

## Lenzie Community Council (LCC)

Minutes of the monthly meeting in Dean House on Wednesday 19/02/2025 at 7.00 pm

		Actions
<b>1.0</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Members</b> - Drena O'Malley; Murdoch Wilson; Jack Cook; Fiona Kirkland; Aileen Mundy	
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Residents</b> - Liz Ibbotson; Karen Mason; David Mason; Muhammad Zeeshan; Wendy Stirling; Chris Roan	
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Guests</b> – PC Anna McFarland	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Tom Gray; Chris Gilroy; Laura Henderson;	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Welcome</b> – Jack welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Police Report</b> – No major issues to report this 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 <a href="mailto:Anna.Mcfarland@scotland.police.uk">Anna.Mcfarland@scotland.police.uk</a>	Action All Residents
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Lenzie Jog</b> – PC Anna McFarland repeated in her Police Report that it would be very advantageous to request additional officers' attendance at next year's jog is and the email address to use is: -  <a href="mailto:GreaterGlasgowLPSTEastDunbartonshire@scotland.police.uk">GreaterGlasgowLPSTEastDunbartonshire@scotland.police.uk</a>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Resident's Questions/Requests</b> – Wendy Stirling raised four new questions for which she requested support from L.C.C. to acquire further information from E.D.C. The questions are in Appendix 1  E.D.C. answered the questions submitted by LCC on behalf of Save Whitegates Park. These were raised at the November meeting and were treated as a freedom of information (F.O.I) request.by EDC Wendy Stirling on behalf of Save Whitegates Park expressed concern that the EDC answer had not explained why a scoring matrix had not been used.  Wendy was also concerned that Whitegates park was referred to by various different names in EDC documents. Eg "Parks" are treated differently to "Playing fields" in guidance making the designation EDC uses more important.	

	<p>It was pointed out by LCC member that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Glasgow city Council have formal names for Glasgow parks and these are signposted at park entrances, EDC do not.</li> </ol> <p>Save Whitegates Park representative pointed out that</p> <p>The catchment areas for Lenzie Community Council and Lenzie Community Development Trust are the same area, with the same boundaries as the electoral ward 6 which is called Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South. Should the community bodies names reflect this?</p>	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Minutes of the Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2025</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	The minutes were proposed by Jack Cook and seconded by Fiona Kirkland that these minutes are accepted as correct.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Responses received from EDC – further Action – Covered under resident’s questions/requests</b>	
<b>8.2</b>	<p><b>Place Plans</b> – Drena talked through a draft place plan for a walkway and cycle path using existing Whitegates Park pathways plus a possible extension in Deafblind Scotland ground and incorporating some paths in Woodhead park. A distance of 2.7k could be used without retracing steps. This would be a real asset to the community. LCC voted and agreed that in principle it will support a walkway/cycle route using the current pathways where possible and to create new ones where necessary. This LPP requires to be further developed and widely shared with Lenzie residents to achieve public consultation requirements for a Local Place Plan</p> <p>The vote was unanimous.</p>	<p>Action Drena O’Malley Murdoch Wilson</p>
	<p><b>Presentation Card for Mark Billington</b> – Drena circulated a card for all to sign and reported a suitable gift had been purchased for him which he would greatly enjoy.</p> <p>Thanks to Drena O’Malley for carrying out this task.</p>	<p>Action Drena O’Malley</p>
	<p><b>Roles, responsibilities, tasks</b></p> <p>Jack reiterated that LCC urgently require volunteers to become members and when appropriate take on the roles of: -</p> <p>Chair Secretary</p> <p>We also require:</p> <p>Local Business Representative IT Officer Social Media Officer Liaison Officer with neighbouring Community Council</p> <p><u>Decisions/Actions</u></p> <p>David Mason kindly volunteered to become the Local Business Representative.</p>	<p>Action David Mason Karen Mason</p>

	<p>David and Karen Mason kindly volunteered to be the back-up key collectors for the LCC meetings.</p> <p>Drena will supply the address where the keys are to be picked up.</p> <p>Jack will write to the neighbouring community councils asking if they would like to share minutes with LCC.</p> <p>Jack will ask Laura to create instructions for uploading the minutes to the LCC website. Laura, Murdoch and others will be responsible for uploading the minutes. And other documents eg Lenzie community News</p> <p>Murdoch will invite the three local councillors to the LCC meetings for all the 2025 meetings.</p>	<p>Drena O'Malley Jack Cook Laura Henderson Murdoch Wilson</p>
	<p><b>Chair and Secretary Roles</b> – 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>
<b>8.3</b>	<p><b>Urgent Tasks – Social Media, Publicity</b> – 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> <p>Jack (in the last 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 and Moira.</p> <p>Shared drive – No one attending the meeting has access to the shared drive. Update is required</p> <p>Drena will ask CG for the instructions on how to access the LCC email box, and the shared drive.</p>	<p>Action Jack Cook Laura Henderson Liz Ibbotson Moira McCafferty</p> <p>Action Drena O'Malley</p>
	<p><b>Planning</b> – Regarding the 3 new houses built at Woodilee Road, the one nearest the Gatehouse has put in an application to extend their garden. This would block the right of way which has existed for years. Jack will investigate this planning applications and the history of the right of way and if appropriate will submit an objection to the planning application on behalf of LCC.</p>	<p>Action Jack Cook</p>
	<p><b>Festival/Gala decision</b> –It was agreed, if LCC could recruit 6 volunteers to help organise a community festival in 2025 then a community festival would be organised.</p>	<p>Action Drena O'Malley</p>

<b>10.0</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
	<p><b>Public Halls</b> – Drena will contact ED and clarify if she is intending to write a short paper on the Public Hall. Or could she arrange for someone else to write the paper.</p> <p>LEIP is still interested in taking the building over once it has been modernised and brought up to an acceptable standard.</p> <p>There may be ring fenced government funding of £500,000 still available for modernising the building. All subject to confirmation by Love Lenzie</p>	<p>Action Drena O’Malley</p>
	<p><b>LCC Constitution</b> – Drena will email Murdoch a copy of the LCC constitution, and he will email it to all members. A paper copy of the constitution should be available at all meetings.</p>	<p>Action Drena O’Malley Murdoch Wilson</p>
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March 7.00 pm in Dean House</b>	

## **Appendix 1 - Resident's questions from this meeting 19/02/25**

Five Questions for EDC from the LCC Meeting held on 19/02/25

At the LCC meeting held on 19.2.25 Wendy Stirling of Save Whitegates Park asked for the support of Lenzie Community Council in obtaining answers from EDC to the following five questions

- EDC wrongly named Whitegates Park as Whitegates Playing Field in the statutory education consultation. This was a significant document, and the naming of areas must be correct. Does this invalidate the consultation and the associated document as it has not been correctly referenced and misrepresents what statutory consultees were voting on?
- Whitegates Park is a public park with “protected” open space status. In all EDC policy and strategy documents it is referenced as K1 which clarifies its location as Kirkintilloch. Residents who asked the above question to EDC have not received an answer.
- Why is an additional entrance to Whitegates Park being created? Why is it necessary when the same ground works were undertaken in 2018 without the need for an additional entrance.
- Can EDC clarify the public engagement process that will be carried out for the new Lenzie Academy in Whitegates Park in order that members of the public know when and how they can engage in the process.
- The LEIP funding states the “school must be built with pupils in it by December 2027” to meet the funding criteria, can EDC apply for an extension to this date?