

Lenzie Community Council (LCC)

Minutes of the monthly meeting in Dean House on Wednesday 15/01/2025 at 7.00 pm

		Actions
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Members - Drena O'Malley; Murdoch Wilson; Jack Cook; Fiona Kirkland;	
1.2	Residents - Liz Ibbotson;	
1.3	Guests – PC Anna McFarland	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Tom Gray; Chris Gilroy; Laura Henderson; Aileen Mundy; Mohammed Zeeshan; Moira McCafferty	
3.0	Welcome - Drena welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
4.0	Police Report – House burglaries and car thefts significantly down from last month. If any resident sees graffiti or vandalism, could they please take a picture and describe the location and email it to PC Anna McFarland at Anna.Mcfarland@scotland.police.uk	
5.0	<p>Lenzie Jog – One marshal had reported part of the jog route along Monklands Avenue was considered to be risky for runners with the low sun blinding drivers and assigning more marshals to this area might contribute to safety.</p> <p>A suggestion was made that next year LCC could ask if the area around Douglas Avenue and Moncreiff Avenue could be closed to traffic for an hour to ensure the safety of the younger runners. The email address to organise officers' attendance at next year's jog is:-</p> <p>GreaterGlasgowLPSTEastDunbartonshire@scotland.police.uk</p>	
6.0	<p>Resident's questions from the November 2024 meeting – Wendy Stirling had raised two questions that she requested L.C.C. to ask E.D.C. formally. They were: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why would technical officers advise council to approve the site with the most challenges and least opportunities? 2. Why was there no scoring matrix applied as was the case for the Additional Support Needs (ASN) School in 2017? <p>Drena updated the group that the two questions she had sent to Alan Bauer (Executive Officer Assets and Facilities) were treated as an FOI</p>	Action Drena O'Malley

	<p>request and answers to the two questions had been received and are in Appendix 1 at the end of the Minutes.</p> <p>Drena will respond to the FOI stating there is still great concern with one of the answers given. The question remains unanswered. Did the technical officers give the councillors a full balanced description of all the factors that they took into consideration and <u>explain them to the councillors</u> or only advise them of the technical officer's own conclusion which was to choose Whitegates Park as the option?</p> <p>The weblink to the report on the new Lenzie Academy on the EDC website has a misleading title as it is entitled the report for the ASN school.</p>	
7.0	Minutes of the Meeting on the 18th of December 2024	
7.1	The minutes were proposed by Fiona Kirkland and seconded by Drena O'Malley that these minutes are accepted as correct	
8.0	Matters Arising	
8.1	<p>New Members needed to join the LCC – Drena, as at the last meeting asked for volunteers to join the LCC as they are urgently required.</p> <p>Drena will discuss with one potential member (JK) if she wishes to be co-opted onto the LCC.</p> <p>Drena will contact ED and ask for her Lenzie Hall paper and discuss if she wishes to join the LCC.</p> <p>Drena will contact CG and TG and ask for an update on their plans re attending LCC meetings.</p> <p>Jack will discuss with MZ if he wishes to join LCC. Drena will contact K. and D. M and discuss with them if they wish to join the LCC.</p>	<p>Action Drena O'Malley</p> <p>Action Jack Cook Drena O'Malley</p>
8.2	<p>Chair and Secretary Roles – It was agreed that the chair would rotate on a monthly basis for the next 3 months with Jack being the chair for the February meeting. Fiona will chair the meeting in March. Drena will chair the April meeting.</p> <p>Murdoch will continue to take the minutes for February and March</p>	<p>Action Jack Cook Action Fiona Kirkland Drena O'Malley</p> <p>Action Murdoch Wilson</p>
8.3	Urgent Tasks – Social Media, Publicity – LCC urgently needs someone who can post LCC messages and information on the LCC Facebook as Facebook is the main platform for LCC. Currently the website is not up to date and emails to LCC are not being answered.	

	<p>Jack (in the meeting) messaged to enquire who has access to the Facebook page it is MB and LH. LH could be asked to give access rights to Liz</p> <p>Drena and Liz will request quotes from local IT firms to create a brand new LCC website.</p> <p>Shared drive – No one attending the meeting has access to the shared drive. Drena will ask CG for the instructions on how to access the LCC email box, and the shared drive.</p>	<p>Action Jack Cook</p> <p>Action Drena O'Malley Liz Ibbotson</p> <p>Action Drena O'Malley</p>
8.4	<p>Place Plans – The proposal to submit a place plan for a walkway and cycle path round Whitegates Park was discussed and agreed. Included in the place plan will be a short statement giving LCC policy support to LCDT proposal for senior cohousing place plan.</p>	<p>Action Drena Murdoch Wilson</p>
8.5	<p>Lenzie Community Festival –It was agreed, if LCC could recruit 6 volunteers to help organise a community festival in 2025 then a decision would be made at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Action Drena O'Malley Liz Ibbotson</p>
9.0	<p>Planning – Jack updated the group that there had been little planning activity in the last 2 months. In Grove Park one resident has applied to build a large extension to the rear of the house. The upgrading plan to the canal path at Hillhead Basin was discussed and Jack will write a letter supporting EDC's decision to upgrade the canal and requesting that they include CCTV in their plans.</p>	<p>Action Jack Cook</p>
10.0	AOCB	
11.0	Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday the 19th of February 7.00 pm in Dean House	

Appendix 1 - Resident's questions from the previous meeting

Reply from Fraser Rob to Drena O'Malley 19/12/24

Web email Freedom of Information

EIR/19141 – Proposed new Lenzie Academy Project

Thank you for your request for information. In answer to your enquiry I can provide the following response on behalf of East Dunbartonshire Council

1. *Why would EDC technical officers advise councillors to approve the site with the most challenges and least opportunities?*

As detailed within the Feasibility Report, having given due consideration to all site constraints, impact on pupils and staff during the construction phase, location of the proposed new facility and impact on pupils in terms of increased travel distances, projected costs, programme, deliverability, site access, third party rights and dependencies, in addition to planning constraints and impact on the environment, Officers considered the Whitegates Park site to provide the best option of those considered. This recommendation is based on the detailed analysis of the full Feasibility Report rather than by totalling the number of challenges and opportunities summarised in one section of the Report.

2. Why was there no scoring matrix applied as was the case for the Additional Support Needs (ASN) School in 2017?

Given the complexity of the project and the multiple sites/combination of options considered through the feasibility review, Officers considered it appropriate on this occasion not to condense the analysis of each option into a summary scoring matrix and instead provide as full as possible a description of the advantages and disadvantages of each site through the reporting process.

Should you have any questions on the content of the response and would like the Local Authority to clarify or explain, please do feel free to get in contact, citing the enquiry reference number above.