

Lenzie Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting held in Dean House on Wednesday 20th August 2025 at 7.00 pm

		Actions
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Members - Jack Cook (Chair); Murdoch Wilson; Fiona Kirkland; Tom Gray; Liz Ibbotson; Drena O'Malley	
1.2	Residents – Margaret Whitelaw; Clare Grant; David Cameron; Barbara Denham; Freda Nolan; Annette Hogg; Bobby Hogg; Marian Martin; Daniel Mancini	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Laura Henderson; Aileen Mundy	
3.0	POLICE REPORT – There was no Police report this month.	
4.0	MINUTES OF MEETING ON 18th June 2025	
4.1	Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Fiona Kirkland and seconded by Murdoch Wilson.	
5.0	MILLERSNEUK GREENSPACE - CESSATION OF MAINTENANCE BY EDC	
5.1	<p>Background – Several residents from the Millersneuk area attended the meeting and brought their concerns to LCC. The reduction of maintenance of grass verges is very noticeable, as they are increasingly in a poor and unkempt state.</p> <p>Problems relating to ownership and responsibility for maintenance of open spaces first came to light towards the end of 2022, when parcels of land north and south of Lindsaybeg Road were put up for sale. These areas are cited in the Local Development Plan as 'open' or 'green' space. There was concern that new owners might try to develop the land or control access to it in some way which would not be in the interests of the adjacent householders. Ownership in itself was not always clear, as some householders believed that they had evidence of shared ownership with neighbours, or that East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) owned the land that they were continuing to maintain. A meeting with Provost Renwick and others on 2022 confirmed that EDC did not own most of the land in question and that EDC's preferred approach would be for the respective householders to appoint a Factor to take responsibility for maintenance. It was now reported that a new 2022 owner has sold on some land. Matters came to a head this year when EDC decided to stop cutting grass in areas where they did not have ownership or a contract.</p>	
5.2	Specific concerns raised by residents – unsightliness of grass verges on Lindsaybeg Road and concerns re safety; degradation of greenspace path from Watermill Avenue; ownership of Millersneuk Rd/Cult Burn bank;	

	responsibility of 'owner' for trees eg on Millersneuk Road which is a heavily used Right Of Way. A resident suggested that safety issues re trees could be taken to HSE. There was also concern that the earlier petition with 420 signatures had not had an adequate response. It was suggested that LCC could ask EDC to continue maintenance, until other arrangements could be put in place.	
5.3	Laxton Drive proposal – This is still being considered by appeals panel; due to be determined on 17 th October. Open space is an important factor.	
6.0	PLANNING	
6.1	Summary 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. There were some comments on the proposed A I Data Centre at Westerhill.	
6.2	Change of Use – There had been little response to this notification to the Planning Department. It was reported that work at the location had ceased, following notification to the Planning Department of the Change of Use work, apparently in progress.	Jack Cook
6.3	Local Place Plan – This matter is being continued.	
7.0	PUBLIC HALL - UPDATE	
7.1	<p>An Open meeting on 17th June was called by LCDT and is described in the June minutes. This was followed by a viewing of the Hall on 25th June which was well attended by different community groups. Those who attended the viewing felt that the condition of the Hall seemed to be better than expected, given its recent history. An ad hoc meeting on site suggested that the interested parties should meet and consider how a bid to take over the Hall could be developed. The Follow-up meeting on 24th July, called by LCDT, agreed to consider setting up a single group to construct a bid. During discussion, the Community Benefit (BenCom) structure was highlighted as possibly appropriate for what we need to do and had been used successfully elsewhere for similar building refurbishment projects. But more information was needed. A further Follow-up meeting on 30th July was agreed and called by LCDT. In the interim, an offer was made by Pamela Barnes of Democratic Finance to explain the BenCom structure. (Democratic Finance is an office within DTAS). She did this before the meeting and then left. At this point, there were nine participants from various groups and community interests in the discussion on appropriate structures to take forward a bid. It became clear that seven of the participants strongly supported the Community Benefit structure and two did not. Suggestions were made on filling particular roles in the BenCom entity and this formed the basis of a 'decision' of the meeting, which was written down, agreed and circulated.</p> <p>However, it became clear some members were now rejecting the decision and required a 'pause'. This was followed by a suggestion to follow an 'external facilitation' route, the intention being to generate a group</p>	

	structure designed to align the expectations of three different formal groups. This idea was not greeted with enthusiasm by groups in favour of the BenCom approach, given the constraints on time. Meanwhile, feedback from EDC noted a willingness to extend the deadline for proposals to 21 st November, which will have a greater chance of being met than the previous requirement. This was very much welcomed.	
8.0	GIRLS' BRIGADE IN LENZIE	
8.1	It was reported at the June meeting that the Girls' Brigade is celebrating the 50 th Anniversary of its founding in Lenzie and it had been suggested that a plaque or some similar marker might be placed to register this event. The raised bed near the Station Car Park exit was considered as a location. However, a place in LCDT Community Gardens has now been offered and accepted and a clean-up of the raised bed could be tackled in some other way.	Drena
9.0	2025 FESTIVAL	
9.1	A member thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the recent 2025 Festival, despite extremely adverse weather conditions. In previous years there had been a 'washup' meeting after the Festival/Gala to take stock of the outcomes. It was agreed to table a Festival report.	Drena
10.0	Date and Time of Next Meeting -	
10.1	Wednesday 17 th September at 7.00 pm in Dean House	