

## **LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 IN LENZIE PUBLIC HALL**

#### **ACTION**

#### **1.0 SEDERUNT**

- 1.1 Mrs R Craig, Mr T Gray, Mr R Hall, Mrs E Ibbotson, Mr A Jarvis, Councillor A Jarvis, Mr J MacFadden, Rev D MacLeod, Dr M Morris, Mrs S Smith, Mrs S Thornton

#### **2.0 APOLOGIES**

- 2.1 Mr D McIntyre – It was reported that Mr McIntyre had been hospitalised for treatment following a fall and members expressed their good wishes for his recovery and return home.

#### **3.0 NEW MEMBER WELCOME**

Elizabeth Ibbotson and John MacFadden were welcomed as new members

#### **4.0 POLICE REPORT**

- 4.1 Constable Paul Owens reported 21 crimes in the Lenzie area during the last period with 9 detections (the period overlapped the December report by a few days). These included 10 thefts including the motor vehicle related thefts discussed after the last meeting. Other incidents included 2 vandalisms, 3 road traffic offences and other minor offences. There were 60 crimes reported in the northward region of the Ward with 34 detections.
- 4.2 In response to a report raised by a member, PC Owens suggested that if a member of the public reports a non-emergency incident to the Police Call Centre at 532 4400, it would be good practice to ask for an incident number as that will allow Community Police and others to trace any actions completed.

#### **5.0 PARKING ISSUES**

Robin O'Malley and Graeme MacLay from ED Council Transportation Team were welcomed for this main item of the meeting.

The team is investigating and developing various strategies to mitigate the adverse effects of all-day, commuter parking in the vicinity of Lenzie Station. These effects include congestion and poor road safety in residential streets, together with major problems for shops, businesses and their users, due to the consequent lack of short term parking. A major structural problem lies in the fact that most of the available off-street parking is owned by Network Rail which has little incentive to develop further parking through revenue-raising schemes, given that on-street parking remains unregulated. Likewise, the Council suggestion that the Station Entrance area car park be switched to short term use for the benefits of shoppers etc will not gain agreement.

Satellite car parks have been considered but insufficient land has been identified. There was some discussion of the future role of the temporary car park space beside the now-closed Larkfield Centre. A programme of way-posting has started to encourage walking/cycling by including information on the time required to travel to locations, such as the Station.

The 'de-criminalisation' approach is still being considered but there is concern that this will not be self-financing. A regulation plan has been put to

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the Police and is under active discussion. This is based on the designation of an area around the Station, within which parking would be banned for a specific period at some point in the day, which would have the effect of removing all-day parking. Police have ruled out other schemes on the grounds of requiring too much input of police time. Such a scheme would include no-cost permits for residents. The creation of a car park adjacent to Millersneuk Avenue has been researched. Answer given to a question on the timescale of further developments was that this depends on the Police response.

The Community Council has started to supply data on parking numbers in the Station area to the Transportation Team. This input was welcomed in terms of confirming and refining statistics gathered previously and the Council was encouraged to continue this input if possible. The data has not been analysed as yet but it was stated that the typical number of probably commuter-related cars parked on the streets seems to be around the same as parked in the off-street Station car parks. There is also an impression that the on-street parking may be self-limiting in the sense that if commuters are obliged to walk more than a certain distance to the Station from the point where they park, then they adopt some other mode of transport.

The two visitors were thanked for their helpful discussion and it was agreed that members would continue to supply observations on parking.

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#### 6.0 MINUTES 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009 MEETING

6.1 These were accepted, subject to correction of a surname

#### 7.0 MATTERS ARISING

##### 7.1 Queen's Buildings Clock

Access to the clock via a flat in the building had been obtained over Christmas period and the clock motor removed for further examination. However, it was also established that the cable supplying power was faulty and blowing fuses. This cable would need to be replaced. (The landlord has been notified of this finding via the flat resident.) It is apparent that regular access for maintenance and setting via the flat above is not practical. Aside from the problem of negotiating such access, removal of the back of the clock enclosure is not straightforward. In discussion, it was suggested that a radio-controlled clock would be more suitable, if feasible, and some form of battery back-up to cover power cuts. It was decided to wait on Mr Calman's further advice.

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#### 8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported £799 in one account and £2,385 in the other, totalling £3,184.

#### 9.0 PLANNING

There was no information on Planning issues, due to Mr McIntyre's absence but Councillor Jarvis noted that the cases since the last meeting were all minor.

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#### 10.0 FLOODING ISSUES – MYRTLE AVENUE AND GADLOCH

##### 10.1 Myrtle Avenue

The Secretary had attended a meeting convened by Councillor Geekie at Tom Johnston House, at the invitation of Mr Burchell. This was to review progress on this issue. LCC had previously understood that the only available route for improvement was according to recommendations of EDC's consultants, which had advised schemes costing £0.5m at minimum, for which there was no budget at present. Other factors emerged – principally that a key blockage was occurring in a private property. There are legal problems to clearing this; as such action might cause problems elsewhere in the line, unless some of the improvements mentioned had been undertaken. Mr Burchell raised several suggestions for alternative treatments which might be covered by maintenance budgets. EDC agreed to look at these but have since concluded that they are not acceptable. It was also stated that Myrtle Avenue treatment had been placed second on a priority list for funding after the 2010-11 budget. It was alleged that the Myrtle Avenue problem had previously been at the top of this list. It was agreed that the Council was not in a position to pursue this matter further but would maintain a watch on the situation.

In further correspondence between the Secretary and EDC Director of Development and Infrastructure, Mr Cunningham welcomed an offer to assist in terms of providing local feedback and information (on a wider front than Myrtle Avenue) and agreed to provide copies of the Consultants' 2006 report and the most recent biannual report under the Flood Prevention Act.

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##### 10.2 Gadloch

Pictures of the Gadloch during the flooding before Christmas and of the Robroyston works which, it is believed, have some relevance to the problem, were posted on the LCC website and drawn to the attention of Glasgow Council and others. As there was no response, Jo Swinson MP and Willie Bain MP (newly elected for NE Glasgow) were contacted. Both have offered specific assistance in terms of contacting the parties that have responsibility. A copy of an email from Glasgow Land and Environmental Services to Paul Martin MSP has now been received. It states "my Officers are presently investigating this matter, in particular the operation of the attenuation pond, and will reply to you again in the near future with a detailed response."

#### 11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 An invitation to enrol for a course on monitoring and evaluation had been received, but no action was recommended.

#### 12.0 GALA PLANNING (extra item)

The Chair suggested that the Council should start to plan for the Summer Gala and, after discussion it was agreed to set up a separate group to coordinate and develop ideas and actions. It was agreed that, although the event was much enjoyed in 2009, more stalls and activities are required and there have been various suggestions. It was agreed (i) to check that the

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Rugby Club venue would be available for the Gala and (ii) to set up a meeting of interested parties as soon as possible. There was a suggestion that the first meeting might be held in the Rugby Club during the first or second week in March. Representatives and organisations to be contacted were suggested – namely Rugby Club, Scouts, Lenzie Youth Club, Churches, including Lenzie Christian Fellowship which had assisted at the Christmas Event and had offered to participate in the Gala.

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Post-meeting note – meeting now set up for 7:30 pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, venue to be determined. (Rugby Club not available Mondays and Wednesdays and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> not suitable for some diaries.)

#### 13.0 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

##### 13.1 Woodlands in and around towns

Councillor Jarvis reported that EDC had received funding to plant trees and improve woodlands under this scheme. This will benefit Boghead Wood, the Cult Burn area and Lenzie Moss.

##### 13.2 Link Road Works

Various dates were notified – new junction construction at Larkfield (end of March), April/June construction of roundabout on Lindsaybeg Road. Unrelated to the Link Road works, Scottish Gas will be renewing mains in Boghead Road.

##### 13.3 Survey of Community Policing public perception

Councillor Jarvis noted data from this survey which showed very significant improvements in the perception of community policing and concerns about crime in the local community.

##### 13.4 Domestic Security – Cold Calling

It was reported that a company is marketing domestic alarm systems locally, using a pitch that crime locally is rising. This tactic was being used before by a company which is the subject of police investigation and actions by the Telephone Preference Service. Residents who are contacted by any such company should reject such advances and, if possible, report such contacts to Trading Standards or the Police.

#### 14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm and will be held in the Committee Room of Lenzie Public Hall

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