



# Campsie Community Council

## APPROVED MINUTE

**Monday 06 October 2025**

**Present:** S Carr (Chair), D Lenaghan (Vice Chair) S Mitchell (Treasurer), S Bertagna (Secretary), E Cairney (Funding), F Muir (CCC), L Macdonald (CCC), PC M Wilson, A Middlemiss (Guardians of the Glazert), I Middlemiss (Guardians of the Glazert), C Brooks (Friends of the High Kirk) and several residents from Lennoxton

**Apologies:** Cllr McDiarmid, Cllr P Ferretti, AM Timmoney (EDC Community Development), R Murray (Whitefield Dam Restoration Group)

1. **The Chair** welcomed everyone to the above meeting.
2. **Apologies:** as above
3. **AGM Minute of 10.06.24:** Approved: proposed by EC and seconded by SC
4. **Chair Report: 24/25**
  - Achieved
    - 30mph speed limit on B822 (Lennoxton to Torrance Road) (EDC involvement to achieve this)
    - Anti-skid coating on B822 (EDC involvement to achieve this)
    - River Restoration Asset Transfer 27 October 24
    - Partnership with NHS
    - Inclusion of all community groups within Lennoxton
    - Representative and placing of Wreath at Remembrance Service
    - Successful Christmas lunch for senior citizens in Dec 24 (110 guests attended)
  - In progress
    - Holyknowe Road – parking issues
    - Website
    - Whitefield Dam Restoration: Management plan remains in progress.
    - Glazert River Restoration remains on-going
    - EDC are currently reviewing method statements for de-silting, although the associated costs are substantial.
    - Path refurbishment and general maintenance works are underway.
    - LPS will be attending an Environmental Education Day alongside ecologists and will contribute to the design of a new bench.
    - EDC has also approved the inclusion of a commemorate plaque on the bench in tribute to Ivor McClure.
5. **Treasurer Report: 24/25**
  - **Income:** £3377      **Expenditure:** £4342
    - Senior Citizen Christmas event
    - Winter Grant to Lunch Club
    - New laptop for Secretary and upgrade of Microsoft software
    - Website costs
    - Wreath and Flowers:
    - Room Hire:
    - Auditor:
    - Donations:
  - As of 06 October 25, Unallocated funds: £905

**6. Office Bearers/Community Members**

- The following CCC members are happy to continue with the undernoted posts:
- Chair: Stuart Carr – proposed by E Cairney, seconded by D Lenaghan
- Vice Chair: Denise Lenaghan – proposed by E Cairney, seconded by L Macdonald
- Treasurer (Joint): Sue Mitchell and Fiona Muir – proposed by E Cairney, seconded by S Carr
- Secretary (Joint): Sandi Bertagna and Evelyn Cairney – proposed by D Lenaghan, seconded by F Muir
- Co-opted member: D Craigie, proposed by E Cairney, seconded by L Macdonald

**The above is an extract from the AGM 06.10.25**

**7. Draft minute of 01.09.25:** Approved: proposed by EC and seconded by FM

**8. AMT Report:** No report submitted

**9. Police Report (PC Wilson):**

- Still ongoing concerns with B822 road between Lennoxton and Torrance. Another road traffic accident recently and police are aware. PC Wilson was asked if he could intervene and assist in asking EDC to lay additional anti-skid surface
- Upsurge in road accidents on B822 since last AGM. Poll to be circulated?
- Traffic Police need to be part of the speed awareness on the above road and ascertain the reasons for the accidents
- Thread of emails to EDC to be forwarded to PC Wilson
- Contact person of authority (EDC) and Police to authorise a way forward
- “Big Picture” to pinpoint the reasons for accidents on the road
- Look at frequency of reports and instigate a forensic enquiry
- Shoplifting: increased awareness
- Vandalism on the increase
- Direct line to report
- Quad bikes – still ongoing concerns. 3 riders stopped and cautioned
- CCTV cameras within the Village are being refurbished

**ACTION:**

- Councillor Ferretti to liaise with PC Wilson (CCC - SC)
- Email trails to PC Wilson – (CCC – SC)
- Arrange meeting with relevant person before 03 November (CCC meeting)
- Security cameras

**10. Bank Account Signatories:** Minute of 01 September now approved, this can now be sent to Bank of Scotland for signatories to be updated.

**11. Funding (EC):**

- Anyone applying for funding please email Campsie Community Council
- AM Timmoney assisting
- Garlic Wood Light Show: peaceful protest on 10 and 11 October @ 7pm
- Donation from CCC. Guardians of the Glazert and Glazert Bank Country House will pay for refreshments for the above
- Future bids and applications: community involvement with Friends of the High kirk and Guardians of the Glazert

## **12. Recognition of Ivor McClure**

- Ivor was a big pillar of the community. Therefore, fitting for CCC to recognise his contribution to the village and further afield
- Open to all community groups to give their suggestions to commemorate him
- EDC to propose a sign on the walkway
- QR Code with background information
- Loss to his family and the community
- Whitefield Dam recognising Ivor McClure too
- J Gillespie (EDC) looking at funding
- He will always be remembered

## **13. Christmas Lunch 07.12.25 (EC)**

- All those interested to email CCC ([campsiecommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:campsiecommunitycouncil@gmail.com))
- SM has offered the Hive (as last year) to participate in the above
- 110 places available

## **14. Lennox Castle (SC)**

- CCC very supportive of the group
- Input from SC
- Fact and information from CCC
- Very upsetting for ...
- Lennox Castle group
- No survey done
- SC happy to share email trail
- CCC is impartial, however we will take concerns to appropriate bodies
- Land receipt back
- National grid
- Quantity (1) over height for upright turbines ... range between 25 – 100 metres
- Ecology impact .. biodiversity impact
- Sustainability team involvement
- Push “business world”
- Land to be used in a way to bring more benefits to Lennox town financially as well as environmental
- Additional housing ... why?
- Nadora Project: too much land
- Salvage land ... at Mugdock Park
- Over development
- Last over 20 years
- Regeneration to evidence
- Timing issues
- River restoration: not validated (SEPA)
- Widening river
- Next meeting 27 October with EDC/NHS
- Will not impact on River restoration
- Hypothetical model – old and new model
- Application since 2017
- Housing “knocked back” not river but wood
- Drainage issues
- No ecology report
- CCC to go ahead with a full environmental study
- Pressure EDC
- No framework – ok to build on brown belt
- CCC to act on behalf of residents

- Inform everyone
- Difficult to disseminate information by delivering 600 door-to-door leaflets (monumental task for the number of CCC members to deliver)
- What are the alternatives?
- Strong and valid points from concerned resident to take to the CCC meeting
- Resident thanked SC for very informative Facebook post
- SC recognised by CCC for his detailed post
- Oval resident: Lennoxton initiative
- Social housing? Not necessarily within the village but at suitable land identified within EDC
- Forestry tracks, walkways and Farmland
- Passionate and concerned residents on the future of the land
- CCC under the impression that EDC would have communicated with residents regarding housing development
- G of the G concerned about ecological issues ... inform other Community Councils in the area to ask about issues that they may have on the impending Housing development. Hey also thanked CCC for all their previous help with the river restoration issues.
- Campsie "Corridor"
- CRAAFT River Restoration ... Scottish Forestry part of Flood Prevention

#### **Other concerns**

- No GP, Dental practice or Opticians any longer
- No Post Office since the beginning of January 2025
- School – environment/capacity?
- No EDC Councillor presence at meetings
- What is a collective way forward for the village?
- Celtic Park traffic through the village is a concern
- Flood Risk

#### **ACTION:**

- SC (CCC) shall ask to attend meeting on 16 October
- Resident to email their concerns about housing development before 15 October
- Poll on Facebook
- Copy of concerns to Cllr McD and Cllr F
- Environmental Report impact (Prop)
- Look and "check out" list from above
- Scottish Government Police – EDC – local communities
- More communication from CCC: Facebook and The Hub already a point for approved minutes. Website newly taken on by CCC members and will also be a point for approved minutes.


#### **15. River Restoration (SC)**

#### **16. AOB**

- Implementation of 20mph limits on main roads with EDC

#### **17. Date of Next Meeting:** 03 November at Haughead Hall, Lennoxton

**Campsie Community Council**  
**Stuart Carr (Chair) – Facebook entry 23 September 2025**

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Hi all, we at Campsie Community Council (CCC) want to keep you updated on the following :-

The River Glazert Restoration Update & Lennox Castle information to date .

Campsie Community Council managed to set up the sub group CRAAFT due to the amount of concern that was raised by the community, and, the concerns that the community had.

We informed about & encouraged people to attend the consultations as individuals to raise their concerns. In addition, the Community Council had requested to have a community consultation, this went ahead with more than 100 people attending.


At this consultation the CCC asked for in-depth information from the applicant and we also asked to look at different locations.

At the end of the pre-planning stage, the CCC had to give a response to planning, this response was made up of 2 responses; the Community Council & the CRAFFT sub group.

We also had walk arounds with the CBEC , SEPA and EDC. In addition, we also had a walk around with an EDC planning officer.

The next stage was the official application, the council had made some concessions. In reach 2- the CCC had also spoken to other consult-tees to the application, this was to ask questions on their responses that were conflicting to the application, and, their purpose as government bodies.

We have had meetings with MP's MSP's and Scottish Ministers., relating to which, we are still awaiting one response coming back, this is in regards to the Scottish Government policy - on the removal of the ancient

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woodland policy - that is not recognised within the planning policy on which the application has been granted permission.

We also had a meeting with a high level tabloid reporter who also had concerns as well as an interest in the application, this was due to their connection to the village and they felt that they had a good enough story to raise awareness as to what was being proposed. This made the front page of a National Tabloid, and we, as a group, were very grateful for this input and spreading of awareness.

We, the CCC have always looked for middle ground with the applicant, in order to keep a good working relationship that is expected from the Community Council. That being a Community Council's purpose.

The CCC would also like to inform, as mentioned above, that in our official response to the planning application, that it was inclusive of 2 responses from the Community Council and CRAAFT. It was very detailed, as well as us asking to make representation in person to the councillors of the planning committee, unfortunately, it was not taken into consideration by the planning department.

We got notification that the planning department had made recommendations that it be passed, and that this would be presented to Councillors to vote on.

The CCC had no other option but to raise concerns with the NHS who owns the land to request an asset transfer, this was not to frustrate the applicant, but in order to protect an area of land that has major historical value to the village, it is an area of tourism, it is protected under ancient woodland and it is also a conservation area. This is an area that the community cherish dearly. This is also something that the Community Council has done to encourage in the area, and make the area better, as well as protect the areas mentioned above.



The CCC are still in talks with the NHS in regards to this land, and, hopefully at the meeting in the near future, being proposed by the NHS that we will have a conclusion or an opportunity for further discussion with the applicant.

We have also been given permission from the NHS to use the Garlic Wood for a light show and a story telling event being held in early October.

Please be assured that the CCC and Sub group CRAFT have spend numerous amounts of hours at meetings, given up a vast amount of time to work on this application, and made more sacrifices in family life over the last year and a half to continue to try to seek middle ground and represent the communities concerns.

#### LENNOX CASTLE

During the River Restoration project application, the question was asked;  
Was the application to help housing? to which we were told no .

The CCC's chair Stuart Carr has exhausted and went to all lengths to look into this with Mack & Mick Homes and the NHS, there is no connection to the River Restoration.

If the NHS refuse the River Restoration, then, it is not going to make a difference to the planned housing developments being proposed. They will still go for full planning application to the planning board, just to be clear, it is not the Community Council who pass the planning applications .

The Land has consistently been on EDC housing development plans since it was classed as a brownfield since the Tri Part agreement between NHS, EDC and Lennoxtown Initiative.

Before planning came up, we had been helping the Nadora Project find out about the castle and their proposal for partial refurbishment of the Castle and a part of the land . This started back at the end of 2023 but we had been discussing with EDC before 2023 .

The CCC were looking at using the land for community use .

So with the pre application going in, we have spoken to the NHS and Mack & Mick .

We have decided that currently there is no point in talking, however, we are going to have a meeting, this will be before the pre-planning stage is completed, this is so that we can raise the issues that is felt is relevant for the areas of concern, there are a few to work with so far.

It is also our duty to make sure that there is community benefit in addition that land receipts are reinvested in Lennoxtown and the surrounding areas .

This was always the goal of the original agreement, it would be very foolish and reckless of the CCC not to look at seeking community benefit so Lennoxtown can become a better place.

We also have interest in areas of land currently just now, and, separately from the River Restoration, the CCC have been invited to discuss about the possibility of working in partnership with the NHS and the Nadora Project for the walled garden and other areas of land .

We don't know if all the land is going to be built on and once the land surveys are complete it will then give a better idea as to how much land will be used for housing. This information, we will find out before the end of October.

So please do not think we are not being active or that we are not representing Lennoxtown, Haughhead and Campsie Glen as evidenced by this post, we are working harder than ever to achieve greater goals for the village .

We have events coming up soon and have been provided maps by EDC to work on what people want to see in the areas and we, as always, will welcome everyone's input .

Everyone has a voice and everyone is entitled to representation. We need more input from our communities and we need to know your concerns in order to help our ward councillors and EDC recognise our Communities Priorities.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.  
We will continue to update as & when we can.