

Lenzie Community Council
Minutes of Zoom meeting on 16th June 2021

		ACTION
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Present - Tony Miles; Tom Gray; Suzanne Smith; Rosemary Craig; Christine Morrison; Marie MacAulay; Aileen Mundy; Carmie Murdaca; Drena O'Malley	
1.2	Apologies - Jean Arbuckle; Cllr Sandra Thornton; Mark Billington; Christine Morrison	
1.3	Guest – Max Wilson, EDC Team Leader – Planning (Development Applications) had been invited to the meeting for discussion of the Community Council's role in Planning consultations, with particular reference to Conservation Areas.	
2.0	Planning Consultations – This invitation developed from particular problems experienced by LCC in considering applications in Conservation Areas. However, it emerged from discussions that these problems were more concerned with understanding the presentations of applications than with the implications of Conservation Areas as such. Mr Wilson noted that the 'validation' stage of the process was difficult for some poorly formulated applications and officers could spend much time and effort with applicants to establish necessary information and so validate the applications. There is guidance on the presentation of such information (HOPS) but it is not always observed. From LCC's point of view, the HOPS guidelines might well be taken into account but it nevertheless often proves difficult to determine the overall appearance of the proposed development. Planning Officers have less difficulty with this, as they usually go and look at the building on site. There was some suggestion that photographs of developments might be made available. Particular problems include composite building cases where only the part related to the proposal is shown and the overall appearance is not apparent. Also, orientation may differ between the block plan and the detailed plans. Another point of difference had emerged from Case Officer reports at the Planning Board stage, where different consultee comments were not reconciled – eg where negative comments about road safety were at odds with Roads Department comments. It was agreed that it had been helpful to gain an understanding of the consultation process and Mr Wilson was thanked for his participation.	SS TG
3.0	POLICE REPORT (via Secretary)	
	PC Canning noted that he intends to have regular informal meetings with individual members of the community to glean information about matters of concern. He noted that local vehicle traffic appears to be travelling much faster than before the start of the pandemic and he intends to monitor some known trouble spots as opportunities arise.	TG
4.0	MINUTES OF 19TH MAY 2021 VIRTUAL MEETING	
	It was proposed by Rosemary Craig and seconded by Suzanne Smith that the minutes of 19 th May be accepted as correct.	
5.0	MATTERS ARISING	

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5.1	LCC was thanked for the photographic evidence of problems at the Easter Garngaber Road tunnel and attention will be paid by the Roads Department to signage and by Police, with respect to speeds and traffic behaviour.	
6.0	PLANNING	
6.1	Weekly lists - The Planning Convener had provided a summary of applications on the weekly lists covering May – June. There were 8 Applications for consideration and information was included on these. In most cases, there appeared to be nothing contentious. One case, in a Conservation Area was considered more carefully but no grounds for comment were raised.	SS
6.2	Fauldhead/Waterside – Objections were filed to these developments, following the discussion at the previous meeting and decision.	TG
7.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	
7.1	The Treasurer noted that LCC has £4,771 balance at present.	CM
7.2	Bidding for project funds – The Treasurer noted that funds were available for various community projects, in some cases related to recovering from the pandemic – eg projects on improving mental health, raising spirits and talking newspapers. The problem with these funds is that they are very often announced with short deadlines and this means that it is difficult to submit bids unless they have been worked up speculatively.	CM
8.0	AOCB	
	Access Forum restarting – Following the appointment of a new Access Officer, a virtual meeting of the Access Forum will be held on 1 st July	TG
	Aldi Store Proposal – It is likely that the proposal by Aldi to site a store west of Initiative Road will be validated before the next meeting of LCC	SS TG
9.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will be on 18 th August (ie no meeting in July)	ALL