

Minutes of July 2026 Monthly Meeting of Lenzie Community Council

held in St Cyprian's Church on Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 7.00 pm

1.0	ATTENDANCE	
1.1	Members - Murdoch Wilson; Tom Gray; Jack Cook, Drena O'Malley (Chair) , Aileen Mundy	
1.2	Residents – Margaret Whitelaw; Mike Dewar; Ron Somerville; Gill Sword; Anna McFarland; Roger Fleming;	
2.0	APOLOGIES	
2.1	Laura Henderson; Chris Gilroy ; Fiona Kirkland	
3.0	POLICE REPORT	
3.1	PC Anna McFarland had completed her tour of duty which had taken her away from attending LCC meetings and it is hoped that she will again be able to be present. Activities in the preceding month included checking on speeding, off road bikes and youth disorder. A new Chief Inspector has been appointed and may pay us a visit. There was some discussion of the new 20 mph speed limit scheme, with a question as to enforcement. The response was that the new limit will be enforced in exactly the same way as other speed limits. PC McFarland was thanked for her participation.	
4.0	MINUTES OF MEETING on 17TH June 2026	
4.1	Comments and revisions had been requested for these minutes and modifications had been made to the previous text to address comments made by two members. However, there had not been time to circulate the resulting draft. It was agreed that this would now be circulated and a revised version, which might include further revisions received by a deadline, would become the definitive version to go on the website and be returned to EDC.	
5.0	NEW LENZIE ACADEMY PROJECT	
5.1	Further technical comment – Roger Fleming, a resident who is qualified and experienced in relevant fields, reiterated many of the technical criticisms of the project made by previous qualified residents and noted that failure to manage several critical factors in such projects could lead to considerable cost over-runs. This looked like being the case in this instance. Mr Fleming was asked if he had submitted the information he had compiled to the Scottish Government and he stated that he had. Mr Fleming was thanked for his contribution to the debate.	
5.2	Basis of LCC neutral Planning response – This issue was raised in emails from Gill Sword (Save Whitegates Park Group) and had been considered by LCC Convenor Team members. At an earlier meeting in 2026, it had been realised after a long debate on the Planning Application that the views of LCC members were equally split. There are several parents on LCC who are keen to see a new school built for	

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	their children. Equally there are other members who believe that the plan to build it in Whitegates Park is not acceptable and yet others who hold a mixture of views. In that case, neither an objection, nor a supportive decision would have been properly representative in the terms required by the Constitution for Community Councils.	
6.0	RESIDENT PARTICIPATION	
6.1	LCC members agreed that a great deal of time had rightly been given in recent meetings to discussing the Lenzie Academy project. However, this had had an impact on the discussion of other agenda items and it was agreed going forward to revert to the constitutional practice of allowing only the first 15-20 minutes of the meeting to be spent on the issues raised by visiting residents, after which the normal agenda would be discussed.	
7.0	OPINION SURVEYS	
7.1	There was brief discussion of a suggestion that we might commission a survey of opinion in the Lenzie population to seek views on their aspirations; what they would like to see happening in Lenzie and generally what LCC should be doing. Approximate costs for such a survey had been estimated at between £2,000 and £5,000. It was also suggested that external funding be sought for such a survey.	
8.0	TERMINATION OF MEETING	
8.1	At this point several members had to leave the meeting and it was agreed to postpone further discussion to the next meeting date in September. The items thus postponed were as follows: Planning (Lindsaybeg Road Development TP/ED/16/0197; weekly lists to 15/7/26); Purpose and Aims of LCC Opinion surveys Governance of LCC	
9.0	NEXT MEETING will be on 16 th September, starting at 7:00 pm in St Cyprians Church Hall.	