Lenzie Community Council

Minutes of meeting on Zoom on 18th January 2023

1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Members - Tom Gray; Christine Morrison; Drena O'Malley; Laura Henderson; Jack Cook; Isobel Paterson; Summer Chen; Mark Billington	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Callum Dewar; Aileen Mundy; Cllr Willie Paterson; Chris Gilroy (attending proposed pharmacy Hearing).	
2.2	A member asked if Ward Councillors were invited to meetings and this was confirmed. It was suggested that the Secretary write to Councillors emphasising the value of Councillors' input to meetings.	TG
2.2	Various comments – Chris Gilroy had sent in various comments re document sharing, storage of equipment (see later) and the notice board. These topics were included in later agenda items.	
3.0	RESIDENTS	
3.1	John Whitelaw; Julie Geddes	
4.0	Police Report – PC Aidan Adams was unable to be present but had submitted a full report on the month which had been circulated. Of particular note were the theft of two vehicles from the Millersneuk area in early morning – recovered same day in the afternoon in Salsburgh and Greengairs - bogus workmen, serious assault with a weapon midday Boghead Road, and anti-social behaviour at the playground in Woodilee Village. PC Adams was thanked for his informative report. In discussion about the car theft, it was suggested that a gift of flowers be made to the family whose cars were stolen as the incident had been violent and traumatic.	MB
5.0	FUTURE EVENTS	
5.1	Julie Geddes, representing 1st Lenzie BB PFA came along to inform LCC of the fundraising events BB PFA were considering organising in 2023. Julie is keen to arrange community events and there may be opportunities for both organisations to work together in the future. LCC agreed to support BB PFA's efforts wherever possible, and offered advice on venues BB PFA might consider using. LCC agreed to approach the Rugby Club about a joint Gala-type event.	MB
5.0	MINUTES OF 14 TH DECEMBER 2022 MEETING IN DEAN HOUSE	
	It was proposed by Christine Morrison and seconded by Drena O' Malley that these minutes be accepted as correct.	TG
6.0	MATTERS ARISING	
6.1	Land Sales – The book on The Law of Access to Land in Scotland is now available. Reading of this suggests that, subject to an on the spot inspection, the various areas of land, designated 'Pedestrian access' in the LDP could well qualify as Rights of Way. In such a case, responsibility for declaring this to be the case and maintaining the space against some kind of development that would interfere with everyday use as a right of way, falls on the local authority. However qualification would depend in practice on the ability of the authority to prove in a Court that the route in question had in fact been used without a break for 20 years and this evidence may be difficult to acquire. Inspection of the routes would be the first step.	TG

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6.2	Climate Change - Local Heat and Energy Strategy – Two members had participated in the EDC Teams discussion on these topics. A considerable amount of work has been done by officers and consultants to survey the situation in EDC and to investigate opportunities to develop a strategy. It was thought that most of the discussion was at too high a technical level to relate to the needs of EDC householders but was nevertheless of interest. LCC will develop a strategy to work with others to improve Lenzie's carbon footprint in simple ways in which the community might be involved.	JC CG
6.3	Climate Change - Food Waste Treatment – The enquiry, asking where EDC's food waste goes and how it is treated, had generated a very appreciative and informative answer from EDC recycling. Something like 3,000 tons of food waste annually from ED is processed at a Scottish Water facility at Deerdykes and converted into fertiliser cake and biogas, which is used to generate electricity. There is good reason to make this information more widely available as some 20% of general waste in EDC contains some food waste which could have been recycled.	JC
7.0	STORAGE OF EQUIPMENT	
7.1	Various alternative locations were considered to investigate for storage (eg St Cyprian's, Dean House). It was recognised that there may have to be two stages – move the material temporarily from Port Dundas to Lenzie in order to assess what there is and if it needs to be separated eg boxed equipment in one location and awkward items in another. It is thought that the boxed equipment can be moved in cars but the tent items are long and heavy. Contacts at Linian will be emailed to establish suitable dates to pick up the stored equipment and clothes.	СМ
8.0	PLANNING	
8.1	Weekly List – There were seven applications in Lenzie since the last LCC meeting. Most of these did not seem to raise any issues for LCC. However one application had some previous history with respect to intervention by LCC and it was agreed that the Secretary contact a householder who had raised objection previously, to ensure that there is awareness of the new application.	
8.2	TP/ED/21/0365 Fauldhead – This large-scale Cala development is in Waterside Community Council's area (and would remain so, even if LCC's suggestions on boundaries is adopted). Waterside CC had objected initially to the development and LCC had independently objected, partly in support of Waterside CC and also because there were various aspects that would impact on Lenzie. In the event, Cala modified many aspects of their proposal in response to the criticisms and Waterside CC withdrew their objection. The Proposal was therefore granted.	JC
9.0	EVENTS - Review	
9.1	Lenzie Jog 2023 – This event was well received, assisted by good weather. The runner count was 298, which is considerably down on the last time the event was run in 2020, but that appears to be a common pattern since the pandemic. Further review of the event, covering marshalling, briefing and first aid provision, has still to take place.	
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10.0	TREASURER'S REPORT	

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10.1	The Treasurer reported that Reserves stand at £6,589.15. The current round of EDC Community grants has come on stream with a deadline of 10/2/23. A detailed report on the Jog event costs and receipts has been circulated to members. Voluntary donations for refreshments were made but the income from that was less	
	than had previously been received from available charity buckets. It was agreed that the Jog financial report be sent to the Kirkintilloch Olympians representative and he be asked if he is agreeable to splitting the shortfall equally between the two organisations.	СМ
11.0	INFORMATION, PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATION	
11.1	The Convenor had submitted a draft strategy for the above, giving aims actions. These included:	
	- Investigate improvements to website	
	- Investigate social media improvements	
	- Trial a hardcopy newsletter	
	- Investigate inclusion of LCC info in other channels of other organisations	
11.2	Document sharing – There some discussion on the use of Google drive as a system for sharing appropriate documents. Discussion on this was deferred until members can get a clear idea of how it would work. Convenor committed to keeping and handing over a memory stick of documents originated by and with her and including all agreed Strategies, Minutes, Task Descriptions and any document which others may need to more easily continue the work of LCC.	CG
12.0	AOCB	
12.1	De-fibrillator – Placing a de-fibrillator in the Station Car Park area had been considered previously and shelved for various reasons to do with location and finance. Recent incidents showed that there is a good reason to pursue this again if circumstances change.	TG
13.0	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	The next meeting will be held on 15 th February 2023. The Secretary will consult on the venue.	TG