

LENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21st September 2016
in Lenzie Public Hall

		ACTION
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Pat Munro John McFadden, Tom Gray, Tony Miles, Donald MacLeod, Rosemary Craig	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
	Sandra Thornton, Mark Billington, Councillor Geekie, Christine Morrison, Emma Henderson, Suzanne Smith	
3.0	POLICE REPORT	
3.1	Community Police – Officers Jacqueline Sellar and Alex Pickering attended. There was discussion concerning the recent spate of housebreakings which were being investigated by a specialist team. In general these were occurring in the early hours of the morning. Attention was drawn to the 'closed house' form, obtainable from Kirkintilloch Police Station, which householders could complete if they intended to be away from home for a period. Attention was also drawn to a callout incident where a garage with motorised door was broken into and a car interfered with. This will be followed up. Otherwise, there were the usual instances of Road Traffic Offences and vandalism. The Officers were thanked for their attendance.	JS
4.0	MINUTES OF 17TH AUGUST MEETING	
	Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by John McFadden and seconded by Donald McLeod.	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	Lenzie Improvement Scheme – This consultation will be launched at an event taking place in Lenzie Station Car Park on Tuesday 27 th September between 3 pm and 7 pm. (Post meeting note – venue changed to outside Billington's).	
5.2	Rail Infrastructure – Further to August Minutes, including post-meeting note, it appears that Planning proposals made by Network Rail are not subject to public notification or consultation and the grounds on which objections can be made by the Planning Officer are fairly limited. In the case of the Lenzie Station footbridge, the engineering drawings submitted suggested that the alterations to the parapet were minor and the proposal was therefore accepted. In practice, the contrast in form and paint colour between the original structure and the new parapet extensions has produced a result of unsatisfactory appearance. It is believed that the original structure was specially designed to have a good appearance appropriate to a Conservation Area, given that it replaced a Victorian footbridge. The Planning Officer will be taking this up with Network Rail but it does not seem likely that there will be action to improve the appearance of the bridge. Questions on maintenance and structural integrity have also been raised.	
5.3	Bus routes – The Network Planning Manager for Firstgroup Glasgow	TG &

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	has been contacted and has agreed to meet with members of LCC in early October to consider the bus network through Lenzie. It was also noted that a request had been made from another source to consider rerouting one or other of the X85/87 services, but Firstgroup did not agree to such an alteration.	AM
5.4	Lenzie Cohousing Group – The meeting scheduled for 22 nd August had taken place. It appears that the former Lenzie Primary School site has been allocated to All Saints Development Company of Newcastle, subject to a satisfactory Planning Application being submitted. No details of the proposal are currently available. The Cohousing Group intend to set up a Development Trust to promote housing for older people in Lenzie and have established a Constitution acceptable to the Scottish Government for this purpose.	
6.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
6.1	The Treasurer had given apologies for the meeting but noted that the current credit balance is £3,058. Income received this month was £845 and expenditure was £550.	
7.0	PLANNING	
7.1	Weekly List – A list of current applications had been circulated and it was agreed that most of these did not require action by the Community Council.	All
7.2	Other applications – It was agreed that the proposal to convert a former coach house in Viewfield Avenue and the altered proposal for the Field of Dreams centre on Initiative Road should be accepted, together with a proposal by the Coop to mount new illuminated signs at the Millersneuk shopping centre.	
7.3	Meadowburn – Information was received that Miller Homes had withdrawn their proposal for housing entered from Meadowburn Avenue. LCC had objected to this proposal.	
8.0	KIRKINTILLOCH SHARED SPACE SCHEME	
8.1	Lenzie CC had been asked by Kirkintilloch CC to join a meeting concerned with this scheme, as a neighbouring Community Council. The Convener had attended and has produced a report. In this, the Convener stated that he had watched the actions of users on the junction. He concurred that for visually impaired it would be a “leap of faith” to negotiate without sighted help. He said he had witnessed pedestrians nearly been cut up by a vehicle and that buses certainly seem to have little care for anyone on the junction. He noted that at the moment only three directions are in use and that the situation could only worsen on there being four roads in use. He also stated that the materials used on the ground did not comply with a pedestrian crossing and in fact were a tripping hazard. He concluded that there was poor signage, in the wrong places, lack of understanding that pedestrians had equal rights and clearly a case for driver education on how to negotiate the junction.	

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9.0	FORMATION OF A DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMPANY	
9.1	The experiences of the Lenzie Cohousing Group had pointed to the consideration that LCC may at some point wish to undertake fact-finding or development projects which would require separate activity and input. Milngavie CC has found itself in this position and has set up such an organisation. Members were recommended to look at www.milngaviedt.co.uk for information on what kinds of projects might be developed under such an arrangement and how Milngavie CC went about setting it up. The Lenzie Cohousing Group have organised a public meeting in Lenzie Union New Hall on Monday 24 th October, at which Catherine McWilliam, Membership and Communications Officer of the Development Trusts Association Scotland will explain what Development Trusts can do and how to set them up.	ALL
10.0	ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS	
10.1	ED Council Liaison – It was noted that scheduled meetings of the Liaison Committee did not take place in May and September and the resulting inquiries indicate that EDCouncil have decided unilaterally to suspend further meetings. A particular difficulty that this raises is that the draft Memorandum of Understanding, which governs the entire relationship between Community Councils and EDC, has not been put before ED Councillors and therefore no proper basis for a relationship exists. Other important matters such as CC Constitutions and boundaries also remain in abeyance. The newly formed ED Association of Community Councils is attempting to address this situation, but members expressed astonishment that such a state of affairs has developed.	AM
10.2	Christmas Events – Pat Munro noted that certain preliminary actions have been taken on events over Christmas but assistance is required with respect to fliers and other matters.	ALL
10.3	Charity Christmas Card Sale – Rosemary Craig noted that 22 invitations have been issued for this event on 12 th November. Eleven have accepted at this stage and two have declined.	
10.4	Need for more members – It was noted that some members are temporarily unable to contribute assistance for events at the moment and there is a need to recruit more members. It was thought that Facebook might be a good way of doing this, although word of mouth is always important. We also need to follow up on obtaining a member from Lenzie Academy, to replace two from last year who have moved on.	ALL
13.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will be held on 19 th October in Lenzie Hall Committee Room	