

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2009 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, LENZIE PUBLIC HALL

ACTION

1.0 SEDERUNT

- 1.1 Mrs R Craig, Mr R Hall, Mr A Jarvis, Mrs S Smith. Constable Lorraine Jeffrey and Constable Brian McAllister were also in attendance for the police report.

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Councillor R Geekie, Mr T Gray, Councillor A Jarvis, Mrs S Thornton

3.0 POLICE REPORT

- 3.1 Constables Jeffrey and McAllister provided an update on reported crimes since the last meeting. For Beat 88 (South of Gallowhill Road) six crimes had been reported which included one road traffic accident, a theft from a motor vehicle and of a motor vehicle and a break in to a container outside a domestic dwelling. In the case of Beat 89, there were 22 reported crimes, with 9 detections, these included vandalism and car theft.

- 3.2 The meeting discussed progress following the recent spate of thefts from vehicles, which was reported at the last meeting. One suspect had been apprehended and the police were still monitoring the activity of this group in other areas of East Dunbartonshire.

- 3.3 Mrs R Craig advised the meeting that she had been approached by PC Paul Owens with a request for a financial contribution towards the cost of a bell that can be fitted to a lady's handbag to alert the owner if someone is trying to steal it from them. A contribution of £100 is sought. The meeting asked that more detail be provided on this item to enable it to reach a decision.

Post Meeting Note: PC Lorraine Jeffrey provided further details following the meeting. The bells are similar to a small key ring that can be attached to a purse/bag, alerting people when someone is attempting to open/take same. These are to be distributed by Community officers from the start of December until the end of January in various shopping locations throughout East Dunbartonshire.

The police also reminded the meeting that to avoid thefts from cars while out Christmas shopping bulkier items should be purchased last.

4.0 MINUTES OF MEETING ON 21ST OCTOBER 2009

- 4.1 The minutes of the October meeting were discussed and one amendment was suggested under item 3.0 – New Members; this would now read "Another resident had confirmed willingness to become a member...."

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5.0 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Community Council Website

Payment of the invoice for the design of the website was approved.

Mr R Hall expressed concern about the ability to find the site with the Google search engine and it was agreed that this should be investigated.

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- 5.2 **Queen's Buildings Clock**
To be carried forward to the next meeting. TG
- 5.3 **Parking Issues**
- 5.3.1 Councillor Jarvis was unable to provide an update on this position as her scheduled meeting with the police had been cancelled by them.
- 5.3.2 Mr T Gray had exchanged email correspondence with Robin O'Malley, EDC's Transportation Planner regarding parking issues and Lenzie station. It was agreed that this correspondence could be shared with the other members of LCC. Mr Gray proposed that Robin O'Malley be invited to a future meeting and that LCC could provide further information on the parking in Lenzie in the interim. It was agreed that Mr O'Malley should be invited to the February meeting and that Mr Gray would be asked to provide clarification of the type of information required before then. TG
- 5.4 **Insurance**
Mr R Hall reported on his discussions with the existing broker in the light of the rejected claim for the damage to a vehicle at the Lenzie Gala. It was noted that this had been judged as a no fault incident (Act of God).
Mr A Jarvis advised the meeting that this company specialised in insuring organisations such as LCC and confirmed that a good deal of research had been carried out when it was originally chosen. It was therefore agreed to renew cover with the same insurer at a cost of £210.
- 5.5 **Update from Charity Christmas Card Sale**
Mrs R Craig provided a report on the charity Christmas card sale. Of the nineteen charities invited, ten attended. There was a steady flow of people throughout the event and the charities appeared to be happy with sales made. The Church raised £136 through the sale of tea and coffee, the most ever made, and the contribution of the ladies involved was acknowledged. Mrs R Craig has sent thank you letters to the Church and the charities.
- 6.0 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON**
- 6.1 Mrs S Smith had prepared an action list for this item and this was reviewed and updated. Mrs S Smith is to update other members accordingly. SS
- 7.0 **NEW YEAR JOG**
- 7.1 It was agreed that this item would be discussed in more detail at the December meeting when Ada Stewart of the Kirkintilloch Olympians would be in attendance.
Mr R Hall reported that due to the works being carried out at Dean House, the meeting point for next year's event would be at the Old Church Hall on Moncrieff Avenue. It was agreed that signs to direct runners from Dean House would be required. Mrs R Craig queried the kitchen facilities that are available at the Old Hall and Mr R Hall will investigate these. RH

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8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

8.1 Mr R Hall had circulated a written financial report prior to the meeting and the content of this was noted. A forecast has been made of financial expenditure for 2010 to 2011, together with an estimate of the opening balance as at April 2011 and this was discussed. It was agreed that expenditure would need to be monitored closely during the year ahead.

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9.0 PLANNING

9.1 Mr D McIntyre was not in attendance at the meeting and there was no planning report; no other items were noted.

10.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- Letter from Margaret Harkins of the EDC Transportation Team re. their Cycle/Recycle Project;
- Email exchange between Tom Gray and Robin O'Malley, EDC Transportation Planner (see item 5.3.2 above);
- Letter from The Scottish Government about the National Conversation meeting in Bishopbriggs on 19th November (previously circulated by email); and
- Minutes of the joint meeting of the NHS North and South Glasgow Monitoring Groups, that was held on 11th September 2009.

11.0 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

11.1 Kirkintilloch Herald Advertising – It was noted that the cost of this year's advertisement for the Christmas Card Sale had risen considerably since last year and the effectiveness of this was questioned. It was agreed that this would be discussed at a future meeting.

11.2 Mrs S Smith had received a letter from the Pupil Council and PTA of Lenzie Primary School asking for LCC's support in their fundraising initiative to improve the school's playground facilities (see attached). This letter was discussed and it was agreed that given the LCC's existing financial commitments and the fact that we would not be in a position to support all the Lenzie schools in the same way, that a grant would not be possible. A letter is to be written to respond to Lenzie Primary School.

12.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th December at 7.00pm and will be held in the Committee Room of Lenzie Public Hall.

Please note that there will be no January meeting due to the pantomime that will be taking place in the Public Hall at that time.

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16 November 2009

Dear Members of Lenzie Community Council,

We write on behalf of the Pupil Council and PTA at Lenzie Primary School to request your support of our fundraising initiative to improve the playground facilities.

Many of our recent improvements are visible from the road and hopefully you have been impressed with the changes within the grounds of Lenzie Primary. If not, the Pupil Council would be delighted to give you a tour so that you can see for yourself our outdoor classroom/theatre, storytime circle complete with fairy mushroom seating, gardening areas and improved play facilities in the nursery and infant play area. All of the above have been possible due to the fundraising efforts of the pupils and PTA.

Lenzie Primary sadly lacks any green space but while our sports facilities may be lacking the enthusiasm of the pupils is not. At the suggestion of the pupil council we would now like to have a safe play surface sports pitch installed in the main playground.

The quoted cost for such a development is £8000. We currently have £3000 and plan a variety of fundraisers in an effort to raise the remainder.

We appeal to Lenzie Community Council to consider awarding us a grant so that we may realise our "Goal" all the sooner.

Yours sincerely

Jennifer McCafferty

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Chair of PTA

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Secretary of Pupil Council.

