**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST OF OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.15 PM IN THE DURHAM HALL LOWER LARGO**

Those present were; Chairman Mr Aitken, Mrs Stewart, Mr Allan, Mrs Green, Mrs Low, Mrs Aitken, Mr Clark, Mrs Young and Mr Fox. In attendance was Councillor Ritchie

Correction to last month’s minutes – Mrs, and not Mr Brown seconded the previous month’s minutes.

With this correction last months minutes were approved for adoption by Mrs Aitken and seconded by Mr Allan.

Mr and Mrs Aitken declared an interest in any decisions concerning Largo Road or Penrice Park due to their house being in close proximity to both. Mrs Low declared an interest also.

**Tractor Accident**

Louise Aird and Anna Gannon, the residents most affected by the recent accident in which a tractor lost control and crashed on Largo Road, talked about their concerns :- The increase in traffic in this area is causing many traffic incidents, with buildings being hit as well as near misses. Pedestrians feel very vulnerable when using the narrow pavement especially due to the close proximity and size of the vehicles using the road. It is especially concerning when children and elderly people are trying to cross the road near the blind corner.

While there have been temporary traffic lights at this site the situation has improved and residents from Largo Road are asking Fife Council, along with residents and Community Councillors to attend a site meeting with a view to looking at putting lights up on a permanent basis.

Councillor Ritchie stated that the situation has been on the Council’s radar for a long time and they have been monitoring the situation. More protection will be put up between the affected house and the road which should improve safety. There are problems with lights due in part to the number of roads involved and the road being a major trunk route. The issue will be brought up at the next Area Committee meeting. drivers not matching their speed to the condition of the road.

**Parking**

A test has been carried out to discover whether buses can easily pass a parked car on Harbour Wynd, following a request from the resident of number one to have a parking space created on the hill outside his house. The test results will be discussed, if they are available, at the next Community Council meeting. We are also hoping to receive a Fife Council report from Stewart Goodfellow.

There is still conflict in Penrice Park between the residents and drivers who are having problems parking in Hillhead Street, Mill Wynd, Largo Road and the Cupar Road. Yellow lines were installed at the entrance to Penrice Park; however, the residents feel they should be extended further.

There should be consultation in the form of a site meeting involving representatives from Penrice Park, Transportation, Community Council, David Paterson, Locality Manager and those who lack alternative parking space. Also, an investigation should be made into planning consent for the original parking rights.

**Campaign to restore Bus Service**

Stella Simpson wrote to let us know that there had been a negative response from Stagecoach regarding the campaign to reinstate the old 97 bus timings to St Andrews. The campaigners have now approached the Bus Ombudsman who, along with Willie Rennie MSP were due to meet in St Andrews on the 18th of October to discuss the concerns.

**VE Day Celebrations**

This will be on the 8th of May 2020. There will be enquiries made about what is planned nationally. If the church is planning a celebration the Community Council would like to be involved.

**Remembrance Day**

A wreath has been delivered and will be laid by Mr Aitken on behalf of The Largo Area Community Council at the memorial service at Largo Church and then at the War Memorial. Mr Allan will lay the wreath on behalf of Fife Council.

**Speed Watch**

Four people have put their names forward to receive training to carryout Speed Watch duties in this area. Mrs Young, Mrs Low, Mrs Brown and Mr Aitken.

**Approval of Accounts**

Last years accounts were submitted for approval by Mr Alistair Clark. The Community Council wish to thank Mr Clark for his hard work and for taking on the role of Treasurer.

The Accounts were moved for approval by Mrs Stewart and Seconded by Mrs Low.

**Villages**

- The bus shelters at the top of Durham Wynd and the harbour, Lower Largo have been improved.

- Mr Fox is still campaigning, along with the Waid Parent Council and pupils to make the road crossing at Mercury Motors safer.

- The new bus shelter required following the accident opposite the shops in Lundin Links will be installed in the week beginning the 11th of November.

- There has been discussion over the bus shelter in Upper Largo next to the Hairdresser. It was suggested that it be moved or possibly taken away altogether.

- Serpentine Path – Mrs Green had a site meeting with Scott Fraser from Scottish Water who have responsibility for the path which runs next to the sewage treatment plant. Mr Fraser stated that Scottish Water should be strimming the path regularly and he also agreed, in order to improve the path Scottish Water would provide manpower to help along side local volunteers. The offer of £1000 would help towards the cost of the improvement work.

 Mrs Green also contacted Graeme Anderson from Paths for All who is very happy to meet up in the Serpentine and help in any way he can.

Thanks to Mrs Green for pushing this forward.

**AOCB**

- The bushes next to the pavement on Largo Road need cutting back. David Patterson, Locality Manager will be asked to approach the landowner Mr Crichton.

- Broadband speed trials are taking place in our area.

- It was agreed that the cycle path between Lundin Links and Blacketyside will be swept.

- Mr Clark stated that Homelands has waited one year for a planning decision on the new development on Leven Road.

- Emergency Planning will be included on next month’s agenda.

**Future meetings**

Mr Goodfellow – Roads – November

Time Banking – January

Julia Walker – Independent Living, Support Options Fife - February

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 18TH OF NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE STABLES UPPER LARGO**