

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2013 IN LENZIE PUBLIC HALL

ACTION

1.0 ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Rosemary Craig, Ron Hall, Liz Ibbotson, John McFadden, Pat Munro, Tom Gray, Suzanne Smith (Chair), Christine Morrison. Jo Swinson MP attended as an observer, by arrangement and was welcomed to the meeting (from item 5). Councillor Anne Jarvis attended from item 12.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Sandra Thornton, Donald MacLeod

3.0 POLICE REPORT

PCs Graeme Burn and Kirstin Walker were in attendance at this meeting. A local crime report was given, covering the last 3 months. 31 crimes were recorded and 17 of these successfully detected. These included 10 Road Traffic offences (mostly speeding) and one serious assault early on Christmas Day which had been widely reported with two arrests as a result. Extra attention had been given to the premises involved since then and it was thought that the incident had been untypical. The Council welcomed the return to reporting of incident numbers instead of percentage increases or decreases. It was suggested that good contact between Police and Community could be gained by Community Police attending the Meeting Place coffee events on Wednesday mornings.

4.0 MINUTES OF 12TH DECEMBER 2012 MEETING

These minutes were accepted as correct.

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 **Agenda footer** – Five different wordings had been suggested by members. It was concluded that version 4, with the addition of a sentence from version 5, established a consensus of views. This would then read as follows:

Lenzie Community Council welcomes local residents to attend its meetings and listen to the discussions. Residents do not normally take part in these discussions but can do so if invited by the Chair. However, any resident who wishes to have a particular matter discussed by the Council may contact the Secretary via the website (www.lenziecommunitycouncil.org.uk) at least five days prior to a meeting. If the Chair deems it appropriate, non-members attending may participate in discussions on the matter raised, in a time-limited open session before the commencement of the regular Council meeting.

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- 5.2 **Community Council boundaries** – Maps showing the current and proposed boundaries, the layout of the new housing and the school catchment areas had been prepared with a commentary on the implications and sent to the Waterside CC Chair and EDC Head of Legal and Democratic Services. It was agreed that the Chair and Secretary should meet with representatives of Waterside Community Council to discuss this. (Post-meeting note: [Waterside CC Chair has had a recent bereavement and it was agreed to suspend this](#))

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action until he is ready to deal with it.)

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported on various movements of funds, including payment to EDC for hanging bunting at the Gala time and a recommendation in the next item re Lenzie Youth Club support. The total bank balance at present is £3,038, which is about normal for this stage in the season.

7.0 APPROVAL OF GRANT TO LENZIE YOUTH CLUB

Support was requested to sponsor the Primary Schools section of the annual Youth Football Festival in June. This helps to support the participation of 15 EDC Primary Schools and other work to involve youngsters in team sport. The Council approved a grant of £150 as requested.

RH

8.0 PLANNING

The Planning Convener had circulated details of Planning applications on the weekly lists since the last meeting. Two cases were discussed – the first relating to the use of a coach-house building detached from a main house and the second a proposal to build a new house in the garden of an existing property.. After discussion, the Council agreed with the Convener's suggestion for the first case, that the response should be left with the Planning Officers and Board and offered no objection to the second case.

9.0 MEETING VENUE

The hire cost for use of the Public Hall Committee Room has been raised (considerably) and the possibility of finding a less expensive meeting place was considered. There has been some difficulty in communicating with the new management and the basis of the charges was not clear as a result. It was agreed that the Treasurer would attempt again to make contact to clarify the situation. (Post meeting note: messages passed via the Hall Keeper had gone astray and also a mistake had been made in one or more invoices. It appears that the cost should be £7.50 per let, ie £5 per hour, which is a concessionary rate. Management apologised for the errors and have corrected the invoicing. Further developments will be reported at the next meeting.)

RH

10.0 ACCESS REPORT

- 10.1 **Gadloch Right-of-Way** – North Lanarkshire Geotechnical Department had been updated by the Secretary on the latest flooding situation and had contacted various parties involved. A number of new facts have emerged: 1) the work on the outlet tunnel, commissioned by Caledonian Properties, is not complete and further work will be started in the Spring of this year; 2) design maximum flow rates for the Robroyston attenuation outlet works and the Gadloch tunnel have been obtained; 3) new legislation requires that local authorities are required to formulate flood plans for areas which cover more than one LA area and, if flooding continues when the works on the outlet tunnel have been completed, this would be an issue for that process.

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Auchinloch CC have also taken up the issue of the path with North Lanarkshire Council and, as a result, NL have applied for a 'Linking Communities' grant administered by Sustrans. The intention is to improve the existing path, to include a bike ramp at the stepped section and make good a wet area on the Auchinloch side. NL have also been discussing these issues with Lenzie Golf Club which is keen to construct a raised causeway in the low-lying section of the path, to maintain the right-of-way and to control the ingress of water to the golf course. The Secretary has also alerted Lenzie Golf Club and Auchinloch CC to the 'Climate Challenge Fund', which has the potential to fund projects of this nature. It was agreed to keep in touch with these bodies on improvements that might be made to the Gadloch path. It may be that a 3-way joint application would be necessary

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- 10.2 **Woodilee Village** – Sustrans officers have been in discussion with EDC officers relating to access/transport issues for Woodilee Village. The path network planned within the Village is good for walking and cycling, although many parts have still to be completed, but connections with the surrounding area (Lenzie and Kirkintilloch) for schools, shopping and other activities do not look so healthy. A previous suggestion of the LCC relating to an off-road path between Easter Garngaber Road and Lenzie Station has been considered by Sustrans. The original line proposed along the north side of the Glasgow/Edinburgh railway may be too costly, as it would probably need a new footbridge over Kirkintilloch Road but a route along the south side of the railway, descending to Auchinloch Road may be more feasible.

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- 10.3 **Lenzie Traffic Improvement Scheme** – Comments sent to EDC Roads were acknowledged and it was noted that the points raised would be addressed as part of the developing discussions on the 'Lenzie Transport Hub'.

11.0 FAIR TRADE GROUP

Liz Ibbotson reported on the progress of the Lenzie Fair Trade Group since its creation at the end of 2011. A major aim was to gain Fair Trade Town status for Lenzie. Work to fulfil the requirements for this has been going on steadily and is documented in the application submission, which has now been sent to the Fair Trade Foundation for consideration. This document records an impressive range of activity related to Fair Trade and shows that, despite the small number of retail and other outlets in Lenzie, a very large range of fairly traded commodities are available. Fairtrade Fortnight was about to start and the events planned confirmed that Fairtrade is now firmly established within a wide range of organisations in Lenzie.

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12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 12.1 **Climate Challenge Fund – (Letter received)** Information on this fund can be found at <http://ccf.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/> and it has been mentioned in the context of item 10.1. There may be other possibilities for community-based projects and members are encouraged to have a look at this website.

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War Memorial Fund (Letter received) – A new fund has been established

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by the Scottish Government to help maintain and refurbish War Memorials in communities <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2013/01/to-preserve-memory-of-scotlands-war-dead14012013> This will be administered through Historic Scotland. Most war memorials in Lenzie are indoors in churches but it was noted that the memorial at Woodilee Village, despite being newly placed in that location, might need cleaning. The Chair undertook to contact the Woodilee Builders Consortium and bring this Fund to their attention.

SS

13.0 AOCB none notified

14.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 20TH MARCH