

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2012 IN COMMITTEE ROOM OF LENZIE HALL

1.0 SEDERUNT

Rosemary Craig, Ron Hall, Liz Ibbotson, Councillor Jarvis, Donald MacLeod, John MacFadden, Christine Morrison, Suzanne Smith, Sandra Thornton and two members of the public.

2.0 APOLOGIES

Councillor Geekie, Tom Gray and Pat Munro.

3.0 MINUTES OF AGM 2011

3.1 The Minutes of the 2011 AGM were reviewed and approved.

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 There were no matters arising.

5.0 REPORT FROM OUTGOING CHAIR

5.1 The Chairperson's Statement will be published in full on the LCC website. In summary, this report covered the activities of the Community Council, which fall broadly into three categories:

- (1) The events that the Community Council organises every year;
- (2) Community projects linked to the fabric of Lenzie and our local environment; and
- (3) Representing the views of local residents on issues that concern them.

Reference was made to two new members who had joined the Community Council during the year and were contributing to events and the running of the Community Council, Patricia Munro and Christine Morrison.

'Regular business', such as the monthly community police report and the monitoring of planning applications was also noted, together with the assistance and support received from other community groups.

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 The Treasurer gave an account of the movement of funds for the year to 31st March 2012 and confirmed that the accounts circulated at the meeting have been audited and found to be in accordance with the books and records maintained. Income amounted to £4,535.07 and expenditure £7,230.10. Closing balance at that stage amounted to £3,039.37. Included within the expenditure figure was the grant funding of £2,850 from 'Awards for All', which was noted at the 2011 AGM; this had been spent on the Gala in June 2012 under the terms of the award. A contribution of £1,000 from the Woodilee Housebuilders' Consortium had also been spent on the Gala.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Suzanne Smith and seconded by Liz Ibbotson.

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7.0 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

7.1 The present office bearers having indicated that they were prepared to continue for the next year and there being no other nominations, it was proposed and agreed that the positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer should be filled by the present incumbents. The office bearers for 2012-2013 are therefore as follows:

- Chair - Suzanne Smith (Proposed by S Thornton, Seconded R Craig)
- Vice Chair – Liz Ibbotson (Proposed by J MacFadden, Seconded C Morrison)
- Treasurer - Ron Hall (Proposed by S Smith, Seconded R Craig)
- Secretary - Tom Gray (Proposed by C Morrison, Seconded S Smith)

8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

8.1 The next ordinary Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th December 2012 at 7.00pm in the Lenzie Public Halls Committee Room.

9.0 FAIR TRADE INITIATIVE UPDATE

9.1 Tracy Mitchell, who coordinates the Lenzie Fair Trade Group, gave an update to those in attendance on the work being undertaken towards Lenzie becoming a Fair Trade town. Progress against the following goals was noted:

- (a) Local Council Commitment – East Dunbartonshire Council is committed to Fair Trade and this position is reinforced by Lenzie Community Council, with three members participating on the Lenzie Fair Trade Group.
- (b) Retail / Catering Outlets – Contact has been made with all outlets to encourage them to stock Fair Trade products and serve these to their customers.
- (c) Workplaces / Churches – Flyers and an information pack have been delivered to every workplace. Engagement with churches and schools was increasing and there was also involvement with the Guides/Scouts.
- (d) Hold Events / Media Coverage – Events had been held during the year at the Coffee Lounge, focused particularly in Fair Trade fortnight and there had been coverage of the East Dunbartonshire launch on Reporting Scotland.
- (e) Formation of a Steering Group – This has happened and the steering group holds regular meetings.

In summary, progress against each target was very positive and it is hoped that Lenzie will achieve Fair Trade town status over the next twelve months.

One member of the public was particularly interested in the Fair Trade message for nursery school children and advised the meeting of recent activities that had taken place at her child's nursery. It was noted that there is no separate Fair Trade scheme for nurseries but that this interest would be pursued further in future.

Tracy was thanked for her informative and interesting presentation.