

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2013 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT LENZIE HALL

ACTION

1.0 ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Rosemary Craig, Liz Ibbotson, John McFadden, Tony Miles, Suzanne Smith, Tom Gray, Ron Hall, Christine Morrison

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Councillor Jarvis, Pat Munro, Donald MacLeod, Sandra Thornton

3.0 POLICE REPORT

- 3.1 Officers Jennifer Murray and Kirsty Black attended. There had been 11 crime reports since the last meeting of the Council, with 7 of these detected. There were several traffic cases, including five speeding offences in 30 mph zones, breach of the peace, a car theft and an attempted breaking and entering.

4.0 MINUTES OF 16TH OCTOBER MEETING

- 4.1 A minor correction to the Christmas Card event item was noted, but the minutes were otherwise accepted as correct.

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5.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 **Main Issues Report** – Planning Convener reported that a response had been returned to East Dunbartonshire Council on behalf of Lenzie Community Council

- 5.2 **Access Report** – The Gadloch had flooded over the Auchinloch Path again and the work to upgrade the path has not yet started. The reasons for flooding, despite previous work on clearing the outlet tunnel, were not clear. There was a report that SEPA had issued instructions to the landowners that the level of the loch should be maintained to avoid flooding downstream in the Park Burn area. Further work on the tunnel has been started at the Crosshill/Robroyston Road junction.

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1 The Treasurer reported a total of £3,932 in accounts with around £600 due to be paid from the accounts.

7.0 CHRISTMAS CARD EVENT

The event was supported by twelve charities on the day, although it was thought that sales were not as high as previous years. Some charities have difficulty finding volunteers to man the stalls but one of the charities will be coming along the Christmas Lights event to sell some items. The tearoom earned £170 for the Church. In general the various groups appeared to be well satisfied by the return on their efforts.

8.0 PLANNING

- 8.1 The Planning Convener had circulated a summary of Planning Applications lodged since the last meeting and the meeting agreed with his assessment that

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none of these applications were contentious from the Community Council's point of view.

The Secretary reported on an informal meeting with Pamela McCreddie and Mary Coulshed from East Dunbarton Council's Development and Enterprise Department, the former being involved with Town Centre Development. Liz Ibbotson, Tony Miles and Tom Gray represented LCC. The main purpose was to transmit some of the concerns of LCC in relation to retail business and services in Lenzie. East Dunbartonshire town centre plans focus on the main towns, such as Kirkintilloch but the role of smaller centres such as Lennoxton is being recognised. The outcome in the short term was an undertaking by East Dunbartonshire to include Lenzie in the register of vacant premises and thereby to increase awareness of opportunities for businesses outwith the main centres.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 **Climate Challenge Surgeries** – notice had been received of a meeting in Twechar to encourage and support potential applicants to this fund. It was thought that the nature of the projects envisaged under this scheme was such that collaboration across several Community Councils would be necessary and the newly formed Development Trust might be a more appropriate body to take this forward.

9.2 **Community Empowerment Bill** – It was agreed that members should look at this with a view to discussion at the next meeting.

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9.3 **Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils** – East Dunbartonshire Council recently formulated this scheme, being a slightly modified version of a scheme proposed by the Scottish Government. The correspondence indicated that the proposal might be discussed by the Community Councils Liaison Committee at a meeting in December but no date for that had been announced. There had been little time to examine the proposal and therefore to provide some briefing to those who might be attending the Liaison Meeting and it was agreed that members should look at the proposal and communicate any concerns to the Secretary as soon as possible. Three issues were raised at the meeting – namely, the basis of the membership numbers in each CC (LCC might wish at some stage to increase its established numbers); a procedure for boundary revision in the light of new housing and the lack of clarity and consistency in the electoral arrangements.

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10.0 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The next event would be the Christmas Lights event and attention was drawn to the list drawn up by Pat Munro as to the various tasks necessary. The starting time for members was noted as 16:30

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11.0 **Date of next meeting** – 11th December