



Largo Communities Together (35) 28 February 2022

Board Members Present: Nora Conlin, Stan Green, Irene Kay, Emily Macdonald, Jill Miller, Dougi McMillan, Louise Robb (Chair), James Simpson

In Attendance: A Duthuille (DTAS), Ronnie Graham, P Logan (DO), Andrew Stenson,

Apologies: A Brown, J Kerr, B Russell

1. Welcome, update, apologies:

LR welcomed all in attendance to the meeting. Apologies noted above. She extended a particular welcome to Alice Duthuille (AD), our new DTAS DO as Lena had recently left the organisation. AD had passed on our regards to Lena and that we wished her well. AD was now picking up on our developments and had already been in touch with a few LCT Board members. We looked forward to working further with her. AD had only been with DTAS three weeks. She went on to give us brief details of her background. She had worked on a range of programmes: Strengthening Communities; Community Transport: Health and Social Care.

We all introduced ourselves to AD and provided her with some context information. AD and EM had already discussed our application for the Green Shoots Fund. Further work was required on this document.

LR had attended a Governance Course for Trustees run by DTAS. She reported that it had been very valuable and that our Board should consider what informed us as a SCIO, and if our arrangements and structures were robust. We would check out when we had the opportunity of meeting face to face. Noted we had worked on our procedures and protocols.

LR suggested we have a tour of Silverburn and a working social event afterwards, possibly at our April meeting. Venue to be checked out. This suggestion was well received.

Four LCT members had been among a group of ten who had visited the Fife Ecology Centre. Their insights and learning from the visit would further inform the LPP.

2. Minutes of 17 January 2022 and matters arising:

Minutes of 17 January 2022 proposed by JM and seconded by IK. All matters arising covered in the agenda.



3. Pier Sub Group update

JS provided comment on his previously emailed report:

- Reported that a very good meeting had been held with David Narro re RIBA Stage 3. Design details were being finalised. Final drawings will be sent to contractors to review then quantity surveyors will consider costings.
- Site meeting with FC officers who were fully supportive of the project.
- The consultants continued with their tasks. With support from PL, the Community Survey had been disseminated to LCT membership. To date, over 80 completed thus far. PL will remind people to complete. Responses will be analysed by the consultants and included in the final report re the business case.
- Progress was continuing with Levenmouth Reconnected and the large grant application. JS and Steve Wood(SW) would be speaking Phil Clarke, Manager of the Levenmouth Project. Funding application date extended to end of May with notice of intent by 26 March.
- JS, SW and Amy had a successful meeting with Graham Bucknall of the Crusoe. The hotel was being very supportive of developments and had ideas to contribute to commercial development of the harbour.
- Noted Largo Bay was important strategically to Restoration Forth and Levenmouth Reconnected.
- Noted the invaluable technical support PL was providing re this development.

4. LACRT update:

IK highlighted points from her previously emailed report:

- The draft Resilience Plan continued to be developed. The community will be involved in completing a local risk assessment. Application made to FC for resilience funding of £1000 to purchase a mobile generator and associated equipment. Discussions ongoing re insurance, training, safe storage, access and so on. Article explaining Resilience and subsequent plans had been prepared for the next edition of Largo Links.
- IK was our representative on Fife's Resilience Forum. LACRT had positive relationships with FC's Resilience Officer.
- LF&N continued to develop well. Face to face meetings were now going ahead with some of the volunteer team and their befriendeds. At a recent meeting with the volunteer team, it was decided to organise a coffee meet for befriendeds and the volunteers. Date to be confirmed for April in the Durham Hall. If successful, coffee meets would be opened up to the wider community as there could be others who might benefit from such a social event. Another strand being explored was possible befriending within Peacehaven. IK and Coordinator, Jean Wilson had a meeting arranged to discuss this possibility with Peacehaven management.
- Upper Largo Telephone Box was now fully restored including painting the exterior by Duncan Whitehead as a community gesture. Iain Barnes had volunteered to maintain the space. To date, the Box was being used as a book and jigsaw exchange, as well as displaying helpful information. K of L PS was involved too. The children were exploring ideas about how to use the Box. In due course we could expect to see examples of their work on display.



- Edition 6 of Largo Links Community Magazine was due to be distributed on 5 March 2022. Forty- four distributors will deliver 2,050 copies throughout the area. The LCT Community Place Plan Postcard will be included. LACRT had a four page spread outlying current activity.
- Other projects were ongoing: Happy Beaches, Community IT Support, Support in Times of Need Fund, Monitoring Covid Statistics.

5.Largo Arts Week/Largo Arts

DM and AS provided comment on their previously emailed report.

- Further development of Lower Largo Telephone Box - a metal art work explaining the Fauld's Obelisk to be added.
- Regular updates as previously will keep the community updated re LAW. Official website likely to be launched early June.
- Meetings had taken place with vendors re live performances: Upper Largo Hotel, The Crusoe and The Aurrie all to be involved. A meeting to be organised with PL to ensure she was fully apprised of arrangements.
- Applications for Open Studios were 64 in number. Included Lundin Links, Lower Largo and Upper Largo.
- Noted that LAW coincided with the Golf Open in St Andrews and that traffic would be an issue.
- The Stables, Upper Largo to accommodate six artists and two from the villages – under the banner of Made in Fife. Upper Largo Hotel may also host an artist.
- Brochure to be published showing Pathways Through The Villages. Accessibility to be included.
- Car parking was a serious issue. Noted: Common Ground in Lundin Links; AA Road Signage; no food vans at Temple Car Park as venues available; use of Durham Hall to be discussed with Rev Gavin Boswell; investigate Stables and Montrave; public transport and bus links. Parking needed to be a Council led issue. There would be a considerable increase in footfall through the week. Noted venues would have to be carefully managed.
- Cllr Davidson was aware of the issues, and of the positive impact of LAW to the area.

6&7.Community Sustainable Development/Local Place Plan scope update

JM reported that PL was taking forward development tasks with creativity and focus, in particular the LPP and Largo Pier Survey among other activities.

PL reported on the LPP. Iain Green had designed the **Help Build Our Local Place Plan** postcard which, as previously stated, would be inserted in copies of Largo Links. Open questions were listed on the back to help gauge public views. Analysis and feedback would subsequently be carried out in line with current research theory. The postcard would be an introduction to the ongoing LPP process

and was integral to the branding/marketing of it. It was important to make connections and engage all facets of the community. The Upper Largo Camera Club would document the LPP process. Link representative, Neil Taylor would meet with PL to discuss this aspect.

All aspects of social media would be explored. PL to meet with Roger Ferguson re LCT website.



Positive links made with Fife Ecology Centre, Restoration Forth and Coastal Communities Network.

8. Largo House Group update/Polish Consulate/other activities

SG provided an update:

- SG had been in contact with Sylvia and proposed a joint Polish Consulate/LCT meeting with David Crichton to discuss the commemoration of the Polish Army's involvement at Largo House. SG to arrange and to represent LCT. PL also to be involved.
- Continued PR re engagement with Largo Estate. Article to be published within the forthcoming Largo Links. The contact with the Polish Consulate was another opportunity to open up discussion re access, paths and field boundaries. The owners felt there were Health and Safety issues re path access.
- Contact with Stirling University had been passed to the owners.
- Possible involvement of Upper Largo Hotel re info boards about the Polish involvement in this part of Fife.
- Website: Roger Ferguson to take over editing responsibility from SG in March.
- LACC Meeting: LCT had a standing item on their agenda. Gail Green to link with LCT re LPP. LR to attend April meeting accompanied by PL.
- Dandelion: prompting people to think about horticulture. (Seeds of Hope: How the Dandelion project brings a celebration of culture, arts, community and food to Scotland.) SG will promote with Horticultural Trades Association.

9. Treasury/Funding Group/DO Funding Report

EM highlighted points from her previously emailed report:

- Accounting details were noted in the report for LCT; Largo Pier; LACRT accounts.
- Pension for DO had been set up for April.
- Recurring source of income generation required.
- Funding application to DTAS for book keeper had to be revised. AD explained the context for Green Shoots funding. It was a one off payment to set up systems and not for ongoing payment of a book keeper. EM would consider revising the application and also look at other funding sources.

10. Marketing and Communications/Membership: to be carried forward.

11. Volunteer Register/List of Community Groups

Noted that the Resilience Plan required a volunteer register. LACRT had retained a number of volunteers from their various Covid activities. IK offered to work further on a volunteer register within Resilience Planning development.



A list of community groups/clubs /societies /organisations had been compiled and would be cited in Office 365. Representatives of these organisations, of which there were many, would be invited to LPP sessions.

12. AoB

Noted by AD that LCT and Sub Groups were engaged in positive work on behalf of the community. She offered DTAS support and hoped to join a future meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 4 April 2022. Details of venue/ format to follow.