**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH OF NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM IN THE DURHAM HALL LOWER LARGO WITH PARTICIPANTS ALSO ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

Those present were: - Chairman Peter Aitken, Mrs Green, Mrs Aitken, Mr Fox, Mr Clark, Mr Barker and Mrs Young.

Thanks to Mr Drew Morrison for setting up the Zoom facilitating for those who are unable to attend the meeting face to face. We are continuing to use the Community Zoom platform shared between Largo Church, LACRT and Largo Area Community Council.

Apologies were received from Mr Allan, Mrs Brown, Councillor Ritchie and Councillor Alexander.

Mr Aitken declared an interest for the Largo Road Trial.

Last month’s minutes were moved for adoption by Mrs Young and seconded by Mr Barker.

**Corona Virus**

* Dave Wishart from the Fire Service is going to give an advisory talk to the Resilience Group on emergency planning at their next meeting.
* There is a plan to fly kites again at the Temple on the 30th of December at 1.00 pm elves will be in attendance.

**Morris Wilson**

Condolences to the family on the passing of Morris, a past member of the Community Council. Morris stepped up and became a member when Community Council numbers were low and we pay tribute to him for his help in keeping the Community Council in existence.

**Retirement of Alistair Clark**

The Community Council wish to thank Alistair for all his hard work during his time as a member of The Community Council and especially for stepping into the breach as Treasurer where he did a valiant job keeping the books in order and helping Brendon Fox who has taken over.

**Vacancies**

There are now two vacancies on the Community Council and there has been no response from Diane Penrice who runs the New Gilston Village Hall, and who we hoped would come on the Community Council to represent New Gilston and Woodside. Under Community Council protocol the vacant positions are required to be open to members of the community. If anyone is interested, they should come along to the next two meetings to see how Community Councils work and get to know the members.

**Hall Bookings**

This job is usually carried out by the Treasurer. Fife Council has been in contact and let us know that, due to Covid, Community Councils must meet in larger halls to allow for distancing, therefore we are restricted to using the Durham Hall and The Simpson Institute, due to The Montrave Hall being used for Judo and New Gilson Village Hall only being used in the better weather.

January 17th - Simpson Institute, Upper Largo

February 21st - Durham Hall, Lower Largo

March 21st - Simpson Institute, Upper Largo

April 18th - Durham Hall, Lower Largo

May 16th - New Gilston Village Hall

**Anti-Social Behaviour at Halloween**

On the 29th and 30th of October five or six boys broke pumpkins on doorsteps and rand doorbells and used bad language when approached in Selkirk Grove, causing distress to many including elderly residents. Three of the boys were identified and the police were informed. The Headteacher at Waid Academy, where the boys go to school was informed and will bring the subject up at assembly. The incident has been reported to the local Police Liaison Officers and residents in the area now have CCTV cameras. Mr Aitken will find out what the current situation is with the Police.

**Flooding at top of Durham Wynd**

This has been an ongoing problem, the rainfall has increase by 6% in the last ten years which will get worse especially with the lack of drain clearing. The drain in the dip down from the Lundin Links Hotel is also blocked. Mr Aitken will write to Fife Council and attempt to rectify the situation.

**Speed Watch Training**

Due to the Police presence at COP 26 and Covid there has been a delay in running out the Speed Watch training, but the hope is to get it started early in 2022.

**The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee**

This will be in June 2022 and there was a question over the possibility of lighting a beacon to mark the occasion. No decision was made at this time.

**Boundary Commission**

Consultation ends for the changes to constituency boundaries at the beginning of December. Councillor Ritchie will be asked which two constituencies would be lost, and how will this impact Largo Area Community?

**Lundin Links Hotel**

Mr Aitken circulated the letters to the Community Councillors that he sent out, drafted by Mr Barker, to our MSP and MP pointing out that the issue of building security and dereliction should be escalated for further and immediate action as there has been little progress despite many attempts to move forward.

There has been no action or response from Mr Punler. Fife Council have stated that they will carry-out the work required to secure the building and make it safe and seek renumeration from Mr Punler for the work done. David Patterson, Area Services Manager will be asked what the time scale for this is. Wendy Chamberlain MP will be contacted again as the community wish to know what is happening.

**Community Councillor’s Profiles**

A few more profiles are needed for our records.

**Sink Hole, Lundin Links**

The sink hole on Victoria Road has been repaired and the traffic lights removed. Thanks to Fife Council for getting the work done.

**Fife Development Plan**

We have been given advance notice of the upcoming Development Plan consultation which begins early in the New Year but may only go on for eight weeks.

Largo Estate have allowed Campion Homes to survey the field to the north of Selkirk Grove. In the New Year the Community Council will need to hear the wishes of the community on any proposal.

Leafletting every household could be a possibility or placing a very prominent article in the Largo Links magazine, however this is not due out till March.

It may be that, if the Local Development Plan states that more housing is needed in the area, we should try to identify bits of land that we would prefer to be developed.

We will get the chance to put in representations when the time comes but until then we can be coming up with possible suggestions as to the wishes of the community, e.g., the site at Selkirk Grove is the gateway to the East Neuk, there would be a loss of greenbelt and there is a strong wish to retain the identity and character of our village.

**Remembrance Sunday and John Ripley VC**

Mr Aitken laid the wreath at the Remembrance Service at Largo Parish Church on behalf of LACC and Mr Allan laid the Wreath on behalf of Fife Council. Afterwards there was a gathering at the War Memorial where the wreaths were finally placed.

There was a splendid display of crocheted poppies around the villages which was much appreciated by the community and the Community Council wish to pay tribute to all those who gave up their time to make the poppies

Poppies were also placed on the Commonwealth grave and John Ripley VC’s grave.

The cost of refurbishment of John Ripley’s grave is to be £175 +VAT. Maybe the Black Watch could help cover the cost

**Station Car Park Extension**

Mr Aitken has met with David Patterson, The Area Services Manager to discuss the next steps which may be to move the recycling bins and formally mark spaces.

**Lighting of Venal to Temple Car Park**

This was held over till the next meeting.

**Robinson Crusoe Museum**

A potential site for the Robinson Crusoe Museum has been identified in Largo Area

The location of the site has been withheld from the Minutes as the site may be commercially sensitive

The owners of the potential site have indicated they are happy for it to be used for community use

Provisional drawings have been commissioned free of charge for the purpose of considering grant funding.

**ForthWind Turbine**

Mr Aitken contacted ForthWind Ltd to clarify the important points of the offshore demonstration project at Methil. There will be only one turbine and one mast. The proposed development will last for 25 years from the date that the turbine is first commissioned. The meteorological Mast however will only be in place for 5 years and there is provision in place for decommissioning.

**Pathfinders Rally**

The Chairman of Ceres Community Council have stated that most of the affected residents in their area are in favour of the rally, however there is a minority which are vocally opposed. Ceres CC have asked Fife Council for a ruling. A decision was made by Largo Area Community Council not to oppose the rally.

**New Trees Next to Serpentine**

Charley Owen from The Woodlands Trust, who have responsibility for The Serpentine, wishes to meet with a representative from Largo Estate who have given a very positive reaction to the suggestion of planting trees around the SuDS area linking to the Serpentine. It possible that the estate may be able to get a grant for planting trees in this area which is half a hectare in area.

**Traffic Lights Survey**

Mr Aitken has emailed Eva Martinez, who is the contact for Lead Traffic Consultant Leslie Craig, but has had no reply as yet. This will be chased up and copied to Head of Transportation.

**Largo Communities Together Report**

Due to it being their AGM, there is nothing to report this month.

**Scottish Water – Beach Designation Project**

A final draft of the Cost Benefit Analysis has to be resent.

**AOCB**

An Email will go out to Fife Council to ask again about the timescale for removal of the temporary access road into Selkirk Grove.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 17TH OF JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00 IN THE SIMPSON INSTITUTE, UPPER LARGO**

**Please note this is a minute of the last meeting, the January meeting will now be held on Zoom!**