

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2012 IN LENZIE PUBLIC HALL

ACTION

1.0 ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Suzanne Smith, Rosemary Craig, Sandra Thornton, Tom Gray, John McFadden, Liz Ibbotson, Pat Munro, Donald Macleod, Christine Morrison,

2.0 APOLOGIES

Ron Hall (Post meeting note – there was uncertainty at the previous meeting concerning the number present for the meeting to be quorate. The model scheme states this as ‘at least one-third of its total number of members’. In our case at the present time, that corresponds to four members.)

3.0 POLICE REPORT

PC Elaine Fraser attended, representing Community Police. Crime statistics for the last 3 months were presented in terms of percentage increase or decrease. This was thought to be less informative than the former practice of giving actual figures. In discussion it emerged that the Community Police webpage has been changed so that only percentages are now provided. It was agreed to bring this to the attention of the Community Policing management. There was discussion on speeding offences which had increased substantially, although this was thought to reflect more energetic enforcement. PC Fraser was herself involved in speeding enforcement and her attention was drawn to high vehicle speeds on Kirkintilloch Road leading up to the Garngaber traffic lights (previously reported) and on Crosshill Road at the junction with Victoria Road. Both of these locations were thought to be risk areas whereas other areas might have speeding vehicles but with less likelihood of injury.

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4.0 MINUTES OF 15TH AUGUST 2012 MEETING

These minutes were accepted as correct.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 Millersneuk Shopping Centre – following consultations with an EDC Officer, the litter situation had much improved. It is now cleaned twice a week. It appears that EDC had written to owners, pointing out their responsibilities. Potholes and uneven pavements remain as problems for users.
- 5.2 LCC Boundaries – this matter had been raised at the Community Councils Liaison Committee and it had been suggested that Lenzie and Waterside CCs should make a joint recommendation. Secretary had passed map information to Waterside Secretary and Chairman and made a suggestion that the present boundary between Lenzie and Waterside be moved from the Link Road to Calfmuir Road. The meeting concurred with the Secretary’s proposal. Responses from Waterside and EDC were awaited. EDC has agreed to provide a population figure for the current boundary, as we appear to have had no update since the figure of 11,000 in the 1999 Community Councils Establishment scheme.
- 5.3 Community Council Elections – further to comments in item 5.5 of August

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meeting, it was noted that the Community Council Election (if called) will be on 25th October but so far no papers had been received.

(Post-meeting note – nomination packs were received by mail on 22nd September and members were subsequently notified of the election process timetable.)

5.3 Repainting of Monument – it was reported that the monument has been repainted. There is no further information at present until Treasurer returns.

5.4 Planning item 7.2 – Planning Officer had been contacted concerning the attribution of comments/objections on Applications and had taken note of the point that comments on behalf of the Community Council should be attributed as such rather than to a particular Council member. He also confirmed that the points raised were not treated as ‘objections’ and had been discussed with the Applicant.

5.5 Chess Tournament proposal - continued

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5.6 Community Empowerment Bill – Liz Ibbotson had supplied comments based on participation in the ED Voluntary Association and a first draft answer to the questionnaire had been circulated and extended. This was discussed and it was agreed that the draft be modified to include the comments and submitted to the Scottish Government. (Post meeting note this has now been submitted and acknowledged.)

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6.0 TREASURER’S REPORT

There had been no change in funds since the last meeting.

7.0 AGM ARRANGEMENTS AND SPEAKER

In the light of a possible election process, it was agreed that Wednesday 10th October would be a suitable date for the AGM. It was suggested that a representative from the new Public Hall management might be invited to attend and discuss plans for the Public Hall. An alternative suggestion was for a Council Officer to present the Kirkintilloch Town Centre Masterplan.

(Post-meeting note – Marie McAnaney has responded that this might be possible depending on timing, but no further response has been received to confirm.)

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7.0 PLANNING

7.1 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.

7.2 Development Plan – A report on the findings of the pre-Main Issues process had been received. Several contentious sites were identified within the LCC area and it was agreed that the Council should be ready to comment on these

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when the Main Issues Report is issued. A member noted that across East Dunbartonshire as a whole a large proportion of the sites identified were on green belt land and there might be a need to liaise with others Community Councils. Members were encouraged to review the report in more detail following the meeting.	JMCF ALL
7.3 Consultation information had been received about a proposed development site at Westerhill, including invitation to an exhibition. It was noted that this is not in LCC area. Two members agreed to try to visit the exhibition. It was agreed that more information was needed regarding proposed public transport access to the site, which will possibly include a cinema, hotel and medical centre, given that it is not within walking distance of population centres and is likely to generate more car journeys.	RC
8.0 REPORT ON FAIRTRADE GROUP	
8.1 The Fairtrade Group is now well established and is running regular stalls on first Fridays in the Lounge. A Bearsden/Milngavie Fairtrade Town Group is now being developed. Members of the Lenzie Group had assisted in an initiative covering Nurseries in East Dunbartonshire and this had received Press and TV coverage.	
9.0 CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD SALE	
This event will be held at Lenzie Old Parish Church on Saturday 10 th November 10 – 12 noon and a list of 16 invited charities was reported.	RC
10.0 CORRESPONDENCE	
Invitation to participate in the EDC Stakeholder Working Group meeting had been received. Christine Morrison and Pat Munro agreed to attend.	CM & PM
10.0 AOCB – None notified.	
13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
- 17 TH October 2012	