

Lenzie Community Council
minutes of virtual meetings in May 2020

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	No meetings of the Community Council have been held since February. The following items record decisions and events mainly between 15 th April and and 20 th May which would have been the monthly meeting dates.	
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	N/A	
2.0	MINUTES OF 15th APRIL 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING	
	These minutes were circulated and no corrections have been notified	
3.0	MATTERS ARISING	
3.1	There have been no issues arising from items in the April virtual meeting	
4.0	POLICE REPORT	
4.1	There have been no formal reports, but PC Gerard Canning has initiated some email exchanges about particular issues. Vehicle speeding is one such issue – there have been Facebook posts making such claims and subjectively it appears that some drivers are taking advantage of the lighter traffic to go faster. PC Canning agrees with this observation and has an intention to carry out some speed checks as time allows. There has also been one instance of stolen vehicles in the Heather Drive area, where keys stolen by some means. The strong recommendation is that doors and windows should be locked and checked prior to house being empty or prior to bed and any alarms in place put to use. All keys to be kept away from the back of doors and out of sight or reach.	ALL
5.0	PLANNING	
5.4	A summary of Planning Applications lodged since the last meeting and covering April/May have been circulated. None of the applications are thought to be contentious.	SS
6.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
6.1	A request for end-of-year accounts has now been received from EDC and this will be responded to by the Treasurer.	CM
7.0	WEBINAR ON REALLOCATING ROAD SPACE FOR WALKING AND CYCLING DURING COVID-19	
7.1	Notification was received of a Webinar on 30 th April, organised by the Improvement service. The Scottish Government has indicated that social distancing is likely to continue to the end of the year. The webinar will consider how temporary walking/cycling lanes could be implemented to make social distancing feasible. The Secretary 'attended' this webinar, but no participation in the discussion was available. Most of the session was taken up with explaining how Edinburgh and Glasgow Councils intend to implement a reallocation of space plan. Funding is available to local authorities to support this idea. Some email exchanges were made with Isla Hamilton, Traffic and Transportation Officer at EDC, on subjects such as width of footpaths, which are mostly less than 2m in Lenzie,	

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	access to Lenzie Moss and the boardwalk and the Station Lane, which is too narrow to meet the increased walking/cycling use recently experienced. Width could be increased by removing the handrail, but it is thought that this is a safety feature. No proposals have been made as yet, but any suggestions for locations where space could be reallocated would be welcome.	ALL
8.0	VE DAY	
8.1	Notwithstanding the decision in the March meeting that this event could not now take place as planned, some members considered that it might be possible to implement some elements of the original proposals – ie to encourage shops/residents to put up bunting on the day (8 th May) hold socially distanced street parties, join in the outdoor bagpipe playing and hold a short commemoration service. These ideas were promoted on Facebook and taken up all over Lenzie on the day. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and special thanks were made to Callum Dewar and the 1 st Lenzie Boys' Brigade for their part in making the event happen.	
9.0	LENZIE PHOTO COMPETITION	
9.1	A suggestion by Alice MacKenzie, formerly Chief Librarian and an authority on Lenzie Old and New, has led to various discussions between members and others about the idea of a photo competition. The VE Day celebrations generated a surprising level of community involvement at street level and this could be something to help to 'lift the lockdown'. Alice has very generously donated money for appropriate prizes, so any thoughts on that would be welcome.	ALL
10.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The date of the next meeting would normally be 17 th June, but any items of business will be carried out meanwhile by electronic communication.	