

Lenzie Community Council (LCC)

Minutes of the monthly meeting in Dean House on Wednesday 21/05/2025 at 7.00 pm

		Actions
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Members - Drena O'Malley; Murdoch Wilson; Jack Cook; Aileen Mundy	
1.2	Residents - Margaret Whitelaw; David Cameron; Emma Donaldson; Clare Robertson; Mariam Martin	
1.3	Guests –	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Tom Gray; Chris Gilroy; Laura Henderson; Fiona Kirkland; PC Anna McFarland	
3.0	Welcome – Jack welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
4.0	Police Report. No report as PC Anna McFarland had been redeployed due to short staffing in Glasgow	
5.0	Action Log – This was not reviewed due to lack of time. See Appendix 1	
6.0	Minutes of the Meeting on the 16th of April 2025 -	
6.1	The minutes were proposed by Drena O'Malley and seconded by Jack Cook that these minutes are accepted as correct.	
7.0	<p>Resident's Questions/Requests –</p> <p>Formal complaint - Failure to renovate Lenzie Public Hall</p> <p>Emma Donaldson discussed the formal complaint she had lodged with EDC which comprised of a number of sections.</p> <p>One section gave the history of the hall</p> <p>Another section on why the decision is unacceptable.</p> <p>Another section was the rationale for the 3 asks</p> <p>The formal complaint 3 asks</p> <p>a. Agreeing now in writing to not start to market the hall in any way for a period of 6 months. This time is needed to give everyone (the community and local groups and organisations, EDC Officers, all Councillors being those elected by the community to represent Lenzie and otherwise, plus MSPs and MP and potential funders) time to work and engage together to explore comprehensively, and once and for all, the feasibility of a well-run community-led organisation taking on the hall as a Community Asset Transfer. Working well together, we can do this.</p>	

	<p>b. Giving community members access to view the hall. You have agreed to do this and we thank you for this.</p> <p>c. Providing as requested, and in a timely manner, all information that may be helpful to the community in assessing the feasibility of a Community Asset Transfer including the information already requested, but not yet received, under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>Emma did receive a reply to her complaint and the council will continue with their plan to market the hall in late May one reason given was that in a previous plan to market the public hall more than one community group expressed an interest therefore to give everyone an equal chance to bid for the hall it has to be marketed.</p> <p>All agreed the hall should be owned by a community group not a commercial business, so the community retains control of the asset.</p> <p>Emma wishes to create a group to organise a feasibility study and if achievable submit a Community Asset Transfer. One possible title for the group was Lenzie Public Hall Trust. Margaret suggested involving the whole community rather than setting up a new group and it could become a sub group of LCDT who have established links with DTAS and COS and a local adviser from DTAS. Also there is a government funded learning exchange program.</p> <p>Emma wishes the group to be a new stand alone group and Love Lenzie have already contacted DTAS and have a local adviser called Fiona</p> <p>Drena stated LCC are happy to support any group working for the community.</p> <p>Emma has submitted an FOI request for the surveyors report giving a breakdown of the £6 million refurbishment cost. She has not received a reply and has repeated her request.</p> <p>Emma suggested that a subgroup of LCC could be set up to progress the feasibility study and proposed Community Asset transfer. However LCC do not have the legal powers to take over land or property.</p> <p>Emma wishes to escalate her complaint to stage 2 of the complaints procedure and requested that LCC be a signatory for this, as they were for stage 1 of the complaint.</p> <p>Jack summarised what LCC could do for Emma and Love Lenzie</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 LCC (Jack) will submit their own FOI request as to the composition of the £6 million pound refurbishment estimate. 2 LCC (Jack) will ask for a visit to view the building. 3 Jack will search the title deeds that Emma will send him to ascertain if the council is responsible for maintaining the building. 4. Jack will reply to all the stakeholders in Emma's complaint stating LCCs support for the complaint. 	JC
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8.0	Matters Arising	
8.1	<p>Response received from the Scottish Government re Lenzie Academy and the LCC email Account</p> <p>Drena explained why the LCC email account was mentioned in EDC's reply to the Scottish Government. The issue of emails waiting a long time for a reply has been addressed and will not recur. A task description has been written for answering emails.</p>	
8.2	<p>Visit to Bocclair Academy and subsequent meeting note</p> <p>Drena read out the notes from the meeting on 6th May at Bocclair Academy with Alan Bauer</p> <p>Summary of Key Points</p> <p>1. Meeting Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held between EDC officials and LCC members. • Included a tour of Bocclair Academy to provide a reference point for potential school design. <p>2. Project Background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £52 million in LEIP (Learning Estate Investment Programme) funding granted as revenue over 25 years (not capital). • The projected cost of the new school exceeds £100 million (excluding demolition or mitigation costs). • Whitegates Park was chosen by EDC in 2022 as the site for the new Lenzie Academy (capacity: 1400 pupils). <p>3. Concerns Raised by LCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Consultation: No initial public input on site choice; community felt excluded. • Site Selection Rationale: Lack of transparency in choosing Whitegates Park. Other options (Myrtle Avenue, Rugby Club site, Boghead Road) deemed unsuitable by EDC for various reasons (size, access, remoteness). • Loss of Green Space: Whitegates Park is the only green space in East Lenzie, heavily used and bordered by four busy roads. Its loss would severely impact local residents, particularly children and the elderly. • Mitigation Strategy: Concerns that proposed mitigation (e.g., repurposing the current Myrtle Avenue site) won't benefit current park users or serve the eastern Lenzie community. • Walkway/Cycleway Protection: LCC is developing a Local Place Plan to preserve existing paths around Whitegates Park, though it won't increase green space. 	

	<p>4. Unresolved Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EDC did not provide a clear answer as to what Whitegates Park offers that the current site cannot. • Pre-planning consultations are scheduled for June and Sept/Oct 2025, but the site itself will not be open to debate. <p>5. Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued dialogue agreed. • EDC officials invited to LCC's public information event on 10th May 2025. • Alan Bauer promised to engage more with LCC and the Lenzie Community <p>There was a general discussion about the site selection process and an agreement that the split site of Myrtle Avenue and the Rugby Club should be revisited to determine if this is the best possible option.</p> <p>There is a public health concern that the workers carrying out the test digs and bore holes at Whitegates Park are disturbing contaminated ground without wearing personal protective equipment.</p>	
8.3	<p>Place Plans –</p> <p>Drena and Murdoch are progressing the Cycleway/walkway place plan</p>	<p>Action</p> <p>Drena</p> <p>O'Malley</p> <p>Murdoch</p> <p>Wilson</p>
8.4	<p>Position Statement/Representation Strategy – How do we measure our performance against them -</p> <p>A session with LCC members will be organised</p>	All
8.5	<p>Local Information Session update -</p> <p>The information session was very successful and enjoyed by a number of local residents.</p>	
	<p>Finance Report -</p> <p>Aileen presented the annual finance report. The report was prepared by Aileen, correctly audited and signed by all including a convenor. Grateful thanks to Aileen for producing the report.</p>	
8.6	<p>Christmas Lights Switch on – Drena will approach local businesses to canvas for a lead Business person for LCC</p>	<p>Drena</p> <p>O'Malley</p>
9.0	<p>Planning –</p>	
	<p>Lenzie Community Festival Decision –</p>	
10.0	<p>AOCB</p>	
11.0	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting – Wednesday the 18th of June 7.00 pm in Dean House</p>	

Appendix 1 – Action Log

Index	Status	Action	Owner	Outcome	Next Steps
1	Open	Drafting the local place plan 1. DO'M/MW progressing Whitegates Park loop. 2. LH to contact Accelerate to discuss their support	DO'M,MW LH	Ongoing	
2	Open	To write to the neighbouring community councils asking if they would like to share minutes with LCC.	DO'M	Carried over	
9	Open	Decide if Lenzie parks should have formal names & signposts	JC	JC to email EDC with request. MW to provide email of the appropriate EDC contact.	MW emailed EDC and LCCs contact person is Lesley McKenzie Lesley.McKenzie@eastdunbarton.gov.uk
12	Open	LCC to write to EDC/Ann Davie to ask what has happened to £500k government funding to upgrade public hall	JC		
14	Open	Mark Billington has LCC property that needs rehomed	FK	Email sent to identify what is being stored.	Property identified but no suitable new store found yet
15	Open	LCC funding request from EDC – what is annual timing and coverage	FK	Email sent to AM	
17	Open	Arrange a meeting with Provost Renwick and Councillors after the meeting with Alan Bauer	MW		
18	Open	Drena will prepare information leaflets on the Place Plan walkway/cycle path and Wendy will distribute them	DO'M WS		
19	Open	Drena will clarify with EDC what is the purpose of requesting Lenzie CC meeting Waterside CC	DO'M		
20	Open	Drena will draft a task description for the email account.	DO'M		
21	Open	Drena will approach local businesses to canvas for a lead Business person for LCC	DO'M		
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28	Open	Position Statement/Representation Strategy measuring our performance against them	All		

22	Closed	It was agreed that LCC would gift Ian Stevenson £150 for the Primary School Football festival. Murdoch will ask Aileen to authorise this payment	MW AM	Completed	
23	Closed	Aileen Mundy will be asked if she can please provide a finance report at the May meeting	AM	Completed	