

Lenzie Community Council

minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 21st August 2019
in Dean House

		ACTION
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Tom Gray; Tony Miles; Suzanne Smith; Paul King; Cllr Sandra Thornton; Rosemary Craig; Drena O'Malley;	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
	Mark Billington; Callum Dewar; Gayle McNeill; Cllr Rod Ackland; Christine Morrison;	
3.0	POLICE REPORT	
	PCs Gerry Canning and John Fitzimmons attended and reported on the period since the last LCC meeting. PC Robert Guy has now retired and appreciation of his service to the community was made. The general picture is that crime is at a fairly low level in the Lenzie area. A large pile of pills dumped at a popular path had been reported by a member of the public and acted on as regards removal. Attempts had been made to set these on fire. There has been a rise in bogus phone calls where a few individuals have been defrauded by bank transfers. These are often targeted at vulnerable individuals and it is suggested that anyone who has a relative or friend in this category should recommend adoption of a call blocker. It was noted that Virgin Media, Sky and BT offer free blocking services.	
4.0	MINUTES OF 19TH JUNE 2019 MEETING	
	Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Rosemary Craig and seconded by Suzanne Smith.	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	
5.1	Community Council boundaries – The EDC Governance Manager, Martin Cunningham, attended a meeting of Waterside CC in July. He stated that he would host a meeting of representatives from Woodilee Residents Association, Waterside Community Council, Lenzie Community Council and Kirkintilloch Community Council.	
5.2	De-Fibrillator/Taxi Office – The Taxi Office in the Station Car Park is now not in use and empty. It was suggested that enquiries be made to determine what is likely to happen to the building.	MB
5.3	Lenzie transport hub project – There has been no further movement on the idea of marking completion of the project in some special way. A photo call of representatives from organisations who contributed to the project had taken place. It was noted that the Traffic Regulation Orders, which would allow enforcement of the planned short term parking spaces, had still to be granted and it was thought that completion of this element of the scheme might be a more appropriate time to mark the occasion. Casual observation suggests that the parking turnover of the 2/3 vehicle short term spaces on Kirkintilloch Road is much better than previously and also that long-term parking on the double yellow lines in the Station Car Park does not seem to be happening as before.	

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	A disappointing aspect of the Hub Project is that, in the first week after re-opening of the Station Car Park, SPT suspended Lenzie Station from the 72 and 178 McGills services and these services no longer call at the bus stop and shelter, which was part of the project. This loss of service had been taken up with SPT and Councillor Moir, who provides EDC liaison with SPT had been informed of the reasons for this change, with a reply that the service would be restored on a trial basis. One of the reasons given was that the buses were at times blocked by illegally parked cars on the north side of the Station Car Park. (post meeting note: the 72 and 178 services have not so far been restored.)	TG
5.5	Noticeboard – The new LCC noticeboard is now in place near the Queen's Buildings shops and receives more attention from passers-by. Consideration needs to be given to material to go in the noticeboard.	ALL
6.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
6.1	The Treasurer was not present but had provided interim balance sheets on the overall position and on the Gala Budget to the Convenor and Secretary. The current balance of reserves was £7,244 but there were still some Gala expenses to be recorded. The estimated shortfall on the Gala budget was £1,305 but this was also likely to change post Gala.	CM
7.0	PLANNING	
7.1	<p>A summary of 15 Planning Applications lodged since the last meeting had been circulated. Most of these were considered to be non-contentious.</p> <p>Several of these which had special or unusual features had plans attached and were discussed. In the case of the proposed residential development at the former Tom Johnston House site, it was noted that the Travel Plan relied on the 178 service for access to Lenzie Station. This will not be valid if the service is withdrawn from Lenzie Station. The nearest bus stops on Kirkintilloch Road and Auchinloch Road are at a considerable distance from the Station entrance, particularly if a train user has luggage. It was decided that no objections be raised on any of the further proposals discussed in detail.</p> <p>LCC had received copies of objections made by residents concerning the proposed sports pitch at Lenzie Academy. This proposal had been discussed at the June meeting of LCC without adverse comment. The objections now apparent included anticipated problems of noise, poor drainage, floodlighting and a belief that the pitch would be managed by a commercial organisation (ie not Lenzie Academy) that might be under pressure to run the facility up to the indicated time of 10 pm. Contact with the EDC Case Officer indicated that the facility would be managed by Lenzie Academy and not by an external commercial organisation. Examination of the other grounds for objection suggested that these factors had been addressed in the proposal.</p>	SS
8.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
8.1	The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 th September 2019 in	ALL

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