up as Robinson Crusoe and sail the raft. A rescue craft will be requested, and Mrs Green will provide first aid cover for both events. The events will take place on Saturday the 27th of July.

The money raised at The Big Picnic was donated to Largo Arts Week.

South Feus Car Park

Following the decision to continue mediation efforts to come to a mutually beneficial agreement as to the future of the piece of land south of the road opposite number 19, a letter has been drafted and Mr Aitken will visit as the resident's phone number is unknown. The Enforcement Officer has not yet responded to the Community Council correspondence.

New Playpark Lundin Links

The new playpark is now open in Lundin Links and well used, however, Mr Cooks-Wood, a member of Lundin Bowling Club raised concern over the entrance gate into the park as it is close to the track used by the sports Club members, Bowling Club members and several residents of houses nearby. Mr Cooks-Wood, who has had previous experience of accidents involving children leaving playparks, suggested that the access to the playpark should be moved to the field side.

Having had this issue raised the Community Council will write to Mr David Paterson, our Locality Manager to ask for remedial action. Mrs Moir will discuss the issue with the Park Group.

St Davids Church

Plans have been submitted to develop the property as a holiday let with 6 double bedrooms. This is causing concern in the village due to the major ongoing problem of insufficient parking in the area. There have been several objections submitted by neighbours, including the problem of windows overlooking neighbouring properties as well as parking.

As this is a community issue the Community Council will submit representations including insufficient parking as a safety issue i.e. emergency vehicles already have access problems.

Largo Communities Together

The Largo Communities Together group has amalgamated with the Pier Group and everyone is working hard to take this forward although there have been further complications with the pier ownership and the application for Heritage Lottery Funding which has been turned down due to insufficient economical or community involvement. However increased effort is being made to save the pier and there are alternative funding streams being explored.

Stan Green and Raymond Muszynski recently carried out a site visit at Largo House grounds with the landowners Mr and Mrs Crichton, which was very productive, Mr and Mrs Crichton being very open to suggestions, with broad and general discussion taking place over the development of the area for the community.

At 'The Big Picnic' the Largo Communities Together stand was very successful in having the opportunity to inform more local people and the group now has over 300 members. Mr Muszynski has drawn up early plans for the walk round Largo House linking the villages, giving community access to the estate.

A Largo Communities Together website is up and running and a Spring newsletter is in circulation.

AGM Matters

It was agreed at the AGM to postpone the Treasurer's report till a later date, however Mr Peacock wishes to step down as treasurer and the Community Council is now looking for a volunteer to take on the roll.

The accounts are set up on a computer which can be passed onto the new treasurer. Alistair Clark volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer

Emergency Community Planning

Emma Palmer, the Emergency Resilience Officer for Fife Council sent the Community Council a copy of the template Community Emergency Plan and several links for useful information.

Crossing on Largo Road

Colin Stirling was contacted about the possibility of a crossing to help people get to the bus stop next to Mercury Motors, however Mr Stirling suggested that the cost would be prohibitive for the number of people using the crossing. It was thought that a petition should still go ahead although it was suggested that there would be a better case to put forward if and when the walk to Largo House is developed.

Parking and Speed Control

There is still a problem for the residents of Hill Head Street and Mill Wynd with cars parking where they shouldn't. It is a safety issue with emergency vehicles finding it difficult to get access when needed due to cars parked on yellow lines. It was suggested that residents monitor this problem, contact the police when the problem arises and send photographic evidence to the Community Council – Mrs Stewart.

Speed bumps are to be installed on Largo Road where there are painted bumps at the moment and the parking bays are to be shortened. Further speed and traffic management methods for this problem area were discussed including the possibility of traffic lights.

AOCB Jenny Gilruth MSP is to take on the Designation of Largo beach and SEPA will take water samples.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 19TH OF AUGUST AT 7.00 PM AT NEW GILSTON VILLAGE HALL