

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2009 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOMS OF LENZIE PUBLIC HALLS

ACTION

1.0 SEDERUNT

1.1 Mrs R Craig, Mr T Gray, Mrs S Smith, Mr Allan Jarvis

2.0 APOLOGIES

2.1 Councillor A Jarvis, Mr Ron Hall

3.0 POLICE REPORT

The crime rate in Lenzie over the last period has been relatively low with 19 reported crimes and 9 detections in one area and 29 crimes with 15 detections in another, which includes other districts outside Lenzie. Four housebreakings in the Victoria Road area are included in that figure and car theft is often a target. Road traffic actions have been instituted and various prosecutions made for speeding, use of mobile phones while driving etc. There was some discussion of parking and other traffic problems.

4.0 HEALTHY HABITS TEAM PRESENTATION

Pamela McCreddie and Craig Hudson discussed the aims of their work and passed over a number of useful documents on car use and the benefits of walking or cycling to work or for exercise or leisure. Copies can be obtained from the Secretary. Surveys are under way on several paths via automatic path counters but there have been some reliability problems which are being addressed. They also discussed a current consultation on path signage, where the aim is to find out where people are walking/cycling to and what information might be needed. This will form the basis for new signs which might include times to walk to particular locations as well as distance. Copies of these forms are also available and arrangements can be made to pass completed forms on to the project shop at 55 Cowgate. The aim of this drop-in shop is to provide members of the public with personalised information on healthier transport ways. Typical customers to date comprise experienced walkers/cyclists and others wishing to take up such exercise.

5.0 MINUTES OF MEETING ON 19 AUGUST 2009

These minutes were accepted as correct.

6.0 MATTERS ARISING

6.1 Proposed Community Council website (item taken last)

To fulfil actions from last meeting, a letter had been sent to the Rector of Lenzie Academy inviting (a) nomination of a senior pupil to join LCC and (b) nomination of any pupil for whom involvement with the development of a Community Council website would be useful in terms of IT learning. A response is awaited.

An offer and estimate had been received from a qualified IT professional to set up a suitable website according to the following terms:

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- Purchase/configuration of hosting package and registration of domain name on our behalf
 - Configuration of email for domain
 - Installation of free Wordpress software on host system
 - Purchase and installation of suitable commercial Wordpress theme
 - Configuration of Wordpress to our site requirements
 - Population of Wordpress pages with site text and images provided by us

Total cost estimated at £580, including £80 for first annual domain rental fee and contingency allowance of £60 if a suitable free template cannot be utilised and a commercial template has to be purchased, this being a one-off initial cost. The continuing maintenance cost should therefore be in the region of £80 pa.

The Committee considered this information, together with some emailed comments from the Treasurer. On the question of an additional grant from the Council for this purpose, a reply had been received from Alastair Ewen that there was no reason in principle why LCC should not apply under the Community Grants scheme. Success or otherwise would depend on the merits of the case and the funds that the Community Council already had at its disposal. On the basis of a brief demonstration, it was thought that manipulation of the website after setup would be reasonably user friendly. In the case of the Dreamweaver/host website route, software would require to be purchased and installed on users' computers and some training might therefore be necessary. The Wordpress software in this case is free and installed on the host website for online access via a conventional web browser. Involvement of current and future members of LCC in maintaining a website is an open question as far as future membership is concerned but it was thought that there should be enough resource available within current membership. The 'cost effectiveness' of money spent on a website was not certain to members in advance, but it was thought to be worth the risk in terms of generating interest and gaining new members. The possibility of seeking to join forces with the author of the 'lenzie.org' website was not regarded with enthusiasm as a way forward.

In the light of the discussion, the members decided to go ahead with the proposal as indicated above.

6.2 **Queen's Buildings Clock**

continued

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6.3 **Hanging basket brackets**

Continued

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6.4 **Offer by Don Harley re Stobhill Hospital talk**

continued

SS

6.5 **Parking problems including Garngaber Avenue**

Arising from AOCB in previous minutes, it was decided to seek an update on the parking strategy plan. [Post-meeting note – Councillor Jarvis has agreed to update the Community Council on the present position at the next meeting.](#)

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7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditure to date amounted to £3,697 and income £3,790. Balances £2,385 and £2,794 in the two accounts making a total of £5,179. Total forecast expenditure £4,197. The forecast opening balance at March '10 is £4,679 which would be some £400-500 less than in previous years at the corresponding stage. (NB this does not include the proposed website expenditure shown above.)

8.0 PLANNING

No discussion under this heading

9.0 ACCESS REPORT

The last part of the path and steps at the North end of Christine's Way has been closed off during earth works, but should be complete in the next few weeks, when another path will link with the new Canal Bridge.

10.0 EVENTS

10.1 Charity Christmas Card Fayre

Rosemary Craig reported on the arrangements for this event on Saturday 14th November in Lenzie Old Parish Church Halls, 9 am – 1 pm. Letters inviting 18 charity organisations will go out on 21st September (see Appendix) and notices at the end of September for notice board, library, station and Coop. Ladies from Lenzie Old Parish Church will run the tea room and set up on Friday evening will be possible at time arranged with BB who are in Hall on that evening.

RC

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Items of correspondence included:

- ED Council Agenda
- Proposal by ED Roads to reduce the speed limit on the KLR from 40 mph to 30 mph starting at the railway viaduct northwards through the Larkfield traffic lights as far as the Townhead roundabout, merging with the existing 30 mph limit on New Lairdsland Road. Members saw no reason to contradict or amend this proposal.

12.0 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

none

13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 21st October at 7.00pm

APPENDIX

Charities participating in Christmas Card Fayre

Children 1st	Riding for the Disabled
Traidcraft	Christian Aid
Friends of the Samaritans	R.N.L.I.
P.D.S.A.	Leukaemia Research

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Talking Newspaper

Gartnavel Diabetic Group

Marie Curie Cancer Care

Children with Heart Disorders

Deafblind

CHAS

Tearfund

Alzheimer Scotland

Save the Children

Cat Protection League