

## **LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 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, Pat Munro, Donald MacLeod, Sandra Thornton

#### **2.0 APOLOGIES**

2.1 Councillor Jarvis, Christine Morrison

#### **3.0 POLICE REPORT**

3.1 Officer Jennifer Murray attended. There had been 5 crime reports since the last meeting of the Council. These included a break-in to pub premises and several driving offences, some of which were of a serious nature. There were 18 calls to disturbances. Officer Murray was thanked for her report. (Request re traffic safety during the Jog is made later.)

#### **4.0 Liaison with Lenzie Academy**

4.1 Karrie Munro (Deputy Head) attended in relation to this item, following up an earlier discussion at Lenzie Academy. It was thought that direct links between the Community Council and pupils at Lenzie Academy could only be beneficial to both and involvement in the community has become an important aim within the school curriculum. Various suggestions were made for further development including an idea whereby two or three senior pupils would come to an LCC meeting at least once a year to report on activities and issues arising in Lenzie Academy. It was noted that web-based social media are important for those of school age and pupils could greatly assist LCC to disseminate information by establishing relevant web pages. Greater involvement in the Gala would also be beneficial. The Lenzie Fairtrade Group can also offer opportunities for participation. It was agreed that these ideas would be further developed and implemented. Liz Ibbotson and Suzanne Smith agreed to set up a sub-group to liaise with Lenzie Academy.

**EI, KM**

#### **5.0 NEW YEAR JOG ARRANGEMENTS**

5.1 Robert Rogerson from Kirkintilloch Olympians attended for this item. Arrangements are largely in place. It was noted that we may need around two people from Olympians to assist with marshalling. The question of kitchen facilities will also be checked. Arrangements for cancellation in the event of severe weather were discussed and it was agreed that attention would be drawn to the LCC website for this information with a decision made on going ahead on cancellation no later than 18:00 hrs on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Copies of the registration form will be posted on LCC and KO websites which can be filled in in advance to facilitate speedy registration. The need for a Police presence at Whitegates was noted and Officer Murray agreed to pass on that request.

**TG, RR,  
JM**

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#### **6.0 MINUTES OF 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER MEETING**

6.1 The draft minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

#### **7.0 MATTERS ARISING**

7.1 **Community Empowerment Bill** – There were no strong views on this proposal, although the general consensus was that the level of responsibilities expected would be substantially greater than currently exercised by Community Councils.

7.2 **Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils** – the proposed meeting of the CC Liaison Committee had not been announced as yet and comments to date were along the lines of the three points reported in the LCC November minutes. (Notification since draft that the meeting will be on 13<sup>th</sup> January.) It was assumed that there will be opportunity to comment on the proposals before implementation. It was hoped to obtain a Constitution from a Community Council in another Council area for comparison.

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7.3 **Climate Challenge Fund** – The Chair had attended the workshop in Twechar on this topic and concluded that there does not seem to be a way of accessing funds under this heading, except perhaps through setting up a development company.

#### **8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

8.1 Arrangements to alter signatories for the bank accounts had been made and there are now three signatories, two of whom are necessary to sign cheques. The two accounts contain £3,316 at present, taking into account all cheques written but not necessarily cashed. This total is normal for this time of year. The spend on the Christmas Lights event was £616 in 2013 (cf cost of £734 in 2012).

#### **9.0 PLANNING – APPLICATIONS LIST**

9.1 The list of applications since the last meeting had been circulated and there were no comments on these.

It was noted that the former Gillespie's petrol station has now been demolished but area being used for car display looks extremely untidy. No application has been seen for the present use as an outdoor car showroom.

#### **10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 **PSIP report on Lenzie Primary Schools** - The final consultation report on the proposal to merge Lenzie Primary and Lenzie Moss Primary School has been announced and is now on EDC website. It was noted that some of the information arising from the consultation had

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not previously been seen in public documents and the proposals merited careful scrutiny. In particular there is new information concerning the predictions for vehicle traffic generated by the combined school.

#### 11.0 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

11.1 **Lenzie.org website** – a member drew attention to this long-standing website which appeared to feature criticisms of LCC but it was not clear if these were of a historic nature or current. It was concluded that no action is necessary.

11.2 **Post Office and related issues** – The Post Office has announced that the current branch premises will be closed for a few days in mid-January to reconfigure the layout. Responses and suggestions from the public have been invited. It is noted that the Post Office till will no longer be behind a glass screen and some concern was expressed that it might become a criminal target. It is also known that the preferred operators for the new Post Office branch will be Mr and Mrs Dar, currently operating in the Day-to-Day convenience shop in Queen's Buildings. This news was welcomed by members. It was agreed that the Secretary write letters of encouragement to the Dars, to Billington's and to the proprietor of the 'Wine Seller', who had taken on the role for convenience goods previously sold by the Mace store at Gillespie's.

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11.3 **Dangerous window** – A member noted that an overhead pane of glass in the Queen's Buildings shops was damaged and there was potential for injury to passers-by. It was agreed to report this to EDC. (Post meeting note – this was done and a Council Officer responsible for such safety issues took prompt action to inform the owners. The problem has been rectified.)

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12.0 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014