

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2014
in the committee room at Lenzie Hall

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1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Liz Ibbotson, John McFadden, Tony Miles, Suzanne Smith, Tom Gray, Pat Munro, Donald MacLeod, Christine Morrison, Rosemary Craig, Sandra Thornton	
1.2	Resignation- A letter of resignation had been received from Ron Hall, following many years of service to Lenzie Community Council, several of them as Treasurer. He expressed his enjoyment of his time as a Councillor, expressed appreciation of the work of the last two Chairs Lynn Smith and Suzanne Smith and wished the present Chair every success. He mentioned the Station planter scheme and offered to assist whoever picked up this duty. It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Ron.	TG
2.0	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Councillor Geekie, Councillor Jarvis	
3.0	POLICE REPORT	
3.1	There was no Police report on this occasion as the Community Police Officer had been detained on a case in Lennoxton. (Post meeting note Officer Murray later confirmed that Police support would be provided at the Gala. She will be carrying the Commonwealth Games Baton on Saturday 19 th July but the exact timing and route will be confirmed later.)	
4.0	MINUTES of 19th March meeting and notes of April 16th meeting	
4.1	These minutes and notes were approved	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	Post Office – There has been no further progress in that Royal Mail has not yet approved a plan to site the Post Office. The Chair stated that he would speak to the proprietors of Day Today. (Post meeting note – The Dars have now been told that they will receive a contract to operate the Post Office from their current premises.)	AM
5.2	Licensing - A satisfactory answer on the question of inconsistencies between off-sales premises in relation to restricted alcohol products had still not been obtained. It was agreed that the Licensing Board be contacted again to determine the reasons for current practice. (Post meeting note – A full answer has now been received. It appears that conditions can be placed on a licensee at the time of granting or varying the licence, but the relevant Act does not permit the Board to introduce into <u>existing</u> licences a condition which would restrict the alcohol products sold by off-sales premises. The answer also included an offer that the Licensing Standards Officer could attend an LCC meeting to provide further guidance if necessary.)	TG
5.3	Circulation of draft minutes – A Group email address had been compiled comprising the constituency MP and MSP, a regional MSP who	

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	had expressed interest in seeing minutes and some Council Officers with whom LCC has frequent dealings. As a preliminary step, this address list has been used to ask those on the Group address if they wished to be notified of the approved minutes posting and given the link to open these minutes directly.	
5.4	Primary School proposals – An invitation had been received to nominate a Community Council member to attend meetings of the group appointed to consider the design of the new combined school on the Lenzie Moss site. Christine Morrison had agreed to attend these meetings and gave a report on the discussions so far.	
5.5	Football pitches – Councillor Geekie had sent information that funds to treat drainage problems at the Boghead Road pitches were in the budget for the current year.	
5.6	Regent Square residents letter re parking – It was agreed to contact the Council again on this matter. (Post meeting note – a reply has been received from the Team Leader Transport and Access that consultation events are to be held in Lenzie in the next month. LCC and Regent Square residents will be advised of the dates. A further enquiry relating to the Station area noted that the Transport Hub, previously discussed is not fully designed as yet and will not be funded in 2014/15).	TG
6.0	GALA – Various aspects of the Gala arrangements were discussed. It was agreed that a trial assembly of the Council tent would be carried out to determine faulty parts and facilitate erection on Gala day.	
7.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
7.1	Funds stand at £5,923, allowing for one uncashed cheque at present. This balance will of course be considerably reduced by Gala expenditure. We have not yet received the annual Council grant.	
8.0	PLANNING	
8.1	Application list - A list of Planning Applications had been scrutinised by the Planning Convener and the meeting agreed with his judgement that none of these raised issues relevant to the Community Council.	
8.2	Additional sites in MIR – Two additional sites for house building had been proposed in Lenzie during the consultation period and comments were invited. Both were on Green belt land and the Council agreed that the Planning Convener should draft objection letters to both of these proposals.	JMcF
8.3	Arnold Clark site – The Planning Convener had drafted a letter to Planning, drawing attention to the poor appearance of the former filling station at Lindsaybeg Road and it was agreed that this letter should now be sent.	JMcF
8.4	New Supermarket proposal – Notice had been received of a pre-	All

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	application consultation in respect of a new supermarket and filling station at Woodilee Industrial Estate. (Post meeting note – Poster information describing this proposal has been circulated for discussion at next meeting)	
9.0	RAISING PROFILE OF LCC (NEWSLETTER)	
9.1	It was agreed that this item be postponed till the June meeting	
10.0	REPORT FROM LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING	
10.1	There was a verbal update of the scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, but the issue of a procedure for altering boundaries has still not been resolved, nor other aspects of Constitutions. The Corporate Governance Manager (Martin Cunningham) showed a map after the meeting which set the boundary between Lenzie and Waterside Ccs at Calfmuir Road. A meeting on this question was to have been held but so far nothing has been arranged. The Director of Governance and Regulation reported on the Budget Consultation process. Kirkintilloch CC Chair reported on a Forum in Edinburgh concerned with enhancing the work of Community Councils.	
11.0	EDC BEDDING PLANT POLICIES AND LENZIE STATION PLANTING PROPOSAL	
11.1	Bedding plant areas in Lenzie – At present EDC maintains three areas viz. Coronation Gardens, Anne Crescent and Queen's Buildings. Their proposal was to retain only the Anne Crescent area. The suggestion was made that there may be community groups prepared to maintain the remaining areas and advice would be offered by Greenspace staff. Discussion arrived at a conclusion that Queen's Buildings should be the priority in terms of reaching the maximum 'audience'. Also, it was noted that the large container at Queen's Buildings had been purchased by a previous Community Council, on the understanding that EDC would maintain it. It was agreed that these points should be communicated to the EDC contact dealing with this issue. Meanwhile, Queen's Buildings proprietors would be contacted to see if there would be interest in maintaining the display.	TG
11.2	Adopt-a-Station scheme – Various attempts had been made to find an arrangement to replace the sterling work undertaken by Ron Hall and his wife. Negotiations with a specific person were at an advanced stage and it was hoped that this could be agreed. The cost will increase, as the work is being undertaken on a semi-professional basis, but Scotrail have indicated that this will be acceptable. (Post meeting note – this arrangement has in fact been concluded and the results are very satisfactory.)	TG
12.0	EDC BUDGET CONSULTATION	

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	Liz Ibbotson reported on her attendance at one of the public budget consultation meetings. There was a good attendance and participation but it was difficult to determine areas for savings.	
13.0	Correspondence and AOCB – Nothing noted	
14.0	Next meeting – 18 th June	