

Minute of Lenzie Community Development Trust AGM held on Wednesday, 14th June, 2023 at 7.30pm at Lenzie Golf Club.

1. **Present;** Dr Chris Roan, Ken MacLeod, Margaret Whitelaw, Margaret Reid, Isobel Paterson, John Whitelaw, Fraser Paterson, Sheila Shaw, Barbara Scott, Philip Hoare, Norman Calman
2. **Apologies:** Douglas Boyd, Hugh Miller
3. **Minute of previous AGM:** The Minute of the AGM held on 27th May, 2022 was approved.
4. **Chair's Report;** was read and approved. Chris was thanked for her work.
5. **Secretary's Report:** was read and approved. Margaret was thanked for her work.
6. **The Financial Report;** was presented by Ken and was approved.
7. **AOB:** Chris raised the urgent need for volunteers to help in the gardens and for Board members.
8. **Election of Directors;** There were no candidates for election to the Board.

Chair Person's Report to LCDT AGM 14th June, 2023

Welcome all.

We have had a busy year.

We have been investigating the possibility of co-housing in Lenzie. We have been interested in the possibility of co- housing for some years but our previous attempts to obtain land at the site of the Lenzie Hospital and Lenzie primary school have been thwarted. The site of Campsie View school is shortly to become available and negotiations are currently taking place. Margaret will discuss this further,

Isobel Paterson has been appointed to the Community Council and we hope that this will help to continue co-operation between the organisations. The objective of both organisations is to work for the people of Lenzie.

We have been busy in the Gardens in Myrtle Avenue and Victoria Road. It is rewarding to see people sitting in the gardens and enjoying the. We are always looking for volunteers to help and are extremely grateful to those who have turned out. We are also very grateful to those who have given us a donation for plants and the upkeep of the garden. We would like to expand the uses of the garden and would be grateful for any suggestions or expressions of interest.

Dr Chris Roan

14th June, 2023

Secretary's Report to LCDT AGM, 14th June, 2023

It has been a busy year for us maintaining and consolidating our established work at the same time as expanding our reach in other directions.

Myrtle Avenue Community Garden continues to be a benefit to the community. The seats are appreciated as a stopping point on the way to the coop with a chance of a blether as well. It's encouraging to see that the primary school is using the garden. One child wrote about his visit and made a special mention of the Art Work, Isle of Wonder (in an old bathtub!) It's pleasing that since the opening, there has only ever been one instance of vandalism which had been raised as a concern by a neighbour. As part of the Community Festival in August, we plan to put on something to fit in with the local churches' events. As ever, we could do more if we had more volunteers. We continue to get greetings from the two Ukrainian refugees who came along to help, and we are lending gardening tools and equipment to a Ukrainian family who have just got a house in Kirkintilloch and need to get the garden into shape.

Thank You to Chris and her team.

We responded to Callum Dewar's campaign to save Lenzie's green spaces when several small patches of land came up for auction last year. John went along to the Community Council who were also concerned. As a result he set up a meeting of local residents, the Chair of the Community Council and our adviser from Community Ownership Support Service to explore the possibilities of acquiring the green spaces for the community. The Trust remains ready to continue this work when the residents get back to us.

A lot of work is continuing to mitigate Lenzie's generation gap with our proposal to acquire Campsie View School site for senior cohousing; a small neighbourhood, or clachan, of individual retirement homes with a ceilidh house for socialising. It has a strong ethos of sustainability and the site would remain in trust for Lenzie in perpetuity. There is strong academic evidence from Cambridge University and others that living in senior

cohousing has health and wellbeing benefits for residents and reduces demand on health and social services. As a result of the Roadshow last June, we were able to form a Steering Group, with Sandy Taylor as Convener, Derdriu Campbell, a Trustee of Cohousing Scotland, as secretary, and Mr James Bunney, local resident representative.

We have approached the Health, Housing and Care Forum at EDC with a view to a partnership project. The Scottish Housing Minister, Paul MacLennan is willing to visit us to hear about the project and Derdriu Campbell is in touch with Rona Mackay to arrange a specific date for that to happen.

Looking ahead, the Trust will have another very busy year which will stretch our capacity without extra help, so I would end by encouraging you if you share our values, please come forward to serve on the Board - there is lots of government funded support available.

Finally, we wish to record our appreciation to the three directors stepping down from the board; John Whitelaw, Chris Roan and Sandy Taylor. The requirement is that they step down for one year only and then can reapply. We sincerely hope they will do so. In fact, Sandy will continue to serve as Convener of our cohousing group, John will continue as a member to work with COSS on the Green Spaces issue, and Chris will continue as our Chairperson to convene and chair our meetings.

Margaret Whitelaw 14.6.23