

## LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 IN PUBLIC HALL LENZIE

#### ACTION

#### 1.0 ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Rosemary Craig, Liz Ibbotson, Tom Gray, John McFadden, Ron Hall, Suzanne Smith, Anne Jarvis, Alan Jarvis, Donald MacLeod

Seven members of the public attended, including two residents from the Meadowburn area by invitation and a further two from Claddens East area.

#### 2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Sandra Thornton

#### 3.0 POLICE REPORT

- 3.1 Constables Ross Blane and Nicole Gallagher attended. Generally the crime picture in the Lenzie part of the Ward had improved since the last report. Nine crimes had been reported, mostly of a minor nature such as vandalism, with no housebreakings in the last month.

#### 4.0 GREENBELT ISSUES

- 4.1 Carl Brown and Alisdair Sinclair from Meadowburn Avenue explained the background to their activities in relation to the Greenbelt issue. A website had been set up to raise awareness and collect information and opinions. At that stage it had had 300 visitors. Dialogue with EDC Planning Department had been helpful and this had led them to consider that the best strategy would be to prepare a single objection document, based on submitted opinions, rather than relying on a large number of objection documents that might make very similar points. The two residents from Claddens East area explained their objections to the proposal to move the Green Belt in that area.

[The draft submission has now been posted on the LSGB website, with a deadline of 9<sup>th</sup> March for comments.](#)

- 4.2 Council members had previously received a report from the Planning Convener, summarising the EDC's case for retaining the Green Belt boundary as proposed and the developers' case to have it moved. He was congratulated on the clarity and effectiveness of this report. There was a brief discussion which concluded that an objection to the proposal to move the Green Belt boundary in the two areas indicated in South Lenzie should be submitted by the Community Council. A special meeting was proposed to consider the arguments more fully and formulate the terms under which objections could be made. A question was raised concerning a proposed public meeting in Lenzie on the subject but no information about that was available. [The Council was informed at the special meeting a week later, that a meeting for residents had been convened by Councillor Jarvis in Millersneuk Primary. The Planning Convener proposed to attend that meeting.](#)

#### 5.0 MINUTES 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER MEETING

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- 5.1 These were accepted as correct subject to a small alteration regarding item 5.2 relating to the Millersneuk Shopping Centre pharmacy application.

#### 6.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 6.1 **Millersneuk Shopping Centre** – The Secretary reported that contact had been made with the Co-op Regional Manager concerning the shopping centre environment. He had been in post for a year and during that time had attempted to progress a concerted effort among the proprietors to share the costs of improvement. A meeting had been held in the previous week, at which it was reported that agreement had been reached to share costs and it was hoped that this would lead to improvement. It was agreed to stay in touch with the two main proprietors on this issue.

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- 6.2 **Gala Funding** – It was reported that notification of the award of a grant to support the Annual Gala had been received, but would not be announced until a specified launch date. Liz Ibbotson was congratulated on the work done leading to this award.

#### 6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1 The Council's accounts stand at a total of £3,124.40. Income and expenditure in relation to the New Year Jog was reported and it was recommended that a sum of £140 should go to the Kirkintilloch Olympians in support of their activities and in recognition of the special efforts they had made to ensure that the Jog went ahead this year despite snow and ice on the route.

#### 7.0 PLANNING

- 7.1 There were no items of note in the weekly lists.

#### 8.0 LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORT

- 8.1 The Chair and Secretary reported on a meeting of East Dunbartonshire Community Councils. One item of note was raised by a Community Council that was concerned about the status of former Common Good funds and property which had been taken over by ED Council. It had been suggested that Community Councils should draw up a list of such items. However, Lenzie Community Council has no information on such items, although the Public Hall was probably in that category. It was decided that the Chair would contact EDC to establish what Common Good Assets might be in Lenzie.

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- 8.2 Attention was drawn to the previous representations made by Lenzie Community Council concerning difficulties in obtaining information on Planning documents (compared with some other Councils) and the undertaking given at that time that the Head of Development and Infrastructure would respond. No further information has been received and the Council representatives present agreed to follow up the issue.

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#### 9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 **Local History Society** – A letter and other documents had been received from Mrs Alice Mackenzie, local historian and former librarian. She has agreed to participate in an exhibition on 21<sup>st</sup> May as part of the Kirkintilloch 800 celebrations and was seeking some financial support for that. It was agreed that Mrs Mackenzie should be advised to submit a note of the requirements to the Treasurer. She had also suggested the formation of a local history society to collect and organise material relating to Lenzie. It was agreed that an item be included on the Council website inviting interested parties to get in touch with Mrs Mackenzie directly.

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9.2 **Public Procession Application** – Information about this application had been sent by EDC to the Council for comment, with the note that if no reply was received, this would be interpreted as meaning that the Council had no objection. The terms of the proposed procession had been circulated prior to the meeting and several comments had been made by members. After some discussion it was concluded that, as the procession would take place outwith Lenzie, there was no basis according to our Constitution to comment on such an issue. It was not clear why we were being consulted on this occasion, as this had not happened before, although similar processions had previously taken place. It was agreed that the Secretary clarify this with EDC.

Subsequent to the meeting it was established that the procession would pass through the Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Ward and that was the reason for referral. However, it will not pass through the former Lenzie Ward corresponding to the area covered by the LCC Constitution and therefore the reasons given above stand. EDC was therefore informed that LCC is not in a position to comment for the reasons given. However, notification for the purposes of information is nevertheless welcome.

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9.3 **Volunteer 100 initiative** – Liz Ibbotson agreed to deal with this request

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9.4 **Census request** – Correspondence had been received from the organiser of the forthcoming national census, offering to make a presentation or provide further information. This letter had taken some time to reach us and, as the process will start from 7<sup>th</sup> March, members felt that we could not be of assistance, except perhaps via a website item. The Treasurer asked if the Census organisation would be able to give us a figure for number of households in Lenzie, as this may affect our grant.

With regard to the latter point, the Census organiser replied that the best source of that information would be East Dunbartonshire Council via Emma Fitzpatrick ([emma.fitzpatrick@eastdunbarton.gov.uk](mailto:emma.fitzpatrick@eastdunbarton.gov.uk)) but this may require a compilation of post codes for our area.

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9.5 **Presentation thanks** – A letter of thanks had been received from Duncan McIntyre, thanking the Council for the presentation recognising his long years of service and wishing the Council well for the future.

#### 10.0 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

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10.1 A member raised the issue of new road signs on the M80, which appear not to indicate the exit for Lenzie. It was agreed to contact EDC Transportation re this issue.

A document has been received which indicates the rules governing road signs.

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**11.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

11.1 The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm and will be held in Lenzie Public Hall.

**ALL**