

## Minutes Of Levenmouth Local Tourism Association

Date:- 03/12/2019

Present:- Christopher Trotter, Marianne Lynch

In Attendance:- Dominique Robertson, Cllr David Alexander, Cllr Alistair Suttie, Karen Donaldson, Lee Murray, Brian Robertson, Stan Green

	ACTION
<p><b>1) Apologies</b> Eugene Clarke John Murray Jim Danton Jan Kerr</p>	
<p><b>2) Previous minutes</b> Previous minutes agreed</p>	
<p><b>3) News from Dominique</b> Dominique informed the group that she is leaving Fife Council to develop her textile design and weaving business. Due to Brexit, things are very uncertain and it may become necessary for her to move to France soon. Dominique has enjoyed being a part of various projects in the area and looks forward to continuing to visit as a tourist to watch the areas projects progress.</p>	
<p><b>4) Branding Workshop</b> John Murray was unable to attend but gave an update to say that Bright have not yet come back with feedback following on from the workshop.</p>	
<p><b>5) Update – Cllr David Alexander</b> Cllr Alexander gave us an update on the railway project advising that the funds have been approved for the blueprint group and they now require a manager to run this. Discussions have included freight as a potential addition.</p>	
<p><b>6) Update – Karen Donaldson</b> Karen updated the group that she has sold The Lemon Tree coffee shop but will continue to support the committee and other local area projects as much as she can.</p>	
<p><b>7) Update – Lee Murray</b> Lee reminded us that the Christmas market will be held at The Shorehead on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> &amp; 15<sup>th</sup> December, featuring a 60ft Ferris Wheel, Santa’s Grotto, bar &amp; around 37 stalls. The recent Run Fest was also a success including around</p>	

200 people taking part, 170 of them from outside the Levenmouth area. It was well publicised in the front page of the local papers. Jim Parker from Fife Properties sponsored the event.

This year also held the first outdoor movie events in Leven with around 170 attending.

The food and drink festival was also a great success with over 1000 attending and high street shops now keen to get involved with future events in the area.

Levenmouth Together project has funds until March 2020 but hope to continue their event idea into 2020.

**8) Update – Brian Robertson**

This year, Silverburn has seen many progressions over various projects including introduction of new staff, the Flax Mill lease signed, volunteers expanding the allotments, work beginning on the woodlands, 16 new volunteers signed up after the recent volunteering event, 2 more staff growing produce to sell in the café, the café expansion, a crowdfunding initiative to get people involved and raise funds, a new branding project, the beginning of the Flax Mill project, the new campsite will be ready for Easter, the car park renovation, public toilet update, driveway repair & Silverburn House demolition.

Stan Green asked what the tipping point was as there seems to be a lot on momentum now. Brian advised that the funding they received for a manager on the ground followed by 4 members of staff this year and a proactive board of directors has really progressed the plans.

**9) Update – Stan Green**

Stan from Largo Communities Together explained they have been trying to make contact with the new owner of Largo House to try and make use of the beautiful grounds surrounding the house. They have a meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December which is a follow up to their initial meeting in Spring.

This year’s Largo Arts festival was a great success.

A group has been formed to try to save and restore the pier to stop it falling away into the sea. A personal donation was given to them to carry out surveys to find out what can be done to restore it. Financial troubles with the current owner mean that no input is coming from the business.

The long term vision is that Largo House could be a tourism attraction.

**10) Next Meeting**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 3-5pm at FRIC.