

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2013 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT LENZIE HALL

ACTION

1.0 ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Community Council Members: Rosemary Craig, Ron Hall, Liz Ibbotson, Donald MacLeod, John McFadden, Tony Miles, Christine Morrison, Suzanne Smith; Sandra Thornton
- 1.2 Others: David North, Lenzie Primary School PTA

2.0 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Councillor Geekie, Tom Gray, Pat Munro

3.0 POLICE REPORT

- 3.1 Officer Myra MacLeod was in attendance at the meeting and reported that general activity over the past month had been very quiet. There had been incidents of thefts of bicycles from private gardens over the summer period. The meeting was also made aware that hoax workmen were operating in the area using vans for transport; it was noted that the Police would publicise this problem again in order to raise awareness amongst members of the public.
- 3.2 Officer MacLeod advised that the intention of the Community Police team going forward was to try to ensure that the same officer would attend Community Council meetings in future. This would promote a better understanding of local issues. Members welcomed this information.

4.0 MINUTES OF 19TH JUNE 2013 MEETING

- 4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved

5.0 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 **Proposed Lenzie Primary Schools Merger** – David North of Lenzie Primary PTA was in attendance at the meeting and Suzanne Smith summarised the actions that LCC had taken in connection with the statutory consultation exercise. It was agreed that Mr North would be provided with a copy of LCC's consultation response for his information. It was noted that the PTA is broadly supportive of the proposals for the proposed new school, given the condition of the building fabric at Lenzie Primary School and the lack of playing facilities. The PTA had queried the school roll and traffic movement calculations used by EDC in the consultation documents; its responses were aligned with those of Lenzie Moss PTA. Concerns regarding access to the proposed new school and impact on traffic flows in Myrtle Avenue were shared by all present.
- 5.2 **Lenzie Post Office Update** – It was noted that since the last meeting the Post Office had decided against its proposed relocation of the Lenzie post office from the Queens Buildings to the Scotmid store on Gallowhill Road. This news had been welcomed by all members and the large response to the public consultation exercise was noted. Discussions are still ongoing with regard to the running and management of the existing post office premises.

SS

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2013 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT LENZIE HALL

ACTION

- 5.3 **Community Council Boundaries Update** – Suzanne Smith reported that Martin Cunningham, EDC's Democratic Services Manager, was setting up a joint meeting with Lenzie and Waterside Community Councils to discuss their respective boundaries/areas. The meeting had been delayed due to holiday arrangements, but would be held in the near future.

6.0 CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

- 6.1 Correspondence had been exchanged between the office bearers regarding applications for the next round of the Climate Challenge Fund. Grants of up to £150,000 per year are available from the Scottish Government, via Keep Scotland Beautiful, for community groups to take action to reduce carbon, save money and improve local facilities. It was agreed to carry this item forward to the next meeting for discussion as to whether any application could be made.

7.0 GALA UPDATE

- 7.1 Liz Ibbotson provided an update to the meeting, following an informal meeting that had been held in July to provide feedback from this year's Gala and to discuss arrangements for next year. It was noted that the 2014 Gala will use the Commonwealth Games as its theme and Liz is already exploring possible sources of grant funding linked to the Games. Tony Miles raised a question as to whether it would be possible to source another marquee for next June to assist with the staging of arena events even in inclement weather. This was discussed and will be explored further, albeit that the associated cost could be a preventative factor.

8.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 8.1 The Treasurer reported funds of circa £4,600 as at the date of the meeting, with a further £1,000 of expenditure anticipated prior to the end of the financial year, which would cover the costs of the Christmas lights and the Lenzie Jog. It was noted that this would result in a balance of £3,600 at the year end.

9.0 AGM ARRANGEMENTS

- 9.1 The arrangements for this year's AGM were discussed. The poor attendance at the AGM over the past few years was noted and it was agreed that no external speaker would therefore be arranged for this year's meeting. The AGM will form part of the October meeting and will be held in the Committee Room at Lenzie Hall.

10.0 PLANNING

- 10.1 The Planning Convener had circulated a summary of the various Planning Applications since the last meeting, together with a report on the proposed development of the site known as McGavigan's Field in Lenzie. The meeting agreed with his assessment that none of these applications were contentious from the Community Council's point of view.

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2013 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT LENZIE HALL

ACTION

- 10.2 It was noted that Sainsbury's Supermarkets have submitted a Proposal of Application Notice to East Dunbartonshire Council regarding their intention to increase the size of the store at Townhead in Kirkintilloch. This had also been reported in the local press. This application was discussed in the context of the proposals for the redevelopment of the Tom Johnston House site into a large supermarket. The potential impact on traffic flows and parking was noted.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 **Friends of the Earth** - A letter had been received from Friends of the Earth regarding the extraction of gas from coal seams and proposals for fracking. The Planning Convener had contacted East Dunbartonshire Council for further clarification on this matter. [Post Meeting Note – a response has now been received from the Planning Department and the following information can be noted “There is currently only one planning permission in the licence area PEDL 162, which is for a single borehole to extract coal bed methane. There are no proposals to fracture this borehole. A second planning application for a nearby site at Chryston has been withdrawn. There have not been any applications of this type in E Dunbartonshire.”](#)

12.0 AOCB

- 12.1 **Christmas Card Fayre** – Rosemary Craig had provided an update on the Christmas Card Fayre, which will take place on Saturday 9th November. The hall at Lenzie Old Parish Church has been booked and the Church will provide refreshments as usual. Rosemary will be emailing twenty different charities during the early part of September to invite them to the event.

RC

- 12.2 **Kirkintilloch & District Community Development Trust** – Christine Morrison provided an update following a recent information forum that she had attended. The remit of this Trust was noted broadly as being to enhance local communities and create civic wellbeing. Trust members will decide what particular activities they want to pursue, from a very wide range of possibilities e.g. historical preservation, street furniture, transport, energy, culture (music, arts), etc. The Trust is looking for members, who can be individuals, companies, clubs and voluntary organisations residing or with a base in the G66 area, to put forward ideas of projects that could be developed. Christine will circulate a note from the information forum to members; she had also queried whether there will be community council representation on the Trust, however this matter was not addressed at the information forum.

CM

- 12.3 **Community Council Constitution** – It was noted that EDC had previously been carrying out some work on a standard community council constitution. It was agreed that Suzanne Smith would contact EDC to request an update.

SS

- 12.4 **Mama Da Vinci's** – It was noted that these premises were now being marketed for rent and that Mama Da Vinci's had ceased to operate from this location. [Post Meeting Note – the impact of parking issues on the Queens Building shops and a query over business rates have been raised with EDC, an update on the parking proposals will be provided at the September meeting.](#)

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2013 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT LENZIE HALL

ACTION

- 12.5 **Fairtrade Update** – Liz Ibbotson noted that Fairtrade Town signs have now been erected at all access roads into Lenzie. A 'Savour the Flavour' event is being organised at Lenzie Academy on Thursday 3rd October at 6.30pm. An update will be provided to the next meeting.
- 12.6 **Parking** – Councillor Jarvis advised the meeting that these proposals are moving forward and parking wardens are due to be appointed. [Post Meeting Note – as noted under item 12.4, an EDC officer will be in attendance at the September meeting to provide an update on the parking proposals.](#)
- 13.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- 13.1 The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th September 2013 and will take place in the Committee Room at Lenzie Hall.