

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2011 IN PUBLIC HALL LENZIE

ACTION

1.0 ATTENDANCE

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

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Rosemary Craig, Sandra Thornton

3.0 POLICE REPORT

- 3.1 PCs Lynne Cameron and David McCormack attended on behalf of Community Police and reported on the last month of incidents in the Lenzie areas. There had been one housebreaking, two road traffic offences, one theft and two vandalism incidents. It was agreed that this crime level was relatively low. A stabbing incident on Lenzie Moss had been reported widely in the previous month. The person involved had appeared in Glasgow Sheriff Court and there was no further information at this stage. However, it was stated that this was an uncharacteristic incident arising out of particular circumstances and was not an indicator of a new threat in the Lenzie Moss area. There was some discussion of the ongoing problem of drinking groups on the Moss and the Police are aware of this and take action from time to time.

4.0 MINUTES 15TH JUNE MEETING

- 4.1 These were accepted

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 There were no matters arising other than items already on the agenda

6.0 GREEN BELT ISSUES

- 6.1 There was discussion of issues following the publication of the decision of the Reporter to require Local Plan 2 to incorporate changes in the Green Belt boundary. In common with many other individuals and bodies, including East Dunbartonshire Council, Lenzie Community Council expressed disappointment concerning this outcome. Members had attended the public meeting at which Council officials had explained the basis of the decision and the reasons underlying the Council's decision to comply with the Reporter's requirement. It was noted that ED Council had raised questions through COSLA on the general principle emerging from this experience, whereby a change in legislation had produced a new situation under which the Scottish Parliament delegates the powers to require Local Plan amendment to an unelected body. The matter is also being pursued by the South Lenzie Green Belt Group, via the constituency MSP. LCC agreed that no particular action is open to the Council in this regard but will keep in touch with developments.

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7.0 TREASURERS REPORT

- 7.1 The Treasurer reported an income over the recent period, including the Gala, of £4,140 and an expenditure of £5,116. Funds stand at £4,757.

8.0 GALA

- 8.1 It was noted that a special meeting had been held in July to consider the outcome of the Gala and formulate plans for 2012. Prior to this meeting a feedback report was provided by the Chair (Gala Feedback 2011.pdf) and the Gala Convener circulated an informal minute of the meeting (Outcomes-LCCmeeting-13 July 2011.doc)
- 8.2 The special meeting had agreed that, as no balloons were recovered, a draw would be made at the LCC meeting in August and the prize awarded accordingly. This was done and a winner identified. The prize has now been awarded and the website has been updated to note what was done in the circumstances.
- 8.3 A draft budget for 2012 was provided by the Gala Convener and various items on that were discussed. The possibility of charging a £1 entry fee was discussed (together with a £60 prize for a winning ticket). It was agreed to seek sponsorship from Woodilee house builders and other sources of community grant can be sought. (Councillor Jarvis identified Gordon Strain at EDC who may be able to advise concerning suitable grant funding.)

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9.0 AGM SPEAKER

- 9.1 There was further discussion on this topic. Correspondence had been received on the topic of developing Lenzie as a Fairtrade Village and it was suggested that the AGM could be combined with a speaker on this topic. Churches and schools in Lenzie were already active in Fairtrade development. It was considered therefore that, by holding the meeting in one of the Church Halls and publicising it via the churches and schools, this might be a route to achieving a higher turnout to the AGM and would be a more effective response to the Fairtrade Village development plan. The Secretary was asked to negotiate a suitable speaker and a venue in October, avoiding the school break week.

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10.0 PLANNING

- 10.1 The Planning Convener had attended a consultation event on the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Plan and spoke highly of the quality of this plan and its presentation. It was noted in passing that the strategic plan concludes that current statistics do not support a need for more land to be released for house building.
- 10.2 A written report was circulated prior to the meeting, which the Planning Convener asked the members to adopt. No applications of particular interest to the Council were identified. This was agreed
- 10.2 The Planning Convener will attend a Planning Training event on 3rd

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11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 Supplementary Planning Guidance on sites relating to Antonine Wall; Royal Mail note; Community Police and PACs; Heritage Fund; notification of Consultation event on Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Dev Plan (John McFadden agreed to attend); Budget Consultation invitations; Planning Training meeting 3rd Sept; letter from NHS notifying that Ross Ferguson's Pharmacy proposal appeal has been refused; Licensing Board issues.

12.0 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 12.1 The Secretary suggested that EDC Transportation Group be asked to consider designating the lay-by on Garngaber Avenue at Lenzie Old Parish Church as being for short term parking only. It is known that the proposed Parking Strategy has been held up due to problems of policing. However, there are other local areas where notices of restricted parking appear to discourage all-day commuter parking and it may be that this could apply in this instance. It was agreed that this could benefit shoppers at Queen's Buildings and it was worth making the suggestion.

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13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21ST SEPTEMBER