

Lenzie Community Council

Minutes of the monthly meeting in Dean House on Wednesday 21st January 2026 at 7.00 pm

		Actions
1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Members - Murdoch Wilson; Tom Gray; Drena O'Malley (Chair)	
1.2	Residents – Margaret Whitelaw; Wendy Stirling; Ron Somerville	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Jack Cook; Laura Henderson; Aileen Mundy; Fiona Kirkland	
3.0	POLICE REPORT – PC Anna McFarland has been posted elsewhere in East Dunbarton and members expressed their appreciation of her time with LCC. A new Community Police Officer has been appointed (PC Marc.Reilly) and there has already been contact with him.	
4.0	MINUTES OF MEETING ON 10th December 2025	
4.1	Adoption of these minutes was proposed by Murdoch Wilson and seconded by Tom Gray.	
5.0	LENZIE JOG REVIEW – This annual event was very well supported in good weather with just over 600 finishers between the three different distances. This was probably the largest number of runners for this event. As always, we very much appreciated the participation of the Kirkintilloch Olympians in the event. Very good coverage was given to the Lenzie Jogs by the Kirkintilloch Herald.	
6.0	NEW LENZIE ACADEMY PROJECT	
6.1	<p>FOI/21011 Response to Questions from 19th Nov. 2025 meeting</p> <p>These responses, which had been circulated to members, were in summary</p> <p>a) The location of the school is identified in Planning documents by location plans and site coordinates and not by postcode areas;</p> <p>b) Flood risk assessment and drainage strategies have been developed to demonstrate through design and modelling information that the proposed development will not increase the flood risk for the site.</p> <p>c) On Ecology and Hydrology the response was that information on these topics was included in the Pre-application events and the project team responded to questions. The Council commits to publication of all relevant reports and surveys as and when available.</p>	

6.2	<p>Further questions raised at the current meeting. Several of the questions raised depended on the claim that a report identified as the '2018 Mason Evans ground report' was not included in the papers for the Council meeting when the decision was made to site the new Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park. This report had been commissioned for the corresponding feasibility study relating to the site choice for the ASN school and the ground report was adverse. The residents asked for the reasons why this information had been excluded and asked that LCC write to the 'monitoring officer' and the 'Chief Executive' concerning the exclusion of this report from the papers. Bearing in mind the cost increases that were now apparent, the residents asked that LCC might support an 'independent financial audit' and cost/benefit analysis of the site selection process. There was also discussion on 'safety certificates', in particular for the Donaldson Street Sports Complex. Finally, there was a short discussion on the effects of rising or falling school rolls, depending on placing requests.</p>	
7.0	<p>PLANNING</p>	
7.1	<p>Weekly lists – The Planning Convenor had given his apologies but confirmed that there were at that stage no new applications meriting the attention of LCC and there were no changes in any of the other proposals which were being monitored.</p>	
7.2	<p>Major Housing Development PAN - Attention of members was drawn to this proposal for up to 56 homes in an area between the Earlsburn etc housing and Initiative Road. This is described as being 'Off Meadowburn Avenue', where a development was proposed some years ago, but which failed on account of the access proposals. A location plan of the site has been obtained and it shows an area mostly covered by fir trees (which had a bad reputation as a 'drinking den'.) No proposed access route is shown but it is probably from Lindsaybeg Road between Easter Garngaber Rpad and the Lindsaybeg roundabout on Initiative Road. The proposers have announced a Consultation Event in Dean House (3 – 7 pm) on Monday 9th February.</p>	
8.0	<p>WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY to MEETINGS</p>	
8.1	<p>A video survey of St Cyprian's Vestry Hall had been provided to members as an aid to assessing suitability for LCC meetings. There was some discussion, including a comment that the approach to the site is rather dark. It was suggested that Lenzie Union Session House might be considered, as this has some wheelchair entrance. The Secretary was asked to find out if this space is let for meetings.</p>	TG
9.0	<p>NOTICEBOARD</p>	

9.1	A quotation had been received for removal and replacement of the damaged screen with a perspex screen incorporating a transparent covering, which could be renewed more readily if damaged.	DOM
10.0	ACTION re LCC MEMBERSHIP	
10.0	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	
10.1	The next meeting will be on 18 th February 2026 at 7:00pm in Dean House.	