

Election Candidates standing in the 2020 AGM election

Stan Green:



Managing Director of Growforth Ltd (Est1990) a horticultural nursery. I also own The Plant Market at Dalgety Bay and The Green Room Florist. From 2013 – 2015 I was President of the UK Horticultural Trades Association and Chairman of the UK Board. I am pleased to have initiated and help lead the project to create Scotland's National Garden - "The Calyx" (as yet unrealised) alongside Sir Andrew Cubie and Jim McColl CBE. I received The Royal

Caledonian Horticultural Society's "Silver Medal" for services to Horticulture in 2017. For many years I have been actively involved with making representations to Government bodies, Government (UK and Scottish) Ministers and higher education bodies as well as charities and NGO's. I am also a long-standing committee member of both "Garden for Life" and "Green Business Fife" groups. Most recently I was appointed a Director of "Trellis Scotland", and I have been involved in charitable fundraising for the Children's Hospice Association for Scotland. I have also been involved in the local Children's Gala and Millennium committee's where I served as chair of both. My wife Gail is a school support assistant at Lundin Mill and I am in the enviable position of living in the Main Street of Lower Largo where I step out of my house.... turn left to my garden or right to the beach. I am still enjoying an active life and have a particular interest within LCT in Largo House and Grounds.

Irene R Kay:

I worked in NHS Fife as Executive Director of Nursing from 1988 until my retiral in 2006. I moved to Lundin Links in 1999 then to Upper Largo 2003 where I currently reside with my husband.

My interests since retiral have all been community based – as a member of the Community Council 2007-2014: a member of the Simpson Institute Management Committee 2008-2011: an Elder of Largo Parish Church 2000 - present, as Session Clerk 2015-2019.

As an Elder and Convener within the local Church I am responsible for Strategic Planning, the redevelopment of the Durham Hall and Pastoral Care. I am also a Citizens Advocate working in Fife with "Include Me". I was awarded the MBE in 2007.

In the course of my professional life I was involved in strategic planning which included NHS preparation for a future pandemic. In March 2020 I was invited to chair the local response group for the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Working with the Largo Area Coronavirus Response Team has been exceedingly rewarding and has made me even more aware of the incredible support networks which exist within the Largo community.

Jan Kerr:

I am a Fifer and grew up in Thornton before going to Dunfermline College in 1971. I taught PE in two Fife high schools before having a family. When I returned full-time, I taught children with profound disabilities. I moved to Lundin Links in 1985. Since retiring in 2001, I have been a trustee with a number of charities. I have been a trustee of the Homelands Trust-Fife since 2010 and secretary since 2011. I am a volunteer in the Paxton Centre cafe at Homelands and run a weekly seated exercise class. After attending an Eden Project Community Camp in 2017, the Big Picnic was born. I am still involved with the Eden Project through their Eden Communities Scotland Network. Following on from the first Big Picnic, I got a group of local Mums together to raise funds for the new, inclusive play park.

I have spoken at several national conferences and given talks to a wide variety of groups to promote Homelands. Prior to that, I was a volunteer with Forth and Tay Disabled Ramblers (FTDR), which I helped to co-found. I chaired the group for six years. At FTDR, I did the fundraising, and I was involved with auditing paths for disabled access, working with land owners and land managers to improve access to the countryside for disabled people.

I live in Lundin Links with my husband, Colin and I'm primary carer for Kitty Walker - many of you will simply know her from Facebook as M'Lady.

Emily Macdonald:

I have lived in Upper Largo for 5 years with my husband and 3 sons. My sons attend Kirkton of Largo Primary School. I grew up in Edinburgh and studied at Strathclyde University in Glasgow before moving to London. From 2000 – 2015, I worked in the credit risk area for a number of investment banks in London, and was latterly Head of Credit & Market Risk for an Islamic bank. Since moving to Upper Largo, I have been involved in setting up and running Largo Library and Community Hub and I have been a Trustee of Largo Communities Together since the start. In March 2020, I helped to launch the Largo Area Coronavirus Response Team. My main interest in LCT is restoring community access to Largo Estate as I see so much potential for my family to enjoy spending time there. I am currently Treasurer of LCT.

Jill Miller:

Jill returned to Lundin Links 8 years ago because once you've lived in the Largo area there just isn't anywhere else like it....

While currently working full time she is not far from retiring and is beginning to look for ways in which she can put her experience to good use. She is currently the Chair of Voluntary Arts Scotland and a Trustee of Fife Coast & Countryside Trust and whilst a member of Lundin Ladies

Golf Club, does not seem to show much talent for the game!

On graduating from the Scottish College of Textiles Jill worked as a freelance community artist, facilitator and trainer before joining Fife Council as an Arts and Disability Officer in 1990, moving to Glasgow as Head of Arts in 1999. She was awarded an OBE in the 2017 New Year Honours for services to Culture in Glasgow.

She is currently Director of Cultural Services for Glasgow Life, the largest culture, sport and learning charity in the UK. She provides leadership and management for Arts, Music, Museums, Libraries and Community Services with a particular interest in equalities, engagement and volunteering.

Jill is focused on making a difference through people centered practice, strives to create conditions that enable individual and sector growth and is a passionate advocate for showcasing the international quality of Glasgow's culture. Through extensive work in the public and voluntary sectors, Jill has overseen significant capital programmes and was the Head of

Festival2014 which was recognised as being the most inclusive and accessible Commonwealth Games Cultural Programme to date. Jill is the strategic lead for city cultural festivals such as Glasgow International, Celtic Connections and the development of Glasgow's 25 year Cultural Plan, the City Artist in Residence Programme and is the sponsor for the city-wide Community Hub Programme

Alistair Sutton:



Alistair is married to Rachel, and we were both originally on the LCT steering group and then as original trustees. Alistair is from Largo, but had his first 5 years in Kirkcaldy. The whole vision of LCT was Alistair's brainchild. He drew the steering group together, provided the vision and took those involved through the process of forming a charity. Alistair also did 80% of the feasibility study to take Largo House Estate in hand.

If elected, Alistair would look to secure community access to Largo House Estate as he feels that this part of the remit has been neglected.

He is well experienced in such matters as a land agent / Chartered Surveyor who is a longstanding member of Community Land Scotland, along with being a previous Executive Officer of Galson Estate Trust, Isle of Lewis and LCT's previous Secretary. If elected, Alistair will focus on gaining community access to Largo House to help realise the interests of many LCT members, while others on the board look to secure the refurbishment of the pier.

Board Members remaining in office

Nora Conlin:

I have lived in Lundin Links for over 30 years with my husband, John. Following my time at Edinburgh University, my professional life of some 40 years plus, was spent in education at school, authority and national levels. Much of my time was spent working with primary and secondary schools across the East Neuk and St Andrews from Largo Bay over to the Tay Bridge areas. This afforded me an excellent insight into the local demographic and beyond. Since retiring from the Education Service, I am involved with Largo Communities Together with its values driven approach and became a trustee of the Board in April 2019. In March 2020, I joined the Largo Bay Area Coronavirus Response Team. I work with these groups in a range of ways, including writing minutes and other papers. I am presently working on the development of a Befriending Project for the Largo area. Other interests include the community choir and involvement with Fife Voluntary Action.

Dougi McMillan:

Chair of Largo Arts Week and originator/partner of the Arts Week event. I was born in St. Andrews, raised in Buckhaven (and Largo on my mother's family-side). I formally trained as a Composer and I was a self-employed musician, photographer for over 18 years. Returning to education I studied Fine Art – Printmaking at Duncan of Jordanstone, BA and post graduate levels. I am currently the Director of Creative Industries at Fife College. This role has provided me with extensive experience of developing a Creative projects portfolio both locally and across commercial & community partnerships, third party agencies, government and funding agencies cross sector. I manage all resources, credits, commercial portfolio development, International projects and MA's within agreed budgets. I have an excellent knowledge base of the specialist areas across the creative industries sector and continue to work as a commercial photographer. I am passionate, driven, experienced: excellent at getting the best out of individuals, an effective team player.

Louise Robb:



Day Job - Current Managing Partner of LR Associates LLP

Louise has thirty-two years' work experience and nineteen working globally with a large range of blue chip and NGO clients as an Organisational Development consultant, facilitator, team and individual coach and mediator. After a thirteen-year career in business as an accountant and finance director of two legal firms and Rolls Royce in Scotland, she began studying psychology. In 2017 she completed her Masters in Integrative Coaching Psychology. With a United Nations International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance, Louise has worked with the UN and its sister agencies.

Louise moved to Ceres, Fife in 1992 with her then young son. She has lived in Lundin Links and Lower Largo since 2007. Her sense of adventure, connection to our environment and forty-odd-year passion for kayaking have inspired solo kayak journeys around the Scottish isles; also teaching sailing at Largo Bay Sailing Club and a member of our Largo and Lundie cycling club.

Louise has been the Chair of the LCT since its inception in September 2017 and was a member of the Children's Hearing Service for seven years prior to that. Both witnessing and being part of a growing community network is a challenge and a privilege.

Martin Schmidt:

I am an IT professional of 28 years having worked across the UK and internationally. I am employed by the National Trust for Scotland where I manage all IT projects and initiatives across Scotland. I have lived in Lundin Links for 6 years with my wife and son.

I have been a trustee of LCT since 2018. I chair the LCT subgroup responsible for Largo Estate and look after all IT matters for LCT.

I am also a volunteer Coastguard based at Leven Coastguard Station.

Jimmy Simpson:

I come from an old Largo family and a long line of seafarers. After an early career as a Navigating Officer in the Merchant Navy where I qualified as a Master Mariner, I obtained a BSc in Nautical Studies. I then joined Forth Ports Authority (later to become Forth Port Plc) where I subsequently held a number of Senior Management positions including Port Manager at both Leith and Grangemouth. My final role was as Chief Harbour Master, Firth of Forth where I was responsible for all aspects of marine safety throughout the entire Forth Estuary and for all marine activities including pilotage, towage, dredging hydrographic surveying and the provision of navigation aids.

In 1996, I was appointed to the Scottish Coastal Forum and served there until 2010, the final five years as Chairman. I was also a member of the Scottish Canals Group and, for a number of years, served on the committee of the Forth Yacht Clubs Association. In 2008, I received an MBE for services to the environment and charities.

I have been deeply involved with Church life wherever we have lived, serving as an Elder in the Church of Scotland for over 30 years.

In 2011, I became a Board Member of Forth Coast and Countryside Trust where I continue to serve.

I am Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute and a Member of the Royal Institute of Navigation.

We returned to live in Lower Largo in July, 2017 and in the following year I became involved in the Pier Group and Largo Communities Together. I am Chair of the Pier Sub Group and a Trustee Board Member of LCT.

Barbara Simpson:

I come from an old Largo family and was brought up in Lower Largo attending Lundin Mill Primary and Buckhaven High Schools. After training as a primary school teacher at Moray House, I commenced my teaching career at Buckhaven Primary School and subsequently taught at schools in Plymouth and later in West Fife. I have been a member of various choirs over many years, most recently the Dunfermline Choral Union. I am currently singing with the Lundin Links Community Choir. I have been a volunteer puppy walker for Guide Dogs, having trained four pups, three of which went on to be working guide dogs and the other became part of the first partnership between an autistic child and an assistance dog. I have always been deeply involved with life of the local Church, including a period teaching in Sunday School.

I am a fellow of the RSPB and a life member of the Woodland Trust.

I have a deep interest in all matters concerning Lower Largo, its history and heritage and the preservation of the village, particularly Largo Pier and its harbour.

We returned to live in Lower Largo in July 2017 and I became involved in the work of LCT two years later. I am a Trustee Board member and serve in the Communications Group with responsibility for membership liaison.