

## Lenzie Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held in Dean House on Wednesday 18th June 2025 at 7.00 pm

		Actions
<b>1.0</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Members</b> - Aileen Mundy; Jack Cook; Murdoch Wilson; Fiona Kirkland; Tom Gray	
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Residents</b> – Margaret Whitelaw; Emma Donaldson; Wendy Maguire	
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Guests</b> – PC Anna McFarland	
<b>2.0</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	Laura Henderson	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>POLICE REPORT</b> – PC Anna McFarland reported that it had been a quiet month in terms of crimes. Four crimes were logged and these were in relation to vehicle crimes and one other. All crimes were attributed to persons not resident in Lenzie.	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Speeding</b> - Speed checks had been carried out in a number of locations and four drivers booked for speeding.	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Proposed change of speed limits</b> – As far as is known, local Police have not adopted a particular position on this consultation.	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>MINUTES OF MEETING ON 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2025</b>	
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Acceptance of the Minutes</b> was proposed by Aileen Mundy and seconded by Murdoch Wilson.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>20 mph EDC proposal for East Dunbartonshire</b> – The agreed summary of members’ responses to this proposal had been submitted to the EDC Traffic Officer responsible and an acknowledgement had been received. It was noted that consideration of the scheme was being rolled out in different ‘settlements’ (Community Council areas) and Bearsden was at a later stage in the process of implementation. EDC Councillors had voted on the plan proposed by consultants for Bearsden, with two Councillors voting in favour of adopting the default 20 mph limit and five Councillors voting for an amendment to retain the 30 mph limit on certain arterial routes where there would be less pedestrian presence.	
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Local Place Plans update</b> – There was some discussion of the proposed route for the bike track between Woodilee Road and the point where the entrance route to the new school may be built.	Drena & Murdoch
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Lenzie Academy Consultation sessions</b> – Firstly, Standing Orders were	

	<p>suspended to allow a resident to put a previously notified issue; which was that many residents of the 'South Kirkintilloch' part of the Council Ward were not aware that they were in effect being represented for Community Council purposes by residents of Lenzie. This is correct, but it is only one of many anomalies brought about by the Community Councils map which Lenzie CC has been trying to have revised for over 10 years. The resident was given a copy of the map</p> <p>EDC held three consultation sessions on the Lenzie Academy proposal as part of the statutory Pre-Planning process – the first session for pupils, staff and parents; the second for community councils involved in Lenzie Academy; and thirdly, a session for the general public. The first and third of the sessions were held in the current Lenzie Academy building and the opportunity to see the existing school building was noted as useful. A member noted that the existing school was showing its age and it would be good to have a new one such as shown in the documents. Some LCC members were present at each of these sessions. Feedback forms were provided but, in the case of the Community Council session, any feedback was given on an individual basis. However there was considerable input from Council Officers and Consultants and direct feedback in the meeting from LCC members.</p> <p>Further work is needed to reach the Planning submission stage – for example, below ground testing, traffic flows and bike use. Easter Garngaber Road is the only viable South-North walk/bike-to-school route for a considerable population on the South side of the railway line and the safety of the road tunnel under the Edinburgh-Glasgow Railway line has already been questioned in the context of Millersneuk School. The safety of Initiative Road for pedestrians and cyclists was also raised.</p>	
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Open Meeting re Lenzie Public Hall – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025 in LUPC New Hall</b>	
	<p>This meeting was hosted by Lenzie Community Development Trust (LCDT) and was attended among others by Murdoch Wilson and Margaret Whitelaw both representing LCDT and Tom Gray representing LCC. The Convener of the present LCC meeting invited Emma Donaldson (ED) to relay the Open meeting discussion and suggested 'next steps' in the context of previous attempts to protect and develop the Public Hall.</p> <p>The "Save Lenzie Public Hall" working group that ED has recently pulled together has its origins in the Love Lenzie Association which in 2019/2020 considered taking on the lease of the Hall and then supported the Charity LEAP's successful bid for lease of the Hall.</p> <p>The Open Meeting was well attended, with (according to LCDT's count) just under 70 community members and representatives of local groups and businesses attending. Provost Gillian Renwick and Councillor Callum McNally also attended. Both are supportive of the community owning the Hall and are willing to assist the community with achieving this where they can.</p> <p>The meeting was positive. Towards the end, nearly all attendees showed support for community ownership of the Hall, via a show of hands.</p>	

	<p>Next steps - There was lots of discussion, including with the Councillors, as to ideas for use and action points e.g. for looking into a sustainable way to heat the Hall, instructing a surveyor, funding, visiting similar projects. However, as confirmed by professionals present in the meeting] it is not reasonable to expect the community to bring these ideas into being and submit an offer for the Hall, including a business plan, to meet the current offer deadline of 26 September 2025. This is impacted further by the summer holiday period about to start. Councillor McNally offered at the Open Meeting to raise this with EDC. ED also proposed that LCC lobby strongly for an extension of the date for offers, suggesting that, as a minimum, the date for offers be extended to at least 3 months from return from school holidays (i.e. 14 November 25).</p>	<p>Councillors</p> <p>LCC</p>
5.5	<b>Christmas Lights Switch-on</b> Action on-going	D O'M
5.6	<p><b>LCC Meeting Protocol for Visiting Residents</b> - The procedure to enable non-members to participate in LCC discussions is described in the LCC Constitution at para 11.4. Any resident wishing to raise a particular matter and participate in the discussion should notify the Secretary at least five days in advance of the meeting. If the Chair deems it appropriate, non-members may then participate in time-limited discussions on the matter raised, usually near the beginning of the meeting. Residents may only take part in discussions on other parts of the agenda if invited to do so by the Chair.</p>	ALL
6.0	<b>PLANNING</b>	
6.1	<p><b>Summary</b> A summary of Planning proposals published since the previous meeting had been circulated by the Planning Convener before the meeting. None of these were recommended for discussion. The Planning Convener drew attention to a large development proposal in Lennoxton which might add 50% to the housing in Lennoxton. The settlement is in the Lenzie Academy catchment area.</p>	
6.2	<p><b>Change of Use</b> – Attention was drawn to development that had taken place entailing Change of Use, where it seemed that no Application had been made. The Planning Convener will bring this to the attention of the Planning Department.</p>	Jack Cook
6.3	<p><b>Grass Cutting</b> – Several residents had drawn attention to the situation where grass was no longer being maintained by EDC because the land involved did not belong to the Council. It was agreed that the Secretary would inform Ward Councillors of this and suggest that they look for a way forward for this problem.</p>	Tom Gray
7.0	<b>LENZIE COMMUNITY FESTIVAL UPDATE</b>	
7.1	<p>Some concerns were expressed about the shortness of time to complete the certification for this event.</p>	ALL

<b>8.0</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Girls' Brigade in Lenzie</b> - Drena had been asked to suggest the placing of a plaque or some other form of marker to register the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Girls' Brigade in Lenzie.	Drena
<b>9.0</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting -</b>	
<b>9.1</b>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August at 7.00 pm in Dean House (Subject to further discussion)	