

Lenzie Community Council

minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 2^{1st} November 2018
in Dean House

		ACTION
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Tom Gray; Tony Miles; Rosemary Craig; Christine Morrison; Cllr Rod Ackland; Suzanne Smith; Cllr Sandra Thornton; Ben Stewart; Freya Bradley; Mark Billington;	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
	John McFadden; Callum Dewar; Drena O'Malley; Lyndsey Saunders; Gayle McNeill; Paul King; Cllr Gillian Renwick	
3.0	POLICE REPORT	
	<p>Officer Ross Blain attended and reported on the period October-November. On the south side of the railway there were 4 crimes reported, including two breaches of the peace and two traffic offences. On the north side, there were two house-breaking incidents, linked to car thefts or attempts. Break-ins in order to steal car keys are becoming more aggressive and are believed to be attributable to organised crime. The advice is to make sure that no car keys are visible from outside the house, day or night, as this may prompt violent break-ins. It is noted also that some car security system keys can be 'cloned' if within radio range and, in this case, keys need to be stored in radio-wave-proof receptacles. Confirmation was made of a need for Police support at the Christmas Lights switch-on on 1st December. Officer Blain was thanked for his report.</p>	RB
4.0	TRANSPORT OPTIONS CONSULTATION	
	<p>Chris McGeough and Alistair Kyle, from EDC Transportation attended to introduce the public consultation on Transport Strategy (which had been circulated to members). The consultation document, which includes information on finishing dates for the consultation and an opportunity to respond online, is at eastdunbarton.gov.uk/transport-options-report. This is a lengthy document but specific issues around Lenzie and Kirkintilloch are covered from page 52. There are also drop-in sessions at various locations in Lenzie and Kirkintilloch in December and January.</p> <p>There was some discussion on specific issues, in particular, the need for a bus link between Kirkintilloch, Woodilee and Lenzie Station. The report notes that the 'commercial bus market' is unlikely to provide this. However, members noted that there is already an SPT-supported bus that travels along Initiative Road and turns up Woodilee/Garngaber Road to the Station. Further, it is alleged that this bus is stationary in Kirkintilloch for 15 minutes and could be diverted up Menzies Drive to serve Woodilee Village (it is averred that this is not driver rest time). It was agreed that this opportunity should be investigated.</p> <p>Other news included the information that the Lenzie Improvement Plan would start construction on 7th January 2019 and there was some discussion on that issue.</p> <p>It was noted that the electric vehicle charging point in the North Car Park had not been functioning for several months. Post meeting note: It has been clarified that the charging points in the Station car parks are managed by Scotrail whereas those in Alexandra Avenue are managed by</p>	

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	EDC. A response from Scotrail notes that the charging point has failed due to water ingress but efforts are being made to rectify the problem.	CM
5.0	MINUTES OF 24TH OCTOBER 2018 MEETING	
	Acceptance of these minutes was proposed by Suzanne Smith and seconded by Rosemary Craig.	
6.0	MATTERS ARISING	
6.1	Adopt-a-Station – Enquiries had been made, which showed that there has been very constructive development of plans to restore the Station planting as soon as feasible.	
6.2	Community Council boundaries – It was agreed to go forward with the plans to canvass the minority of houses not included in the previous consultation. Survey forms will be hand delivered with stamped addressed envelopes for return of forms. A draft paper outlining the steps taken to consult residents and noting the desire for EDC to alter Community Council boundaries has been circulated and will be sent when the consultation is complete.	TG
6.3	Gala Sponsors update – The Treasurer reported that the outstanding sponsor money reported at the last meeting had now been submitted. It was noted that a letter sent to Jo Swinson MP and Ward Councillors by a member of the Lenzie Community Development Trust, thanking Robertson Homes for their sponsorship, could be taken to imply that the Gala had been run by the Trust rather than the Community Council. The Trust does not appear to have Office Bearers at present and therefore it was agreed that the Convener should send a letter to each of the Trust Directors noting the confusion that the letter to Jo Swinson had caused and raising other questions on the governance of the Trust and its relationship with the Community Council. A draft of the letter will be circulated.	AM
6.4	Funding for empowering communities – Several attempts had been made to contact the organisation responsible for this scheme – principally to ask whether or not funding to increase presence in Woodilee or other parts of Lenzie would be eligible eg cost of flyers, upgrade of website etc. No response to these enquiries had been received to date but efforts would continue.	TG
6.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
6.1	The Treasurer noted that funds stand at £6,162 at present. With all incomings and outgoings for the Gala now accounted for, the Gala deficit amounted to £821, which is a substantial achievement and indicates the depth of sponsorship obtained by the Gala Planning Team. The deficit to date is £227. Authority was given to purchase a data projector and screen for use in presentations and planning meetings.	
7.0	PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LENZIE LIBRARY	

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7.1	There had been reports that the Board of the East Dunbarton Leisure and Culture Trust had recommended that three libraries in East Dunbartonshire be closed to save money, one of them being Lenzie Library. This was discussed and it was agreed that, as the recommendation had not yet come to EDC for discussion and disposition, it would be premature to start raising objections to closure at this stage. Nevertheless, it seemed advisable to make it clear to the community that LCC is aware of the proposal and will take action if necessary. It was agreed to place a post on the website to that effect. (see website)	TG
8.0	PLANNING	
8.1	Weekly list – Notification of seven Planning Applications had been made since the last meeting and a summary had been circulated to members. It was agreed that these were not contentious in terms of Community Council discussion. One of the sites was adjacent to a C-listed building on Boghead Road, but it was concluded that LCC had no special input to consideration of this proposal.	
9.0	2019 GALA PLANNING	
9.1	There had been no meeting of the Gala sub-committee in November and it was hoped to set up a meeting in January.	LS
10.0	CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH-ON	
10.1	It was confirmed that EDC Lighting will assist with this event on 1 st December and various aspects of the event were discussed.	SS
11.0	AOCB	
11.1	AGM – The AGM was held on 15 th November in the Golf Club meeting room. The meeting was followed by refreshments and a talk by Don Martin on 'How Lenzie Began' which was very well received. (20+) ? members of the public attended, which was probably the highest number in recent years.	
11.2	New Office Bearers – Convener, Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected at the AGM and Paul King agreed to stand for the vacant post of Vice Convener. This was well received and agreed. The former Planning Convener had notified the Convener that he should be able to return to the post in January, after illness and that was very much welcomed.	
11.3	New Year Jog – It was agreed that this event go ahead on Wednesday 2 nd January.	
12.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
12.1	The next meeting will be held on 12 th December (NB second Wednesday in month) in Dean House	All