**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17th OF OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.15 PM IN THE SIMPSON INSTITUTE UPPER LARGO**

Those present were: - Chairman Mr Aitken, Mr Allan, Mrs Green, Mr Cargill, Mr Fox and Mrs Young. In attendance were Councillor Clarke and Mrs Miller representing Largo Communities Together.

Thanks to Mr Drew Morrison for setting up the Zoom facility once more. We are continuing to use the Community Zoom platform shared between Largo Church, LACRT and Largo Area Community Council.

Apologies were received from Mrs Aitken, Mrs Low and Councillor Alexander

Last month’s minutes were moved for adoption by Mr Cargill and seconded by Mr Allan.

Mr Aitken declared an interest as a resident of Largo Road, Lundin Links.

**Largo Road, Scoonie Traffic Lights**

There has been major disruption on Largo Road, Scoonie in the last few weeks due to unmanned road works which were stuck on red causing problems for emergency vehicles as well as road users. After the first incident, when the lights were at red for 6 hours, Mr Aitken contacted the Police and Fife Council and Fife Council suggested that SP Energy have the lights manned during rush hour periods. Councillor Clarke also contacted the company to ask for an explanation and suggest that steps should be taken to ensure there was no repetition. However, the problem arose again as the lights were not manned for long enough periods when needed.

**Community Zoom**

At present Largo Area Community Council pay £100 per annum as our share of the cost of providing the opportunity for Community Councillors to take part in meetings by Zoom link and it was agreed this should continue.

**Warm Banks and Spaces**

Fife Council have been allocated money towards helping people in food and fuel crisis by giving grants to communities to open non-profit hubs to provide a warm space and basic meals like soup. Largo Area Community Response Team as part of LCT have been approved as an organising team and can now apply for the grant available. Possible venues to be included in this area are The Paxton Centre and the Library.

A meeting will be held with Councillor Davidson and LACRT on the 20th of October to discuss the possibilities. A coordinated plan is needed and it is thought that there can be links with the Befriending team, including social aspects and activities.

**Halls**

The Community Council wish to bring New Gilson and Woodside back into the fold as meetings were restricted during Covid. It will still be planned to avoid meetings at New Gilston during worst of the winter due to icy roads and it was agreed to possibly hold the firs meeting in March or April 2023. Mr Aitken will write to the hall committee and remind them about the need for a representative, especially for very local issues.

There is also the question of holding meetings again in the library and possibly The Stables Upper Largo due to the tight crossover time between the Community Council meeting and the Pilates class being held in the Simpson Institute, which was causing an issue. The question of availability with be asked of the Church for the Stables.

**Sewage Leak in Lower Largo**

At the beginning of October there was a leak of sewage at the Temple and the burn running into the sea, due to a broken pipe. This was reported and although the initial response from Scottish Water was poor remedial work was carried out efficiently and a public apology was given but local people were concerned and swimmers stayed away from the sea for several days.

**Lundin Links Hotel**

The response from Scottish Water to Mr Aitken’s letter outlining concerns over the water supply should there be another major fire in the area was not satisfactory. Scottish Water did state that every public building, including Peacehaven Care Home, has a designated fire emergency vehicle allocated to it and the Fire Service normally have a tanker available if requested. It was hoped that there could be a high-volume pump in Fife to be used if needed and the Fire Service will be asked why the tankers were not requested.

There was discussion over the possibility of asking local farmers for help using their irrigation equipment to supply water in a future emergency. Mr Aitken will make enquiries.

**Speed Monitoring and Speed Watch**

Fife Council are not willing to repeat the speed monitoring on the St Andrews Road, Upper Largo at the different site as requested and the speed warning sign also in Upper Largo has been reported as not working.

Speed Watch – Four people have come forward to volunteer for Speed Watch training, Mrs Young, Mr Cargill, Mr Aitken, and Mrs Low. The names will be passed to the Police for the next stage.

**Play Parks**

The suggestion of a fence round the play area in the Durham Park, following a dog incident was rejected by Fife Council, however a sign will be erected listing the rules and regulations for park users.

A complaint was made by a resident of New Gilston about children playing in the play park. The reason is unknown and the resident does not own the land the children were on. It was suggested that the children carryon using the park and see if there are any further problems.

**New Gilson**

There is still concern over the two houses being built in New Gilson including the length of time it is taking. Councillor Clarke will look into the problems involved.

The possibility of a path from Woodside to New Gilston was discussed at a meeting in New Gilston which was attended by Largo Communities Together representatives Louise Robb and Priya Logan.

**Road Signs**

* The ‘No HGVs’ replacement signs in Upper Largo are being pursued and are on the list for action.
* The 30mph sign is missing at the bottom of Blindwells Road.

**Homes for Ukraine**

At the moment there are Ukrainian refugees staying in the Largo Area and it is hoped that they are getting support. The LargoAreaCommunityResilianceTeam were to take on the responsibility should there be any requirement. The Government however have paused the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

**Twinning**

Mr Aitken and Mr Allan have put together a blurb about our area, including photographs which has been sent to the officials so they can give a presentation to the people of the French town of Villennes-sur-seine.

**Woodland**

There has been no movement re the new woodland area next to the Serpentine so far and no response from the Crichtons, who are the landowners.

**Treasurer’s Report**

It was agreed at a previous meeting to contribute £1000 towards the cost of replacing the defibrillator cabinets. We are still waiting for this bill to be sent. Mr Aitken will ask the First Responders about this.

In-order for the accounts to be signed off by the Examiner he needs the accounts from when we joined the Metro Bank and the accounts also need to be examined from the past years during Covid. This all has to be done before the Council grant application can be submitted.

**Bathing Water**

There has been activity all summer with regular testing and a survey vehicle in the bay. An impact survey is going ahead. Mr Allan will ask Jenny Gilruth MSP if there is any new information or developments.

**Largo Communities Together LCT**

- The Warm Spaces initiative is making good progress, as mentioned previously, which should help many people in the community.

- a lot of progress has been made in the first year of developing our Local Place Plan and Priya Logan, our Development Officer and others are continuing to engage with others to find out how our community wants to move forward and improve. There are two consultation events planned, one on the 14th of November when businesses, farmers and landowners are invited and one on the 4th of December for Clubs in the Durham Hall. They will be asked what their needs are and what they may be able to offer the community.

**AOCB**

- Flood box, Upper Largo – The padlock has been broken off the box containing the equipment needed to help of flooding occurs. The contents are intact and the lock put back.

- There are a number of pot-holes at the top of Durham Wynd and near Nether Pratis, which, it was suggested, should be reported online, and the large hole next to the library which still needs to be sorted.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7.00PM ON THE 21ST OF NOVEMBER IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO**