

Largo Communities Together

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Minutes of LCT (17) Board Meeting Monday 29 June 2020

Present: Nora Conlin, Stan Green, Irene Kay, Emily MacDonald, Dougi McMillan, Louise Robb (Chair), Martin Schmidt, Barbara Simpson, James Simpson, Steve Wood

In attendance: Kyle Forgan, Beau Russel

Apologies: Iain Brown

1. Welcome, apologies, thanks and introductions

LR welcomed everyone to the meeting. Duncan Law has stepped down but will attend the public hour from time to time. Minutes to be sent to him in the meantime. LR has sent him a letter thanking him for his service to LCT. We all wish him well.

Apologies noted as above.

IK (LACRT Chair) welcomed to her first meeting as a Board member.

2. Minutes of 6 May 2020

Proposed by DM and seconded by EM

3. Microsoft capabilities, training etc.

MS thanked for the training given to date. Sessions now complete with LR and IK. Sessions to be arranged for NC, JS, BS, SW. Contact MS by email to arrange a suitable time. Everyone on the same platform will add efficiency to the operational capacity of the Board.

4. Largo Estate update

SG has emailed the Crichton's since the last meeting. They are trying to get organised re Covid so little to report from them.

Discussion ensued about the most appropriate next steps to move forward from LCT's perspective. The community in the LCT consultation process stated what they would like to see develop, e.g. allotments, pathways, creative spaces.

Noted that we had to take cognisance of Land Reform Act Legislation and timeframes. Decision taken to convene a Largo Estate subgroup to review progress to date; clearly define immediate actions and consider key communications required.

Members to include: SG (Chair), MS, EM, SW, BR, KF.

Possible to also recruit members from outwith LCT. SG to contact members of subgroup and arrange an initial meeting.

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5. Pier update

JS reported that he has heard the Crusoe Hotel has gone into administration.

The Pier consultation report will be updated and lodged on the website with the PowerPoint used in the presentation.

The following actions are in progress or to ensue:

- Raising funds for winter repairs, £3,000
- Carrying out a site survey, £2,000
- Preparing RIBA Stage 3 documentation – architectural report required for any tender proposal. Raymond Muszynski, Architect is working on this task
- Drafting letter looking for funding both locally and overseas. JS and SW have almost completed this task. Noted former Largo residents, now abroad are also interested in this heritage developmental proposal to fully restate the pier. Letter to be mailed to named individuals, locally and abroad
- Ensuring a straightforward process for those who wish to donate. EM has investigated options and set them up in the LTS account, e.g. PayPal and texting amongst others
- Convening fund raising group – investigating grant funding and Just Giving page. EM, JS, SW and members of the Pier subgroup

The above is preparatory work prior to the major fund raising required for the full reinstatement of the pier, circa £1.3 million.

JS and SW will report on progress at the next meeting.

JS to email KL and BR Pier PowerPoint presentation for information.

7. Funding Group

See note re the Pier. Funding group to be more fully considered at the next meeting.

8. Largo Arts Week update

Planning is underway for LAW 2021.

DM discussed a proposal with LCT: to purchase the disused phone box at the Orry and reinvent it as an art/community asset, e.g. a space with practical relevance, shared resource, mobile exhibitions. DM has investigated and it is feasible. The consideration is liability but this could be taken forward through LCT. The cost of the phone box - £1.00. The Community Council has been involved and Peter Aitken, Chair has signed it off.

Noted that there is also a disused phone box in Upper Largo. IK proposed that it be considered within this proposal. The documentation for its purchase would have to be taken forward but this was not an onerous process.

LCT gave its support to these proposals DM, LK, EM, to take forward. EM to investigate insurance, DM to liaise with Peter Aitken and IK to investigate Upper Largo's phone box for inclusion in the project.

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9. LACRT update

IK spoke to the LACRT report previously emailed:

- fifth newsletter letter box dropped on Sunday 28 June informed the community of progress to date
- regular bulletins emailed
- current activity noted in emailed report
- developing areas include befriending service; developing IT capacity in/for elderly residents and those with little IT experience; Men Sheds
- continuing to monitor progress

Discussion followed on planning processes and connections with Fife Council's Emergency Planning re Covid 19. Noted no formal plan had been required to be submitted to Fife Council.

10. Membership

To be held over to next meeting.

11. AoB and date of next meeting

Review of LCT processes, roles and responsibilities, documentation to ensure all in line. AGM is due in October 2020. Last year's AGM adhered strictly to due process. Any elections would follow appropriate protocols.

Date of next meeting – **Monday 10 August 2020.- 7-8.45pm – Likely on zoom.**

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