

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2011 IN LENZIE PUBLIC HALL

ACTION

1.0 ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Rosemary Craig, Liz Ibbotson, Tom Gray, John McFadden, Ron Hall, Donald MacLeod, Pat Munro, Sandra Thornton, Suzanne Smith, Allan Jarvis.

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Councillor Rhondda Geekie

3.0 POLICE REPORT

- 3.1 Constables Jennifer Murray and Ian Marshall attended the meeting and provided an update on crime patterns in the Lenzie area. A tabulated report, available on Community Police website was provided covering the Lenzie and South Kirkintilloch Ward. Crime levels in Lenzie were relatively low. There had been one housebreaking, a number of cars had been broken into, all on the same evening in related areas, and there were two or three fight incidents leading to assault cases. An arrest was made relative to reports of indecent exposure over a period and it is hoped that this will end this problem.

- 3.2 Police were notified of two forthcoming events where Police support would be valued, namely, Christmas Lights switch-on and New Year Jog event.

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4.0 WELCOME

New member Pat Munro was welcomed and an updated member list, showing her contact details will be circulated.

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5.0 MINUTES 19TH OCTOBER MEETING

These were accepted as correct, with the exception that Suzanne Smith should not have been shown as present but had given apologies for the meeting.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 6.1 **Fair Trade Event 24th October** – the event had gone well, with around 35 participants and several stalls showing different features of Fairtrade activity. The speaker described less well-known aspects of the Fairtrade movement such as Just Trading and Shared Interest. The event fulfilled the aims to make links between the various groups working in Fairtrade in schools, churches and youth groups and to identify people who might form a Steering Group for Lenzie Fairtrade. Young people from Lenzie Academy were particularly well represented and assisted greatly in manning the stalls. An initial meeting to form a Steering Group is scheduled for 21st November. The EDC Fairtrade organiser had told the group that a suggestion had been made to her that a Fairtrade Steering Group in Lenzie could apply for a Community Grant. The speaker at the event has now obtained the relevant application documents and this point will be discussed on 21st. It had also been suggested that the Community Council might apply for this on behalf

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of the Steering Group if it was not possible to form the Steering Group formally in time to meet the deadlines for application (believed to be an early date in December). Very little information was available about the Grant and this approach was therefore not favoured by the Community Council at this stage. Two Community Council members have agreed to join the Steering Group and the opportunity to have reports on progress of the Fairtrade situation in Lenzie via these members was welcomed.

6.2 **AGM Minutes** – The Secretary had proposed that AGM Minutes should be drafted and accepted by the Committee at the next available normal meeting, with formal acceptance at the AGM in the year following. Minutes for 2011 AGM had been circulated and were accepted with one amendment.

6.3 **Green Network Grants** – Friends of Lenzie Moss had been contacted about this and responded that they would be interested to apply as funds could be used, among other possibilities, to extend the area of boardwalk fitted with anti-slip strips and to purchase some specialist tools for dealing with trees etc.

7.0 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

There had been only small movements in funds since the last meeting and the total in accounts amounted to £4,379.

7.0 **PLANNING**

The Planning Convener had circulated a report on planning applications since the last meeting and noted that there were no contentious applications. This conclusion was agreed by members. There was brief discussion of the application by Deafblind Scotland for premises next to the Link Road at Larkfield. It was confirmed that this land had been zoned for a considerable period in the Local Plan for such a purpose, a spur road at the roundabout had been provided in the road works and the project had been advertised for some considerable time at the site itself.

8.0 **CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE**

There was a steady flow of people to this event and although it did not seem very busy, feedback on the day suggested that the ten charities represented appeared to be happy with their sales. In addition, £116 was raised for the Church through tea and coffee sales, with home baking a particular attraction.

9.0 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**

It had not been possible to organise the supply and delivery of a Christmas tree. A suggestion was made to place lights on bushes etc at Lenzie Old Church and this was accepted as a good alternative. Most other arrangements were in place, in particular, the participation of Lenzie Academy Wind Band for music and Lenzie Christian Fellowship as before for the carols. The Church is also providing tea and coffee in the Hall as

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part of the outreach to new householders in the Woodilee estate.	ALL
10.0 Town Centre Master Plan – Two members had attended the first of the three workshops. This was well organised and had good potential to involve members of the community. However attendance was poor, amounting to four people and members were encouraged to support the remaining workshop if possible. A questionnaire, which can also be completed online, had been widely circulated. It has been agreed with the EDC Planning team that they will attend a special Community Council meeting on the third Wednesday in January (venue to be determined) to discuss progress on the Masterplan.	TG
11.0 CORRESPONDENCE	
11.1 GCVS Strategic Development Plan – LCC had been notified of responses of EDC and other bodies to the large number of objections to this plan, by developers mainly, claiming that not enough land had been designated. This stance has apparently been supported by the Scottish Government, which calls into question the independence of the Reporter. The Planning Convener had considered the documents and concluded that there is little the Community Council can do at this stage,	
11.2 Planning Aid Zero Waste workshop 19th November – No member currently is able to attend this event.	
11.3 Church Parade – Lenzie Scouts – 27th November no objection to this	
11.4 Environmental Wardens for Lenzie – request made to attend a meeting and explain their role. This will be difficult before March, given the other commitments for meetings.	TG
11.5 EDC – statement of Licensing Policy this is an important issue on which EDC wishes to consult. It was agreed that EDC be contacted to source an electronic copy of the policy, to be circulated to all members for comment. (Now done)	TG
12.0 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS	
None notified	
13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 14th December	