

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21st October 2015
in Lenzie Hall Committee Room

		ACTION
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Liz Ibbotson, John McFadden, Tom Gray, Donald MacLeod, Rosemary Craig, Tony Miles, Pat Munro, Mark Billington, Suzanne Smith, Councillor Geekie. Jenny Lee, Russell Meek.	
1.2	New Members – Jenny Lee and Russell Meek were welcomed as Lenzie Academy Representatives. Jenny is School Captain and Russell is Vice Captain.	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
	Christine Morrison, Councillor Jarvis, Sandra Thornton, Emma Henderson	
3.0	POLICE REPORT	
3.1	Community Police – Police Officer Simon Findlay attended and noted that Officer Colin Ritchie who had attended the last meeting is not now acting as Community Officer for Lenzie but has been transferred to Response duties. He had no specific policing statistics relating to Lenzie but noted that a resident had been defrauded of a considerable sum of money by bogus workmen operating from an unmarked white Mercedes van. Car key thefts from premises remain a typical problem and residents are advised to store these in concealed locations away from doors or windows. There was no update on the Lindsaybeg Road/Auchinloch Road sightline problem. Officer Findlay was thanked for his attendance.	
4.0	COMMUNITY WARDEN	
4.1	Warden John Timoney attended and noted that the service had recruited new personnel and was now back to strength. There was some discussion of the parking situation in Lenzie generally and also relating to the changes following closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland at the Station. It is understood that Community Wardens have no jurisdiction at this location. Mr Timoney was thanked for his attendance.	
5.0	MINUTES OF 16TH SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING	
5.1	These were accepted as correct.	
6.0	MATTERS ARISING	
6.1	Walks Guide – The plan to invite interested residents to meet at the November AGM to progress the idea for a Walks guide was confirmed. The Secretary had made contact with the U3A Group, which is supportive and also has a local history interest group that would be relevant. The organiser of Health Walks at the Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre has also agreed to attend. Members were asked to invite others who might be interested in local walks.	ALL

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6.2	<p>Royal Bank site - This topic had been on the agenda last month but carried over to the current meeting. Since the Bank has been closed, the following issues have arisen – non-functioning of the ATM, occupation of the car park space, including disabled spaces, by all-day parkers and deterioration of the site environment in terms of grass/weed growth and litter. The second of these issues has had a substantial negative impact on Queen's Buildings businesses. It was agreed that attempts be made to address these issues, through EDC and directly with RBS if possible.</p> <p>(Post meeting note - it has been confirmed that RBS own the site and it is expected that it will be marketed shortly. Contact has been made with the agents and a letter sent noting the various community issues involved. The ATM problem is caused by lack of a phone connection to be installed by OpenReach)</p>	
6.3	<p>Off-Licence application at Woodilee – (Post-meeting note – This application has now been heard by the Licensing Board. The Community Health Partnership requested that the applicant should 'consider minimising the sale of highly caffeinated and ready to drink products' ie similar comment to our own. An email has since been received from the Licensing Board which notes that, once the premises are up and running, the EDC Licensing Standards Officer would be monitoring the items the proprietors will be selling.)</p>	
6.4	<p>Liaison Committee – Convener reported that, in relation to the proposed Community Councils Group, a Memorandum of Understanding between EDC and the Group and a draft Constitution have been finalised.</p>	
7.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
7.1	The insurance premium for liabilities and items has now been paid and funds stand at £5,958.	
8.0	PLANNING	
8.1	<p>Weekly List – A list of current applications had been circulated and it was agreed that these did not require action by the Community Council. It was noted also that certain alterations had been made at Regent Square, apparently without authorisation appropriate to the Conservation Area requirements. The matter was being dealt with by neighbours, the Regent Square Residents Association and EDC Planning.</p>	
8.2	<p>Lenzie Hospital Site – LCC has been notified of a PAN proposal relative to this site, with a public exhibition in Auchinloch Hall, Thursday and Saturday mornings 12th and 14th November.</p>	
9.0	AGM ARRANGEMENTS	
9.1	Item 6.1 previously relates to this item. Convener raised the question of Office Bearers for the next year. There were no volunteers for Office Bearer positions and the current holders present agreed that they would be willing to continue if proposed.	
10.0	SWITCH-ON EVENT	

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10.1	Lenzie Scouts are not able to contribute to the usual arrangements for PA system and other aspects, but alternatives have been established. It was agreed that we would aim to keep the event functioning outside the Old Parish Church in the event of poor weather and this would require help earlier in the afternoon to erect gazebo.	PM
11.0	POTENTIAL FOR CO-HOUSING PROJECT	
11.1	This had been discussed briefly at the last meeting. With regard to the use of Lenzie Primary building, when the new school is commissioned, normal practice on the part of EDC would be to market the site, which was not thought to be a listed building. Only if no offer came forward acceptable to the Authority would further ideas be developed. In any case it was thought that the building may not be compatible with the aim of creating a low-energy use environment, as is the aim in other similar projects. Nevertheless, the concept has considerable merit, in particular for benefits concerning health and social care. The conclusion therefore is that this concept should be kept in mind for a suitable opportunity, in relation to site availability	
12.0	AOCB	
12.1	Charity Christmas Card Sale – This event will take place on 14 th November and various members noted that they will be available to assist on the previous evening	RC
12.2	Churches Holiday Club – A very full and informative report had been received by the Treasurer concerning this week-long event and it was concluded that the grant made by the Community Council had been very well spent.	
12.3	Constitution – The finalised signed Constitution had not so far been returned by EDC for implementation and the Secretary was asked to issue a reminder.	TG
12.4	Millersneuk Shopping Centre – The chronic problem of potholes at this location has not been dealt with so far and there is little doubt that it is affecting custom at the various premises. In the absence of any timescale for dealing with this, the Secretary was asked to distribute letters to all premises, urging cooperation in early completion of entrance road and car park repairs. (Post-meeting note – There have been various developments – article in K Herald indicating extensive repair and refurbishment, but with no timescale; filling of current potholes, instigated by one of the shop owners. As treatment is apparently in hand, the usefulness of circulated letters seems to be in doubt at present, but the situation will be monitored.)	
12.5	Untidy area at Sub-station – A resident had drawn attention to an area at the corner of Auchinloch Road and Millersneuk Drive, adjacent to an electricity sub-station. This area had previously been planted with low-growing and other shrubs but was now overwhelmed by tall rank weeds. It was not clear if the area is the responsibility of EDC or the Electricity	

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	Company but the problem was passed on to the Council Environmental Department to determine. (Post meeting note - this area has now been dealt with (it is thought by EDC personnel.)	
13.O	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will be on 18 th November in Lenzie Upper Hall, combined with AGM	