

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2014
in the committee room at Lenzie Hall

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1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Liz Ibbotson, John McFadden, Tony Miles, Suzanne Smith, Tom Gray, Ron Hall, Pat Munro, Donald MacLeod, Christine Morrison, Rosemary Craig, Sandra Thornton	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Councillor Geekie	
3.0	POLICE REPORT	
3.1	Officer Jennifer Murray attended. There had been 8 crime reports in the last month, with four of those detected. There had also been several calls to Police, most often on traffic issues. Housebreakings continue, very often opportunistic where there is a lapse in security and new estates appear to be targeted. The aim very often is to get car keys and steal cars parked outside. Bogus workmen have also been detected and these are often targeting elderly residents. Some of these are preceded by 'phone calls notifying the resident that a 'courier' will visit and this presents an opportunity to notify police. One case of classified drug storage and supply had been detected. Officer Murray was thanked for her attendance and report.	ALL
4.0	SUPPORT IN DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES	
4.1	Madeleine Sidgwick attended by invitation. She is a Domestic Abuse Financial Inclusion Officer, based at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Alexandra Street, Kirkintilloch. This is a new post and appears to meet a substantial need in the area. The relevance of the Financial Inclusion aspect of the advisory service is that abused parties often suppose that they are unable to extract themselves from the situation, whereas this may be possible with professional advice. In general, the people who need this service very often have difficulty in making contact, due to the nature of the problem and the assistance of Community Council members in making the service known would be valued. It was agreed that LCC would put up a poster on the notice board, advertising the service and provide a link on the Community Council website for users to make contact.	ALL
5.0	MINUTES OF 19TH FEBRUARY	
5.1	These were accepted as true minutes of the meeting.	
6.0	MATTERS ARISING	
6.1	Parkburn Housing and Football facilities The Planning Convener had sent a letter to Councillor Geekie, suggesting that, in view of the loss of open space involved in this housing proposal, funds should be set aside from the sale of land to support football facilities for young people. A reply had been received from Councillor Geekie, noting that attempts were being made to install drainage at Boghead pitches. Members welcomed the fact that the issue was being addressed	

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6.2	<p>but noted that there was as yet no response to the proposal made. (Post-meeting note: a further email from Councillor Geekie indicated that she has had further discussions relating to the Boghead Road pitches and hopes that funding will be found to rectify drainage problems.) It was noted that Lenzie Academy astro- turf pitches had been block booked by Partick Thistle football club, which prevented use by Lenzie Youth Club when flooding problems were found to have affected Boghead. There was a discussion on the priority which should be given to East Dunbartonshire organisations relative to those outwith, but it was not known which body has the authority to set such priorities.</p> <p>Post Office – There have been no definite developments beyond those stated in the previous minutes. Jo Swinson MP has been contacted and a response was received from her office as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">It is my understanding, firstly, that complete withdrawal of a Post Office with Lenzie wouldn't be an option. However, I have emailed the Senior Stakeholder Manager for Scotland for a reassurance on that point. I have also asked for confirmation that, should Post Office decide to move the location, there would be a community consultation before anything could progress.</p> <p>Also arising from the December meeting, the letter to the Wineseller has now been delivered and was much appreciated.</p>	
6.3	<p>Field of Dreams – A meeting has been held with Drena O'Malley and various ideas progressed to raise the profile of Deafblind Scotland in the community – including links with Lenzie Academy and other schools and assistance with a fund-raising stall at the Gala. It was also agreed to add Deafblind Scotland to the 'Links' page on the Community Council website and create a Deafblind Scotland page which would contain details of fund-raising.</p>	EI TG
6.4	<p>Fairtrade Events – News was given of two events since the last meeting. A Nicaraguan coffee grower, visiting Scotland and much involved in the Fairtrade movement, gave presentations at Holy Family and Millersneuk Primary Schools. These were well received by the children. A Great Bake-Off event was held in Lenzie Union Parish Church Hall, with a baking competition at the centre of activities including Fairtrade stalls, coffee and games. There were over 30 entries in three categories for different age groups and these were judged by a three-strong team which included Fiona McLeod MSP.</p>	
6.5	<p>Licensing – Representations were made according to minute 13.2 to argue for consistency across off-licences in Lenzie, concerning types of alcohol which would not be allowed to be sold. Initial response from the Licensing Board was to ask if we had a copy of the Board's Statement of Licensing Policy and it was also noted that a new Statement of Policy is currently being prepared following a period of consultation. It has so far not been possible to transmit a pdf version of the Statement to us and this item needs to be continued until this has been received and its relevance determined. (Post-meeting note: Further dialogue indicates that the Policy contains no guidance on product restriction. The previous case made by LCC has now been directed at the Licensing Standards Officer</p>	TG

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	for the area and it is hoped that a response will be received.)	
6.6	New Co-op traffic arrangements – Discussion with the Manager determined that the Co-op is aware of problems that might be caused by indiscriminate parking at the front of the building and already take action to point out such problems to drivers. In the light of that, it was decided not to pursue further representations to other bodies unless it seems that the Co-op's own response is not adequate.	ALL
7.0	GALA – Preliminary arrangements are in hand and there are no special matters to raise at this stage.	
8.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
8.1	Funds stand at £6,185.94 currently, but this outcome is influenced heavily by the sum of £3,155.94 of special grant funding, which has been allocated notionally across various Gala activities.	
8.2	RBS accounts – Currently we have two accounts at the RBS and the Treasurer has circulated a note to say that there seems to be no particular need for both. The meeting agreed that the accounts should be consolidated into a single account.	EI
9.0	PLANNING – APPLICATION LIST	
9.1	A list of Planning Applications had been scrutinised by the Planning Convener and the meeting agreed with his judgement that none of these raised issues relevant to the Community Council. In passing, he noted that he examines the full list of applications online and not simply those notified to the Community Council because they are in our area.	
10.0	CIRCULATION OF DRAFT MINUTES	
10.1	It had been suggested that the circulation of draft minutes should be extended, in the interests of widening the circle of people who would be aware of LCC's work and at an earlier stage. Only the approved minutes are posted on the website at present, which means that they are normally a month or more out of date. It was agreed that the present practice of circulating <i>draft</i> minutes to LCC members, including ex-officio members, and the Community Police Officer only, should continue. The minutes approved at the following meeting will then be posted on the LCC website at the earliest opportunity after approval. A view was expressed that it might nevertheless be helpful to bring minutes to the attention of MPs, MSPs and other parties in a more direct manner than posting on the website. This could be done reliably by sending a group email at the time of minute posting and this would contain a direct hyperlink to the post. It was agreed to compile a list of possible interested correspondents.	TG
11.0	CORRESPONDENCE	
11.1	Lenzie Flower Club – submitted a request for support to provide flowers in Glasgow Cathedral at the time of the Commonwealth Games.	TG

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	The overall cost of the planned provision was estimated at £600. It was agreed that LCC was not in a position to make a grant in support at this stage, but Lenzie Flower Club could be afforded an opportunity to take a stall at the Lenzie Gala in June, in order to raise funds.	
12.0	ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS - There was a short discussion on raising the profile of LCC in the community. It was thought that many residents are unaware of the Council and what they do. It was agreed to put a discussion of this on the agenda for the next meeting.	ALL
13.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 16 th April 2014	