

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2012 IN LENZIE PUBLIC HALL

ACTION

1.0 ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Rosemary Craig, Ron Hall, Liz Ibbotson (Chair), Donald MacLeod, John McFadden, Pat Munro, Tom Gray

2.0 APOLOGIES

Sandra Thornton. Christine Morrison, Suzanne Smith.

3.0 POLICE REPORT

No Community Police were in attendance at this meeting.

4.0 MINUTES OF 17TH OCTOBER 2012 MEETING

These minutes were accepted as correct, subject to rewording of item 10.1 to reflect the report issued as hardcopy to the last meeting and transfer of Pat Munro to the 'apologies' list.

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5.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 **Membership** – It was noted that Sandra Thornton had expressed willingness to continue as a member of the Council and had been elected at the November meeting to fill the remaining unfilled place on the Council. This brings the number of members to ten. The website will be amended to show the new membership. According to the Constitution and the original scheme of establishment, the Council may co-opt a further two members as appropriate. It was noted that the Constitution is not consistent with the Scheme of Establishment, nor with the proposed new Scheme. The Head of Legal Services for EDC had suggested at the Community Councils Liaison Committee meeting that the best time to consider revision would be after the new scheme had been finalised.

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- 5.2 **AGM and election of Office-Bearers** – The November minutes had stated that Office-Bearers would be elected at the AGM. The Constitution states that the Office-Bearers should be elected at the first Council meeting after an election (i.e. the November 2012 meeting) and subsequently as necessary by the Council, rather than by the AGM. This is noted for future reference.

6.0 LENZIE JOG

- 6.1 Robert Rogerson attended at this stage to represent Kirkintilloch Olympians in planning for this event. Arrangements for registration, decision on cancellation in relation to weather, contacting the Kirkintilloch Herald, First Aid and Insurance were considered. Registration bottlenecks should be eased by providing registration forms beforehand which intending runners can bring to the registration point. These are on the websites of LCC and Olympians and the Kirkintilloch Herald has agreed to print a copy of the form. It was agreed that a decision on cancellation could be delayed to a point 24 hours before the event. A consequence of using the Scottish Athletics insurance scheme is that notification of the event will appear on their website (this must have been the

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case previously). Scottish Athletics had requested a contact phone number which intending participants could use to check for cancellation. No manned phone number could be given and it was decided that Robert will inform Scottish Athletics that the websites will be updated to show cancellation if that circumstance arises. Robert was thanked for his participation and the invaluable input of the Kirkintilloch Olympians. Other arrangements for catering etc were discussed, including the provision of Fairtrade bananas by the Co-op.

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7.0 REPORT ON COMMUNITY COUNCILS LIAISON MEETING

- 7.1 **Snow Wardens proposal** – This proposal had been circulated to members and was discussed. It was agreed that, as proposed, the scheme was not feasible – the expectation that volunteers would be responsible for security and proper use of grit and the deployment of further volunteers did not seem realistic. Information from the EDC website showed that there are already several smaller grit bins located in various places and the website also shows the routes already treated. It was concluded that the Roads Director be informed that LCC has discussed the proposal and recommended that a street-based scheme with smaller bins is more likely to be effective. Information about the form to be completed to request a grit bin should also be on the website. (email to David Devine has been sent and something similar to above scheme described has been published in Kirkintilloch Herald.)

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- 7.2 **Election/Boundary issues** – no progress was reported at the Liaison meeting on the boundary issue, beyond confirmation that the population of the current Lenzie CC area is stated to be 7,700 as of 2010. Waterside CC has not discussed the boundary issue as yet. It seemed that lack of clear mapping might be an issue for the CC and for EDC. Suzanne Smith offered at the Liaison Committee meeting to source a map which would show the proposed new housing at Woodilee and the suggested boundary at Calfmuir Road could be shown more clearly.

Views on the cumbersome and expensive nature of a potential election process were expressed. No elections were held in East Dunbartonshire, given that the numbers of Community Council places in each location were less than the number allocated. There was discussion of the election method and the costs of holding an election.

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8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 8.1 The Treasurer reported outgoings of £734 in relation to the Christmas Lights event and current bank balances of £3,719.

9.0 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT

- 9.1 It was agreed that this event had gone very well with probably the largest attendance of recent years. Feedback from the shops had been positive and the refreshments arrangement in the Lenzie Old Hall was particularly busy. Pat Munro was thanked for the hard work invested in this event. In passing, it was noted that there had been no Police participation, which would have been

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welcome given the large crowds and proximity of traffic.

10.0 PLANNING

- 10.1 The Planning Convener had circulated a summary of the various Planning Applications since the last meeting. The meeting agreed with his assessment that none of these applications were contentious from the Community Council point of view.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 **Request by MSP** - Constituency MSP Fiona McLeod had made a request to attend a meeting of the Council. The Office-Bearers had agreed to this and asked only to be notified in advance. (Post meeting note – It appears that the regular date for monthly meetings is not suitable for attendance as Ms McLeod has to be at Holyrood during the week, but an open invitation stands. Since the meeting, Jo Swinson MP has confirmed that she should find it possible to attend the February 2013 meeting of the Council.)

12.0 AOCB

- 12.1 **Wording of standard agenda** – The Chair had suggested in writing that the wording at the foot of the agenda might not be sufficiently welcoming to members of the public attending and had suggested an alternative wording. There was sympathy with the view that a better form of words should be found but the wording suggested might not allow the Chair sufficient scope to control the conduct of the meeting unless the terms of participation of a member of the public were more formal than suggested. It was agreed that an alternative form of words be proposed for consideration. There was also a suggestion to identify the Community Council notice board more clearly.
- 12.2 **Lenzie Traffic Safety** – it was suggested that sufficient time had elapsed for the Lenzie Traffic Improvement Scheme to be reviewed, together with other traffic alterations affecting Lenzie. Issues raised include speed limits on the KLR section north of Lindsaybeg, perception of increased speeding through Lenzie and sight lines on roundabouts. It was agreed that the Director of Roads be contacted concerning the need for a review.
- 12.3 **Primary School Consultation** – Report of the EDC meeting on this topic had appeared in the local Press and, among other proposals, the suggestion was that Lenzie Primary be closed and combined with Lenzie Moss Primary in a new school to be built at the Lenzie Moss site. It was suggested that members needed to be at least informed about these proposals and that Councillor Rhondda Geekie be consulted to find the best way of doing this.

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13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 13.1 No meeting is scheduled in January and the next meeting will be on 20th February in Lenzie Public Hall.