**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.15 PM ON THE 17TH OF FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE DURHAM HALL LOWER LARGO**

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

In attendance were Councillor Ritchie and Julia Walker from Self Directed Support Service Fife.

Apologies were received from Mrs Stewart and Mr Fox.

Last month’s minutes were moved for adoption by Mrs Low and seconded by Mr Clark.

**Self-Directed Support Service Fife**

Julia Walker from Self Directed Support Service Fife outlined the service aims and objectives, describing the service as a scheme of assistance helping disabled people explore their options in housing across Fife.

Their aim is to improve the quality of life for people with a disability, allowing them to take control and live more independently offering flexibility and choice over their care and support.

This could mean, either employing care staff, equipment or activities yourself from a Fife Council budget, Fife Council select and arrange the support for you or a mix of the two.

For more information or to sign up and subscribe to the newsletter go to https//www.sdsoptionsfife.org.uk

Mr Aitken asked for a vote of thanks to go to Julia Walker for coming along to the meeting.

**Leave of Absence**

If necessary, Community Council members are able to take a leave of absence for up to six months without losing their membership.

Mr Fox has applied for a leave of absence due to the birth of their baby. Mrs Aitken proposed six months absence and the proposal was seconded by Mrs Brown.

The motion was duly passed by The Community Council.

**Casual Vacancy**

Due to Mr Peacocks retirement from the Community Council there is now a vacancy and it was proposed that Mrs Moir, who is at present a co-opted member, should be given the option of filling the vacancy. As there were no other applicants for the vacancy Mrs Young proposed and Mrs Brown seconded the proposal, this was duly passed by the Community Council. Mrs Mel Moir is now therefore a full member of the Largo Area Community Council.

**Parking Consultation**

A site visit was carried out in Penrice Park attended by Community Councillors Mr Aitken, Mrs Aitken and Mrs Low, Mr Ballingall, from the Resident’s Association and Fife Councillors Ritchie and Suttie. The yellow lines at the entrance to Penrice Park and private parking were looked at. It was suggested that a review of the yellow lines be considered. It has also been suggested that there should be public consultation on parking over a two to three-month period to hear what the community feel about parking in general in the local area. Comments could be passed to Chairman Mr Aitken, brought to monthly meetings or submitted by letter or email.

There is to be new legislation brought in soon to make it illegal for drivers to park on the pavement.

It was decided to approach The Bowling Club and Ladies Golf Club to ask if there might be parking available on their ground for members of the public to utilise. The Bowling Club still need to get back to us, but The Ladies Golf Club were not able to provide any spaces. It is thought that around the community there must be spaces here and there where cars could park e.g. driveways where the residents have no car. Perhaps people looking for a place to park could come to some arrangement with the owners of the vacant space. Other suggestions included purchasing a field, using the ground next to the Mill and narrowing the pavements in Lundin Links to allow roadside parking, especially if private owners were encouraged to cut their hedges back further, especially on Crescent Road and Victoria Road. The ownership of the wild ground at the Mill and the access road have to be ascertained.

There is a question over the continued need for a parking space for the use of a disabled driver in Links Road. The designation can be changed by Fife Council if it is shown to be no longer needed. If there is another disabled driver resident in the area requiring the space, they should apply to Fife Council ASAP before the designation is changed.

**Car Park Improvements**

Thanks to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund and a joint approach with the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, along with Fife Council, the first two of Mr Allan’s suggested improvements are going ahead. The Temple Car Park is to be resurfaced once the boats have been moved and The Station Car Park is getting a new tarmac surface. All the remaining boats have had notices put on them to be removed by a given date in-order for the work to be carried out. Once the resurfacing has been carried out it is hoped by The Sailing Club that there will be an opportunity for winter storage of yachts but that is an issue for The Sailing Club and Fife Council to resolve.

There has also been a suggestion that there be a charge made for any boat storage.

**Community Council Boundaries**

We have been asked to share our views on the Consultation on Community Council boundaries, which includes the option to increase, decrease or leave as is, the size of the area our Community Council is responsible for. There was unanimous feeling that we did not wish to increase the boundary size however it was suggested that, due to the close proximity to Ceres, New Gilston and Woodside may wish to consider moving into their area.

Mr Aitken will contact Fife Council to ask for further detail on the consultation document and more to time to consult Ceres and District Community Council as well as the residents of New Gilston and Woodside.

There is concern however that if our area was to be reduced, would our Community Councillor member numbers be cut?

**Largo Communities Together**

Mr Green gave an update – The Pier Group are still waiting for the survey and engineers report on the reinstatement of the pier, but the winter repairs have been carried out meanwhile.

- Largo Arts Week are now an active participant of the group and although they are not directly associated, one of the organisers, Dougie MacMillan is one of the Trustees.

- Two members of LCT met with Mr and Mrs Crichton, landowners of the Largo House estate, to pass on the consultation, which was carried out in the community asking, what would you like to see happen with the Largo House grounds? The Crichtons gave the impression that they wished to work closely with the community however, as a follow up to this meeting, despite several attempts to get a response, LCT has had no further communication from them.

- LCT are looking to improve communication, especially between community groups which doesn’t rely on social media. They are in the process of setting up a sub-group to help with communication.

**AOCB**

Bathing Water Designation - Mr Allan has been contacted by Jenny Gilruth MSP and she stated that our beach users count has at last been accepted by SEPA and Scottish Water will now go ahead and carry out an audit on the water quality in the bay off Largo beach. Also, David Patterson our Community Manager has written to say that Transportation are have confirmed they will look into the watercourse at The Temple and establish responsibility for overview and periodic cleaning.

Lundin Links Hotel – There was a rumour circulating around the community saying that The Lundin Links Hotel has been De-listed. The Development Services have been contacted and this is not the case.

Popup Bob – Mrs Brown has been giving up her time to make the community more aware of their driving speed though Lundin Links by placing Bob the Police speed control photo in strategic places. Mrs Brown has also asked Mr Peacock to put further detail of the initiative on the community website.

Account Signatory - A proposal was put to the meeting that our Chairman Peter Aitken, our Vice Chairman Matt Allan and our Treasurer Alistair Clark should be the signatories for the Community Council bank account. This proposal was moved for adoption by Mrs Young and seconded by Mrs Aitken.

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 16TH OF MARCH 2020 AT 7.00PM IN THE STABLES UPPER LARGO**