

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2015
in Lenzie Hall Committee Room

		ACTION
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Liz Ibbotson, John McFadden, Tom Gray, Emma Henderson, Jonathan Martin, Tony Miles, Donald MacLeod, Christine Morrison, Rosemary Craig, Sandra Thornton, Pat Munro, Councillor Geekie, Suzanne Smith and one resident, Eileen Williams	
2.0	DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER	
2.1	News was given that former member Allan Jarvis had passed away recently. Allan had contributed greatly to the work of the Council over a large number of years. The Secretary was asked to send a letter of condolence to Mrs Anne Jarvis.	TG
3.0	POLICE REPORT	
3.1	Community Police – There were no Police in attendance.	
4.0	MINUTES OF 18TH MARCH 2015 MEETING	
4.1	These were accepted as correct – proposed by Donald MacLeod and seconded by Pat Munro	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	Newsletter – continued	AM
5.2	Community Pharmacies Representative - Suzanne Smith agreed to fulfil this requirement when necessary.	
5.3	Constitution – A draft has been sent to Martin Cunningham and it was hoped to arrange a date to resolve outstanding issues.	TG/AM
6.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
	Funds stand at £4,380.34 at present and the accounts are now with the Auditor for the end of the year. Two generous donations have been received from Taylor Wimpey (£500) and Coda Estates (£600), both for support of the Gala. This brings the Council balance to £5,480.34.	
7.0	UPDATE ON FIELD OF DREAMS	
	Drena O'Malley attended to give an update on plans to build a Deafblind persons resource centre on land purchased at the side of Initiative Road. Funds from charitable sources, bequests and local fund raising had been raised to around £1.1M but the charity is against the clock to raise the remainder needed before time-limited pledges from trusts expire later this year. It was not immediately obvious how LCC could assist, but it was agreed to use every opportunity to spread information about the Field of Dreams project. (post meeting note; a post has been placed on the LCC website.)	
8.0	PLANNING	

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8.1	Weekly List – It was agreed that none of the applications on the weekly list required attention by the Community Council.	
8.2	South Claddens Proposal – Standing orders were suspended to allow Eileen Williams to present her case concerning this proposal, which is at the stage where the land involved could be zoned for housing within the Local Development Plan currently under consideration. The likelihood is that Newton Road, which is currently a cul-de-sac, would become the entrance to a scheme scheduled to provide 70 houses, 35% of them to be 'affordable'. She noted that this scheme had been proposed previously and resisted successfully by EDC and residents. However on this occasion it appeared to be supported by EDC. The new factors appear to be the presence of the Link Road, which could provide a new Green Belt defensible boundary and the provision of 35% affordable housing which is more than the statutory 25%. LCC recommendation was to get together with other local residents to determine as many facts as possible and also to try to find out what the key arguments had been on the previous occasion. There are roadshows to consider the LDP on 5 th May, at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre and Lenzie Hall on 13 th May and the deadline for comments is 27 th May.	
9.0	LIAISON WITH COMMUNITY COUNCILS AND EDC	
9.1	The Convener and Secretary had attended the planned meeting on 28 th March at Lennoxton, where there was a good representation of Community Council members. It was useful to hear about the range of activities undertaken by Community Councils in East Dunbartonshire and there was agreement on the way forward to improve working together, particularly in the context of the EDC Liaison Committee. A presentation to the Liaison Committee on the outcomes of the Lennoxton was due to be given at the next meeting to be held in the following week.	
10.0	SHALE GAS	
	A Powerpoint presentation given at the INEOS meeting at Grangemouth had been circulated to members. Since then, links to similar information presented at a professional engineering conference had been obtained and it was agreed that these be circulated to members. These links include presentations by statutory bodies such as the Health and Safety Executive and UK Oil and Gas.	TG
11.0	GALA REPORT	
11.1	The Gala Sub-Committee had met. Funding looks much better, following the donations noted under 6.0 and stalls allocation is going ahead.	
12.0	AOCB	
12.1	Streetlife Website – Various members had been keeping an eye on this, but there does not at present seem to be a reason to become more	

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	involved.	
12.2	New members – There had been an expression of interest in membership from two sources. At present we have a full complement of 10 elected members, one co-opted member and a further member representing Lenzie Academy, all according to the draft Constitution. The Constitution allows two co-opted members. It was agreed that the Convener would seek more information concerning those with an interest in joining and come back to the Council with such information. It was agreed that we probably need to increase the number of members and might put some priority on this with regard to the Constitution.	
13.0	Date of Next meeting – 20 th May 2015	