

## **LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2011 IN LENZIE ACADEMY LIBRARY**

#### **1.0 ATTENDANCE**

Rosemary Craig, Tom Gray, Ron Hall, Councillor Anne Jarvis, Alan Jarvis, Suzanne Smith, Sandra Thornton, John McFadden and five members of the public.

#### **2.0 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Geekie, Donald McLeod and Liz Ibbotson

#### **3.0 MINUTES OF AGM 2010**

3.1 Minutes of 2010 were not available on the website

#### **5.0 REPORT FROM OUTGOING CHAIR**

5.1 The Chairperson's Report will be published in full on the LCC website. In summary, this report covered events during the year, community projects aimed at improving the environment and representing the views of residents with respect to various consultations on Planning and other matters.

#### **6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

6.1 The Treasurer gave an account of the movement of funds for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and stated that the accounts circulated at the meeting have been audited and found to be in accordance with the books and records maintained. Income amounted to £6,889 and expenditure £4,339. Closing balance at the end of the year amounted to £5,734. It was noted that the Council received a grant of £2,850 from 'Awards for All' during the 2010-11 financial year, resulting in a higher than usual closing balance. However, this sum was duly spent on the Gala in the 2011-12 year under the terms of the award and the balance forecast for the end of the 2011-12 year will return to approximately £3k as in previous years.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Alan Jarvis and seconded by John McFadden.

6.2 A member of the public suggested that the buffer funds retained in the account to insure against a washout of the Gala and consequent loss of revenue seemed high, as was the overall expenditure on the Gala. However, it was noted that a large proportion of the additional Gala expenditure was aimed at improving the quality through special entertainments, with the objective of increasing voluntary and other participation. This in fact had been the outcome and the Council is already planning for 2012 Gala in terms of events and funding.

#### **7.0 OTHER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

7.1 A question was raised on the route to becoming a member of the Community Council. Members are elected every 4 years normally, but the Council can co-opt new members from time to time within overall numbers of ordinary members and members nominated by local organisations. At least one vacancy in the ordinary membership currently exists and it was made clear to the person raising the question that application to become a member would be looked on favourably. It was therefore agreed that Pat Munro should be co-opted to the Community Council as a member with effect from the next monthly meeting.

7.2 It was suggested that the Council in earlier years had spent more on visible improvements in the community, the railway monument and hanging flower baskets being cited as examples. In response it was stated that income is largely static, but despite that, there were several examples of environmental improvement such as the station flower displays and the Queen's

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Buildings clock restoration, both financed through partnership with relevant bodies. It was suggested that the monument may be in a need of repainting.

- 7.3 The state of the Royal Bank of Scotland car park was raised relative to potholes and exit sightlines. In particular, drivers regularly do not observe the indications to turn left at the Bank exit, thus creating a hazard. In response it was stated that these are matters for the Royal Bank, First Scotrail and possibly East Dunbartonshire Council Roads Department. However it was agreed to raise this issue with the parties involved.
- 7.4 The long-running problem caused by flooding of the Gadloch and impassability of the right-of-way to Auchinloch was raised. It was noted that work is currently being carried out at Wester Gadloch Farm by the landowners, where there is a suspected blockage in the outlet tunnel. Water is being pumped past the blocked area in an effort to lower the water level and to allow repair of the tunnel.
- 7.5 The Planning Convener commented on certain changes affecting the ability of the Community Council to monitor Planning Applications. This had improved greatly this year through the introduction by East Dunbartonshire Council of an online process whereby Planning Application documents can be consulted without having to visit the Planning Department in person. The present practice of the Community Council is that the Planning Convener circulates a report before each meeting on all recent applications and highlights any that appear to have a community implication or relevance. Extraordinary meetings have been held on several occasions in the last year to consider specific applications.
- 7.6 It was noted that no member of the Community Council had attended the first of the 'Police and Community' (PAC) meetings in Lenzie Public Hall and that Community Police no longer visited the 'Meeting Place' on Wednesday mornings during the winter season, when members of the public attending this venue could raise issues. On the first matter, it was noted that notification of the meeting to the Community Council was made with insufficient notice to arrange attendance as two of the office-bearers were attending a meeting of the Community Councils Liaison Committee. This was discussed at the most recent LCC meeting, after which the Police attending ascertained the date of the next PAC meeting in January and reported the date, which provides better notice. However, the Community Council is well in touch with the Community Police who attend most monthly meetings, where they report on crime statistics and engage in discussion about these issues. There had been very recent discussion with the Sergeant in Bishopbriggs Office responsible for Community Policing of Lenzie and there is willingness to resolve any issues related to communication and continuity of personnel which may be present.

#### **8.0 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS**

- 8.1 The present office bearers having indicated that they were prepared to continue for the next year and there being no other nominations, it was proposed and agreed that the positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer should be filled by the present incumbents. Community Council elections are scheduled in 2012 and the period of office will therefore be until the election date. The office bearers are therefore as follows:
- Chair - Suzanne Smith
  - Vice Chair - Allan Jarvis
  - Treasurer - Ron Hall
  - Secretary - Tom Gray

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**9.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 9.1 The next ordinary Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 7.00pm in the Lenzie Public Halls Committee Room.