**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH OF JANUARY 2020 AT 7.00PM IN THE LIBRARY LUNDIN LINKS**

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

In attendance were Councillor Ritchie and Mr George Cuthill – Time Banking Development Officer.

Apologies were received from Mr Fox.

Last month’s minutes were proposed for adoption by Mr Allan and seconded by Mrs Aitken.

**Time Banking**

Mr Cuthill, Time Banking Development Officer, gave an outline of how it works. The basic premise is to bring back community ‘helping out’ by getting people together who know each other to do jobs for each other. Jobs would be done by volunteering on a barter system but not necessarily a direct swap. The time taken to carry out the task is banked by a central body and can then be redeemed by getting someone else to do a task you don’t want to do yourself. For example, gardening, dog walking or driving to and from appointments. Only over 16s can get involved.

The main question from the Community Council was over PVG Protection of Vulnerable Groups legislation and how these people could be protected. This will be investigated by Mr Cuthill

Mr Aitken thanked Mr Cuthill for giving up his time to talk to us.

**Special Community Council Meeting**

A special meeting was held on the 29th of November 2019 to discuss the issue of an alleged breach of the Community Council Code of Conduct. The special meeting was held in private due to the sensitive nature of the matter to be discussed and this was approved by Fife Council.

It was unanimously decided that the Community Councillor involved was not in breach of the Standards of Conduct - Schedule 3 and a report was sent to the objector, Community Councillors and Fife Council. The objector lodged an appeal with Fife Council, but the appeal was subsequently withdrawn by the objector and therefore the matter is now closed.

A warning has been issued to all Community Councillors on the use of social media. All Community Councillors are subject to a code of conduct which we all signed when we took on the post and we should be mindful of what is put onto social media. The Code of Conduct for Community Councillors obviously does not apply to private individuals.

**Casual Vacancy**

With the resignation of David Peacock there is a vacancy on the Community Council. Although we have a co-opted member. Mrs Moir cannot automatically fill the vacancy. Applications have to be invited from members of the community with reasons why they would like to be on the Largo Area Community Council and what they could bring to it. If there are no applicants, then Mrs Moir can be invited to join as a full member.

**Largo Road Site Meeting**

A site meeting was held on Largo Road at the site of the tractor accident on the 22nd of November 2019. Those present included; Community Councillors Mr Aitken, Mrs Low and Mrs Aitken, Councillors Ritchie and Alexander, Residents Anna Donald and Louise and Colin Stirling, Lead Traffic Consultant. Following the examination of the site the meeting adjourned to Anna’s house where there followed a full and frank discussion. The two outcomes of the meeting were -:

1. Following the removal of the temporary traffic lights once the work is completed, a further traffic light system, including Mill Wynd, will be instated in July which will be monitored by Fife Council to discover the extent of disruption on this stretch of road during the busy period. This will take place over a two-week period.
2. A streetlight which is narrowing the pavement at the site is to be moved to allow passage of buggies etc also a feasibility study will be carried out into a one-way system for Mill Wynd going from Largo Road to Emsdorf Street.

The speed bumps are to be installed on this stretch of road in February at a cost of £20,000.

Councillor Ritchie was thanked for his enthusiastic support for the affected residents in this campaign.

**Penrice Park Parking**

A site meeting has been arranged for Monday 27th of January and in attendance will be Councillor Ritchie, Stewart Goodfellow, representing Colin Stirling from The Traffic Service, Mr Aitken and Mrs Low.

Mr Aitken investigated the possibility of getting the use of parking spaces next to the flats which are currently unused for drivers who have no parking space at their property. However Mr Aitken was unable to get unanimous agreement from the flat owners who stated that some of the spaces are shared, there is a history of drivers already using the spaces without agreement and generally they are against any plan to allow non flat residents to park in the allocated spaces.

There appears to be no evidence so far that the properties on the west side of Largo Road have any legal right to a parking space in Penrice Park.

Sadly, another act of vandalism has occurred in Penrice Park. CCTV footage taken of the vandals, which has been sent to the Police for analysis, shows the culprits coming from out-with Penrice Park.

There has been a request to have the yellow lines in the area to be repainted.

**Lundin Links Hotel**

After months of trying to make contact with the hotel owner Mr Aitken has been able to speak to Mr Punler who stated that one reason for the delay is that the specification had to be amended from a timber to a steel frame, which has now been done but they are still waiting for Scottish Water to give permission for drainage work to be carried out.

There is till urgent need for tidying up work to carried out. The Community Council will write to Willy Rennie, North East Fife MSP and ask if he can contact Scottish Water on our behalf to speed up the process.

**Viaduct**

A resident from Seaton Place, Lower Largo has been in contact to report that the retaining wall at the harbour, near the viaduct, has bricks which are falling into the Keil Burn. There is concern that flood water may cause further, significant damage to the wall.

There is question over the ownership of the wall which in integral to the viaduct. Fife Council will be asked to establish ownership, possibly Network Rail? Should the Pier Group of Largo Communities Together have an input?

The concern mentioned at a previous Community Council meeting over the drainage of the viaduct should be chased up.

**Harbour Wynd**

There is concern over the trees on the east side of Harbour Wynd which appear to be in danger of falling onto the road. Fife Council have pruned the trees back on this occasion but in future this work will have to be carried out by the landowner.

The resident of One Harbour Wynd has requested clarification on the reason for the removal of the seasonal parking restrictions in the villages. Mr Aitken will make enquiries and inform the resident.

**NHS Out of Hours Service**

The Community Council received an email from the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership outlining a new ‘model of care’ for care that is provided when your GP surgery or pharmacy is closed.

From 4 November 2019, to access urgent care out of hours Call NHS 24 (111 – free number)

 You will either: - - Get advice call from a GP, nurse or paramedic.

 - Get an appointment at a centre with a GP, nurse or paramedic

 - Or receive a home visit from a GP, nurse, paramedic or district nurse.

**BT Telephone Box Removal**

BT are keen to hand over responsibility of the remaining telephone boxes in the area to anyone willing to take them on board and look after them. The owners of Penny and Black in Lundin Links have already taken responsibility for the box on Links Road but there are several more in the community. BT will remove the boxes if they are not taken on.

The Largo Arts Week organisers asked about the possibility of using the box in the Orry, but no action has been taken as yet. Dougi McMillan, Chairman, will be emailed to ask if they are still interested.

**Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund**

The Fund was set up to help communities mitigate occasional negative impact that tourism has on local infrastructure. £3 million has been awarded by the Scottish Government for a in 2020.

David Paterson has suggested local projects which could be helped by the fund might include, improvements to the Temple Car Park and toilet and electric charging points. Fife Coast and Countryside Trust are getting involved.

**Treasurers Report**

- This year’s floral enhancement grant has been submitted and accepted.

- The names on the bank account still need to be changed.

The bin at the bus shelter at the harbour was thrown into the river. It was too damaged to be put back and a replacement should be requested.

Mrs Brown has been responsible for placing pop up Bob, the imitation police traffic control officer. It has proved to be a considerable commitment and the community should be aware of the effort involved to reduce the speed of the traffic in the area. Mrs Brown has asked that if anyone feels it would make a difference in their street, they should contact the Community Council. Mr Peacock will be asked to put the details of this project on the Community Council Facebook page.

It has been suggested that, due to the damage sustained, the floral decorated bike at the harbour is no longer an attractive feature and should be removed. Mrs Moir will contact Mrs MacFarlane who is responsible for the bike.

**AOCB**

- The stone wall at the Coffin Walk, North Feus, Upper Largo is in serious need of repair.

- There have been potholes reported at Newburn and the people in question have been asked to use the ‘Pothole Reporting Mechanism’

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7.15 PM ON THE 17TH OF FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO**