

**LARGO AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY  
2023 AT 7.00 PM IN THE DURHAM HALL, LOWER LARGO**

Those present were: - Chairman Mr Aitken, Mr Allan, Mrs Green, Mr Cargill, Mr Fox and Mr Barker. In attendance were Mr Green and Councillor Clarke.

Apologies were received from Mrs Aitken, Mrs Low, Mr Diamond and Councillor Alexander.

Correction to last month's minutes – under the heading Ukrainian Refugees, TEFL funning should read TEFL funding. With this correction the 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, and for Ukrainian refugee issues as host. Mr Aitken and Mr Allan declared an interest in the Twinning and Mr Fox declared an interest in the Durham Field development.

**New Community Councillor Nomination**

Mr Brendon Diamond, a retired architect, wishes to join Largo Area Community Council. This was proposed by Mr Aitken and seconded by Mr Allan and will be approved subject to confirmation at the next meeting when it is hoped that we will be quorate.

Mr Aitken also made a plea to members of the community to be public spirited and put their names forward for membership of the Community Council to keep it in existence. The Community Council is very important for major issues affecting the community. Views are listened to and as a public body we are statutory consultees.

**Twining**

Mr Aitken and Mr Allan have been invited to attend the Twining ceremony in France at Villennes-sur-seine on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2023. On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May The President and Vice President of the Twining Committee and their wives are coming to Largo. We need to ask if there is a possibility of being able to claim expenses or funding for events. At this time there are no Twining Officers at Fife Council.

**Lundin Links Hotel**

A Teams meeting was held with Mr Aitken, MSP Jenny Gilruth, Scottish Water and The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service with the main item being the shortage of water in the area if needed by fire appliances. The outcome of the discussion was that the water pressure would not be increased due to the risk of a major pipe burst, however Scottish Water did state that if there was a building where there were occupants at risk the water pressure would be increased. The number of fire appliances made available for Peacehaven has been increased.

The situation at the primary school was discussed and although there are no sprinklers in the building there have a very effective fire evacuation plan. This is only for when the school is occupied and it is hoped that there would be fire appliances available to be effective if the school were to go on fire when it is unoccupied.

The number of water bowsers in Fife was brought up again at the Teams meeting however Scottish Water are not willing to increase the number. They are willing to come and talk to the community to reassure.

**Hotel Liquidation**

Wendy Chamberlain MP has followed up, using the Freedom of Information act, on the question of the loan given by the Government to Kapital Enterprise during Covid, which was secured on The Lundin Links Hotel in the hope of shedding light on the situation. There has been no further information as yet.

The Liquidator has not responded to requests for The Community Council details to be passed on to any prospective buyers of the hotel.

## **Durham Wynd Field**

There are still concerns by residents over the debris left in the field by Lundin Homes as well as the kerb and road entrance left when the temporary road was removed. Vehicles are parking in the field and dumping is happening.

SEPA were approached to ask about the removal of the debris, which is preventing the farmer from cultivating the field, but they can only act if there is risk of contamination, e.g. oil drums etc.

A lot of debris was removed by Lundin Homes but not all and a power box and cables have been left although a Fife Council engineer has stated that there is no power to the cables.

Lundin Homes and Largo Estate need to be contacted again and asked that the field be completely reinstated to agricultural land.

The original planning permission document will be checked by Mr Aitken and Councillor Clark will follow up on an email sent to the Lead Planning Officer to establish the legal situation.

With our consultation work and discussions we have pre-empted the Local Development Plan for which consultation hasn't begun.

## **Provision of Cemeteries**

Fife Council, Bereavement Services got in touch to ask what the community thinks about the future burial provision in Fife. The Service would welcome the community's views and feedback on the various options and considerations identified in the consultation. Our feedback will be used to inform a cemeteries strategy for Fife and the investments Fife Council make in future cemetery provision. See consultation link below.

### FUTURE PROVISION OF CEMETERIES IN FIFE

Help us to determine what provision is needed for Fife and make best use of the funding

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## **LACRT Resilience**

The group and its work is still ongoing with volunteers working under the supervision of the Police to help in any emergency situation e.g. fire, flood or missing person. A generator has already been purchased to provide power possibly to a hall for displaced local people.

## **King Charles Coronation**

On Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2023 King Charles will be Crowned in London and the community needs to decide if they wish to hold a public celebration. There might be a possibility of applying for funding. Maybe we should ask what our neighbouring communities are planning.

## **Bus Stop and Shelter, Crescent Road**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March there will be a site meeting with Mr Aitken, Mr Allan, Councillor Clarke and the Operations Manager of Stagecoach who has taken onboard local concerns.

## **Path from the Serpentine to Upper Largo**

Permission from The Landowner Mr Clark is required and contact details are yet to be found.

## **Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report**

The Accounts were moved for approval by Mr Cargill and seconded by Mr Allan. This will be revisited at the next meeting when it is hoped that we will be quorate. All our Grants have come in and 2 defibrillator boxes have been replaced.

## **Warm Spaces**

The subcommittee has been meeting on a regular basis and there now established warm spaces in the villages, The Library in Lundin Links, The Simpson Institute in Upper Largo, The Village Hall, New Gilston, The Aurrie Café in Lower Largo and The Paxton Centre who are trialling their Warm Space. Providing, warmth, food, and company till the end of the winter.

## **Changing Places**

A meeting will held soon with Jan Kerr, the access representative on our Local Place Plan committee and Robbie Blyth Fife Coast and Countryside Officer for Fife Council to try to source funding for a Changing Places unit to be placed in The Temple Car Park.

There is a Community Recovery Fund that has been allocated to Fife Communities of £1.1M and it will be up to the Area Committee to identify the priority areas requiring funding.

There was potential was for £150K to be laid aside for bids to come in from non, Fife Council facilities that could provide a strong business case for support for mitigations or new installations that would support them in terms of making their operation sustainable.

The proposal was based on up to 75% or 50K maximum grant. Fife Council are essentially aiming this at facilities at risk of closure due to utility cost price hikes.

It is hoped that this will help relevant premises reduce future energy costs.

## **Durham Wynd Wall**

The broken section of the wall has been made safe although it is felt that the whole wall is in need of repair and there has been an issue with the point of contact with Fife Council and also with Kingdom Homes who own the land. Fife Council agree that communication with the public needs to be improved. Mr Aitken will try to contact David Paterson our Area Services Manager.

## **Burnbrae Terrace**

The Path under the viaduct which leads to the bottom of Woodlands Road and is a safe route to school is very eroded and Mr Aitken is trying to establish ownership and therefore responsibility for the necessary repair work. Mr Crichton, who we think is the landlord is looking into it.

## **Ukrainian Refugees**

One Adult, as far as we know, has been registered with an NHS dentist and we have been informed that if you are providing a home for a refugee in your house you can apply to have an extra-large blue bin.

In order for refugees who are struggling with learning English Mr Aitken suggested holding informal get togethers to chat over a coffee. It was suggested that we start small and have small groups in the Library in Lundin Links. Mr Aitken will ask the Social Work Dept how many refugees we have in our area and maybe they could spread the word. Fiona Wyllie who is TEFL trained has volunteered to help.

## **Speed Watch**

There are three volunteers who are willing to be trained but there has been a delay due to the need for PVG certification which is a long process. We are looking for more volunteers.

### **Durham Field Woodland**

Nothing to report, however there are to be community fruit tree planting events in the Largo House garden on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **Fife Council Report**

- The Area Road Commission has allocated £100,000 to repair the wall next the river at Harbour Wynd.
- Local Transport Strategy Consultation - This sets out Fife Council's vision and action plan for Fife's transport system over the next ten years. The consultation document is found online and closes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.
- The road works at Scoonie should be finished before the end of March.
- Rail Link – The work on the Bawbee Bridge should be complete by the end of March. The work on the Rail Link is on schedule to be completed by March 2024. Currently it is 51% complete with updates and drone footage online.

### **Largo Communities Together LCT**

- There are now 300 registered members in the community.
- The AGM was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 with documents on the website.
- The next issue of the Largo Links magazine will be distributed around the 4<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Largo Place Plan – This document is a strategy put in place for the community to have their say in the future of the villages and is getting to the end of the consultation phase, although comments are still very welcome.
- Friends of Largo Bay is for individuals and organisations who enjoy Largo Bay and support its conservation and enhancement through organised events and community engagement.

### **AOCB**

The potholes on Durham Wynd have been reported to Fife Council, although it appears they are not deep enough to require filling in.

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH AT 7.00PM IN THE LIBRARY LUNDIN LINKS**