

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE 2012 IN LENZIE PUBLIC HALL

ACTION

1.0 ATTENDANCE

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

Three members of the public also attended.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Christine Morrison

3.0 POLICE REPORT

- 3.1 Constable Ian Marshall attended and reported that crime levels had been low in the period since the last meeting. Theft of car number plates had occurred, linked to petrol theft from filling stations. There had been two instances of daytime vandalism to cars parked in the Station car park and in the street. Anti-speeding campaigns were continuing. A member noted previous claims that there seems to be instances of dangerous speeding on Kirkintilloch Road leading up to the Garngaber Avenue traffic lights. This information would be brought to the attention of Traffic Police.

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- 3.2 The PAC meeting arrangement continued to be a problem. Notice of a recent meeting was given only through a press item on the day of the meeting and no police personnel were present at the notified time. This is the second time this has happened and there has also been a lack of timely notification throughout the operation of this scheme. An explanation was given that the officer due to attend was called to a serious incident. Although such incidents merit priority, it is unacceptable that a public meeting, called on the initiative of the Police should be serviced in such an uncertain manner. Constable Marshall undertook to pass on the Council's dissatisfaction with this arrangement. It was noted once more that attendance at the regular Wednesday morning coffee meeting at Lenzie Union Church Hall would provide a much better opportunity to communicate with more members of the community

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4.0 PRESENTATION BY LRFC PRESIDENT

Donald Brodie and Charles Stewart, President and Secretary respectively of Lenzie Rugby Football Club, attended at the invitation of the Community Council. The President was concerned about rumours relating to Planning issues at Lenzie Moss and wished to clarify LRFC's intentions. The rumours had arisen from a recent Press item, which had been prompted by an LRFC submission to the Local Plan Development process, requesting that the land referred to be re-zoned from green/recreational space to housing/mixed use, which might offer a source of funds from housing land sale. Various aspects of background were given. LRFC had previously exchanged land with East Dunbartonshire Council in order that the latter could establish the Lenzie Moss Local Nature Reserve. LRFC had thereby acquired land immediately south of Lenzie Moss School. LRFC's clubhouse facilities are quite poor, much below the standards of many other clubs and this is

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impacting on their ability to maintain and develop sports for the wider benefit of the community. LRFC confirmed they were currently pursuing all possible options to raise sufficient funds to build a new clubhouse with no strings attached and without disturbing the present public status of Lenzie Moss, (which would be their preferred option). One idea considered was to create a new entrance via Myrtle Avenue, in a manner which improved safety aspects of the junction and provided car parking /drop off areas which would benefit Lenzie Moss school. This would also address current safety issues related to access via Viewfield Avenue. So far LRFC had failed to obtain agreement from the residents whose properties would be affected. Regarding the submission for change of use for some of LRFC's land, it was noted that, even if this submission was accepted, it could not be put into effect until the new Plan comes into force in 2016. LRFC had therefore concluded that it had to pursue this course in order to keep its options open, in the event that it was unable to raise funding from other sources. Failure to do so would put back any prospect for this development by another 5 years. In concluding, the President remarked on the success of the Gala held at the Rugby field and how much they had enjoyed participating. The visitors were thanked for their presentation to the meeting, which had been helpful.

5.0 MINUTES OF 16TH MAY 2012 MEETING

These minutes were accepted as correct.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.

7.0 GALA

Liz Ibbotson was congratulated on the success of the Gala and it was agreed that it had been greatly enjoyed. The parade from Lenzie Station was judged to have been the best so far. Feedback had all been positive. There was an extensive discussion of various aspects which had worked particularly well or where improvements could be suggested. Financial aspects were discussed in the following item.

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8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 8.1 The first part of the Report dealt with the Gala finances. Income totalled £2,763 and expenditure £3,692, which very accurately reflected the target budget. Income included £1,000 from Woodilee house builders and £500 from EDC grant. There was discussion on payments made to assisting groups and, in relation to one voluntary group, it was agreed that an opportunity might be given to assist at a future event and thereby raise further funds.

A Year End forecast constituted the second part of the Report. Allowing for various items of expenditure still to come, a closing balance of £662 was forecast. If an EDC Grant of £2,570 was again received as before, the

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- approximate year end balance would amount to £3,232.
- 8.2 The Treasurer sought approval to appoint Mr Gerry Allen as auditor next year. This was granted. **RH**
- 9.0 PLANNING**
- 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. A submission had been made between meetings in respect of the application by Peckham's in relation to 114 Kirkintilloch Road and this had been acknowledged by EDC Planning. This submission welcomed the proposal to restore the Class 1 food and drink retail function. No objection was raised in respect of the Class 3 hot food application, but an observation was submitted that the Council did not wish to see a return to vacant retail units at Queen's Buildings and observed that over-provision of café/restaurants in Lenzie might have that outcome.
- 10.0 BUSINESS SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 10.1 **Community Hub Proposal:** LCC had received an invitation to attend a consultation on the Wiliam Patrick Library Community Hub proposal at ED Leisure Centre on Monday 25th June and Suzanne Smith will attend. Any other members wishing to attend should contact the Secretary to arrange that. **SS**
- 10.2 **Millersneuk Shopping Centre:** Business dating back to early 2011 was recalled. This had arisen from a complaint concerning the poor environmental state of the area, including litter, uneven pavement and potholed road. On investigation, failure to deal with these issues was blamed on disagreement among the proprietors on contributions to putting these matters right. Some of the problems at that stage were related to building work for Rasoi restaurant. The Co-op Property Manager had given an optimistic report of a meeting of proprietors in February 2011, where it was claimed that agreement had been reached on dealing with the reported problems. Since then there had been no improvements, other than related to the banking adjacent to Rasoi on the side adjacent to Auchinloch Road. The litter situation had deteriorated recently. The matter is being taken up again with the Co-op Regional Manager but other actions through EDC may be necessary. **TG**
- 10.2 **Lenzie Station:** Litter problems have also increased in the entrance car park area of Lenzie Station, where a waste bin had been overflowing for a week. Scotrail is responsible for the area, although it appeared that EDC may have been servicing it until recently. EDC have now removed the waste bin which might increase the problem. A further response from Scotrail is awaited. **TG**
- 11.0 CORRESPONDENCE** **JM**

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An application form and map of Woodilee estate had been received, constituting an invitation to a meeting in Woodilee at the end of July concerning 'Area D' of Woodilee Estate. The purpose of the meeting was not clear and there was some uncertainty about the location of Area D (it might be east of Calmuir Road). This information was passed to the Planning Convener who will investigate and may be able to attend.

12.0 AOCB

12.1 A question was raised concerning Community Council representation for new residents in the Woodilee Estate. The current EDC map shows the boundary of the Lenzie CC area as the Link Road (ie Woodilee Estate houses are not included). It was thought that residents in that area would probably consider themselves to be in part of Lenzie and the situation should be clarified. It was agreed that this matter should be raised with appropriate EDC Officers.

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12.2 It was suggested that consideration might be given to re-painting the Railway Monument in the Station Car Park. The Treasurer will investigate this.

RH

13.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 15th August 2012