

<b>Meeting</b>	Board
<b>Date</b>	21 May 2008
<b>Presented By</b>	Brian McAleenan, Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE LENNOXTOWN INITIATIVE**  
**Date: 21 April 2008**  
**Time: 7.00p.m**  
**Venue: Lennoxtown Enterprise Centre, Railway Court, Station Road, Lennoxtown**

Present: Brian McAleenan, Jim Gilmour, Thomas Docherty, Alan Sim, David Carlin, Alex Wingate and Robert O'Donnell

Also in attendance: Shona Baird, Lynda Hamilton

		<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Apologies and Introduction</b></p> <p>Apologies were received on behalf of Simon MacGillivray, Derek Miller, Georgina Brown, Councillor Dempsey and Karen Murray.</p>	
1	<p><b>Chairman's Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those present and, although there were insufficient Directors present to deem the meeting quorate, it was agreed to continue with the items of business on the basis that decisions taken could be homologated at the next meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Meeting – 25 February 2008</b></p> <p>Having been previously circulated for consideration, the Board was subsequently advised of two amendments, namely, the contact person for CHP should read Fiona McGuire and the reference to "external improvement works at Lennoxtown Clinic" should read internal improvement works.</p> <p>The minutes were thereafter proposed by Tom Docherty, seconded by Alan Sim.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Legal Services</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that invitations to tender had been issued to five selected firms of solicitors, with a return date scheduled for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2008. Thereafter the tenders would be considered, and a selection made, at the Finance Meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008.</p> <p><b>Clachan of Campsie</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that he had met to discuss proposals for Clachan of Campsie with the interested developer. Alan Sim intimated that further discussions require to take place prior to developing any planning application area concerning the sustainability of the village in terms of craft shops etc.</p>	<p><b>BMcA/AS</b></p> <p><b>AS</b></p>

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4.	<p><b>Update on Site 1b</b></p> <p>Following consideration of the scenarios presented in Paper No. 08/05, the Board agreed that it was imperative to progress this issue and therefore agreed to concede, if necessary, to the figure requested by the selected developer for removal of the “abnormals” highlighted from the Site Investigation Report.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Chief Executive’s Report</b></p> <p><b><i>Business Plan Review</i></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive intimated that the Business Plan was due to be reviewed in April 2008, however, as there had been slippage in the timeframe regarding Site 1b, it was agreed that the review be deferred until the funding is received.</p> <p><b><i>New Funding for Lennoxton</i></b></p> <p>East Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership has been awarded funding from the new Fairer Scotland Fund. Previously this funding was used to tackle deprivation in Hillhead and Twechar, however, Lennoxton is now eligible for funding for targeted services, for instance to help promote people into employment and training. The Board will be kept apprised of further developments.</p> <p><b><i>Greencore</i></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive and Chairman met with Hg-Consultants to iron out issues associated with Greencore’s expansion plans, which Campsie Black Watch FC felt had adversely impacted upon their football pitch. Following discussions between the two parties, the issues have now been resolved to a mutually satisfactory conclusion.</p> <p><b><i>Kelvin Valley LEADER bid</i></b></p> <p>The Scottish Government has awarded funding for the Kelvin Valley consortium, a partnership between East Dunbartonshire Council and North Lanarkshire Council, which aims to deliver innovative environmental improvements across the Kelvin Valley area. Lennoxton is eligible for a portion of this funding to deliver a programme of potential improvements and the Chief Executive agreed to keep the Board briefed of developments.</p> <p><b><i>High Park Regeneration</i></b></p> <p>The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has now been installed at High Park and the new Play Area will follow once the CCTV Scheme is operational and High Park is covered as part of the system.</p> <p><b><i>Presentation to EDC</i></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that he received a favourable response in relation to a joint presentation from Kirkintilloch and Lennoxton Initiative which was made to elected members of East Dunbartonshire Council on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2008. The Chief Executive felt that this offered an opportunity to both further improve relationships with the local authority and promote the company.</p>	<p><b>BMcA</b></p> <p><b>BMcA</b></p> <p><b>BMcA</b></p>

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	<p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p>The theme for the April 2008 issue of the company newsletter, Initiative Insight, is the “Story so Far” illustrating those projects which have been delivered to date. The newsletter will be issued to every household and business in Lennoxtown during week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008.</p> <p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p> <p>The AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30p.m. It was agreed that it may be beneficial to hold the meeting in unlicensed premises, therefore, subject to availability, it was suggested that the meeting be held in St Machan’s Primary School Hall.</p> <p><b>CRGP Architects and Surveyors</b></p> <p>CRGP have been commissioned on an ‘at risk’ basis to carry out preliminary works in relation to the Integrated Health and Community Centre. The works will initially be to determine square footage etc and details will be discussed at the forthcoming public meeting. Further more detailed consultation requires to take place with those parties who will make use of the facility.</p> <p><b>Public Meeting</b></p> <p>A public consultation meeting has been scheduled to take place at Campsie Memorial Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008 at 7.00p.m. to enable the Board to brief local people in relation to the current position involving the funding from Site 1b as well as presenting and consulting with local people in relation to the draft outline proposals for the Integrated Health and Community facility proposed for the village and general masterplan issues.</p> <p><b>Main Street Project Group</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive has reconvened the group for a meeting scheduled on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008.</p> <p><b>Legacy for Lennoxtown Event</b></p> <p>The Legacy for Lennoxtown Event, previously hosted by Careers Scotland, will be delivered by Lennoxtown Initiative and partners for 58 primary school children from Lennoxtown and St Machan’s Schools on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2008. The event takes the form of ‘hands on’ workshops offering the opportunity for the children to experience a range of vocational areas, as well as offering ideas about potential areas of employment they may consider in the future.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>BMcA</b></p>
6.	<p><b>SED Internal Audit – Review of Corporate Governance at Lennoxtown Initiative</b></p> <p>Having considered paper No. 08/07, the Board endorsed the proposals contained therein and it was agreed that the Chief Executive bring forward an Action Plan in relation to Scottish Enterprise’s suggested implementation of the policies and procedures stemming from their recent audit, as detailed within the report.</p>	<p><b>BMcA</b></p>

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7.	<p><b>Board of Directors – Resignation of SED nominated representative</b></p> <p>Scottish Enterprise have not confirmed their position in relation to whether they will provide a replacement representative or whether they will continue as a member of the company following their recent restructuring arrangements. It was agreed that any decision in relation to filling the potential Board Director vacancy should be held in abeyance until confirmation is received.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Land at 132/134 Main Street, Lennoxton – Proposals</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that he had been in receipt of three expressions of interest for this site involving residential, retail and a nursery facility.</p> <p>The Board considered that a nursery would be an asset on this site and agreed that the Chief Executive would request that the proposed developer be requested to draw up further proposals, subject to attaining relevant planning consents.</p> <p>The Board also requested that as an energy company had previously expressed an interest in this site, albeit the site subsequently proving not fit for purpose, that an alternative site be identified tailored to their requirements as it may bring potential employment opportunities for the area.</p>	<p><b>BMcA</b></p> <p><b>BMcA</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Celtic FC Service Level Agreement</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that progress in this area had been slow in relation to the training sessions for the two local Boys Clubs, as well as the After School Club. A decision is still awaited in relation to whether the facility will host a football tournament on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2008 organised by Campsie Boys Club. The Chief Executive intimated that he was hopeful that decisions from Celtic would be concluded this week in relation to these specific proposals.</p> <p>Alan Sim agreed to speak to a colleague whom he knew would be in talks with Celtic to help raise awareness of our concerns in relation to the slow progress of the Service Level Agreement.</p>	<p><b>BMcA</b></p> <p><b>AS</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Lennoxton CCTV Scheme</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that the CCTV system will go “live” during week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008. Only eight out of the ten cameras included in the system will be operational during this week, the additional two cameras positioned at the High Church will be operational once issues in relation to the power supply have been resolved.</p> <p>The Chief Executive agreed to organise an out of office hours Board visit to the Control Centre at Broomhill. As parents had expressed concerns previously about children using the High Park, it was deemed appropriate that primary school pupils from each of the local primary schools be invited to play a part in promoting the launch. The launch will be carried out in conjunction with Jim Neill, Community Safety Manager, and East Dunbartonshire Council.</p> <p>The Board also felt it would be beneficial to have a launch of the affordable housing units located within the Earls Seat development and managed by Cube Housing Association.</p>	<p><b>BMcA</b></p> <p><b>BMcA</b></p>

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11.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b><i>Monthly Board Meetings</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman suggested that the Board reconvene monthly Board meetings with a proposal to have a recess over July/August and December/January. The Board agreed to this proposal on the basis that the Chief Executive would not be required, as a matter of course, to submit written reports to each of the monthly meetings, and verbal reports would be acceptable where appropriate.</p> <p><b><i>Co-operative Museum</i></b></p> <p>David Carlin advised that he had been in contact with Alan Dawson, Area Manager for the Co-operative, in relation to the potential for the original Co-op premises to be converted into a museum. David will update the Board at a later date following their consideration of these proposals.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>DC</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The Board agreed to have a meeting at 6.00p.m. in advance of the public meeting scheduled for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 and it was agreed that the Board would have a pre meeting at 6.00p.m. in advance of the commencement of the AGM at 7.30p.m.</p>	

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<b>Date</b>	25 August 2008
<b>Paper No.</b>	
<b>Presented By</b>	Brian McAleenan, Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE LENNOXTOWN INITIATIVE**

**Date: 25 June 2008**

**Time: 9.30p.m.**

**Venue: Glazertbank Country House Hotel, Lennoxtown**

Present: Jim Gilmour, Brian McAleenan, Alex Wingate, Dr Georgina Brown, Derek Miller, Alan Sim, Tom Docherty, Kathleen Haswell, Karen Murray and Councillor John Dempsey, David Carlin, Jonathan Carlin and Robert O'Donnell

In attendance: John Simmons, East Dunbartonshire Council

		<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Apologies and Introduction</b></p> <p>No apologies were received. It was agreed by those present that, in the absence of the Board as yet appointing a Chairperson subsequent to the previous Chairperson's termination of appointment at the Annual General Meeting, Brian McAleenan would assume the Chair.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Election of Community Directors</b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Articles 41 and 42 indicate that, at the conclusion of each Annual General Meeting, three of the Community Directors shall vacate office but shall be eligible for re-appointment by the other Directors under Article 40. The Community Directors to vacate office under Article 41 are those who have been longest in post since they were last appointed or re-appointed. The Community Directors vacating office at this year's AGM are Derek Miller, Jonathan Carlin and Kathleen Haswell.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed by the Directors present and continuing to hold office that Derek Miller, Jonathan Carlin and Kathleen Haswell be re-appointed as Community Directors to serve on the Board of Directors.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Election of Partner Directors</b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Articles 37 and 38 indicate that each Partner Member (East Dunbartonshire Council, Scottish Enterprise and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde) shall be able to nominate one Director to represent their interests on the Board of Directors. The Partner Directors are required to vacate office at the conclusion of each Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-appointment.</p>	

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	<p>East Dunbartonshire Council have confirmed that their nominated Director is Alan Sim, Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire have not, as yet, confirmed their position and NHS Greater and Clyde have confirmed that their nominated Director is Karen Murray.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed by the Directors present and continuing to hold office that Alan Sim and Karen Murray be re-appointed as Partner Directors. The Chairman advised that he would advise of Scottish Enterprise position in due course.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Company Secretary</b></p> <p>It was proposed by Jonathan Carlin and seconded by David Carlin that Alex Wingate continue as Company Secretary for the Company.</p> <p>Alex Wingate accepted the nomination and this was unanimously supported by the Directors present. Alex Wingate was then confirmed as Company Secretary.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that Articles 48 and 49 indicate that there is provision to appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer. All current Office Bearers cease to hold office at the conclusion of each AGM but are eligible for re-election. The Chairman further noted that, in terms of the Articles of Association, the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair should be drawn from the Community Directors and the position of Treasurer should be drawn from the Partner Directors.</p> <p>The Chairman called for nominations for Office Bearers and it was proposed by David Carlin, seconded by Alex Wingate, that Jim Gilmour be nominated Chairman. No other nominations were forthcoming and Jim Gilmour confirmed that he was willing to serve as Chairman.</p> <p>Jim Gilmour was thereafter confirmed as Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2008/09 and this was unanimously supported by the other Directors present.</p> <p>The Chairman then called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair and it was proposed by Kathleen Haswell, seconded by Georgina Brown, that Derek Miller be nominated as Vice Chair. No other nominations were forthcoming and Derek Miller confirmed that he was willing to serve as Vice Chair.</p> <p>Derek Miller was thereafter confirmed as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for 2008/09 and this was unanimously supported by those present.</p> <p>The Chairman then called for nominations for the position of Treasurer and it was proposed by Jim Gilmour, seconded by Jonathan Carlin, that Alan Sim be nominated as Treasurer.</p> <p>No other nominations were forthcoming and Alan Sim confirmed that he was willing to serve as Treasurer.</p>	

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	Alan Sim was thereafter confirmed as Treasurer for 2008/09 and this was unanimously supported by those present.	
5.	<b>Any Other Competent Business</b>  None.	
6.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  It was agreed that the next Board Meeting be held on Monday 25 August 2008 at 7.00p.m. in the offices of Lennoxtown Enterprise Centre.	

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**Date: 25 June 2008**

**Time: 6.00p.m**

**Venue: Lennoxtown Enterprise Centre, Railway Court, Station Road, Lennoxtown**

Present: Brian McAleenan, Jim Gilmour, Councillor John Dempsey, Alex Wingate, Derek Miller, Karen Murray, Alan Sim, David Carlin, Jonathan Carlin, Kathleen Haswell, Robert O'Donnell and Thomas Docherty

Also in attendance: John Simmons, Shona Baird

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	<p><b>Apologies and Introduction</b></p> <p>Apologies were received on behalf of Georgina Brown who had intimated that although she would be unavailable to attend the Board meeting, she would be in attendance at the AGM, which would immediately follow the Board meeting.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Chairman's Opening Remarks</b></p> <p>The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming those present.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Board Meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008</b></p> <p>Having been previously circulated for consideration, the minutes were adopted as an accurate reflection of proceedings. Proposed by David Carlin and seconded by Alan Sim.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b><i>Page 3, Item 7 – Lennoxtown CCTV</i></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive confirmed that he had invited the Community Council and residents of Service Street to an 'open evening' of a demonstration of the CCTV monitoring equipment at the Monitoring Unit at Broomhill. The evening had been excellent and well received, albeit no residents from Service Street had been in attendance.</p> <p>The Chief Executive further advised that the CCTV Scheme was officially launched from Lennoxtown Primary School on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 by the Provost of East Dunbartonshire and local schoolchildren from both local Primary Schools.</p> <p><b><i>Page 3, Item 8 – AOB</i></b></p> <p>David Carlin confirmed that he had spoken to a contact from the Scottish Co-operative and agreement had been reached in relation to storage of the montages displayed on the external walls of the old Co-op building.</p>	

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	Alan Sim confirmed that the montages were originally in ownership of the Town Centre Management Company and since they were now defunct, ownership had reverted to East Dunbartonshire Council.	
3.	<p><b>Financial Reports</b></p> <p>- <b>Cashflow projection for the period April 2008 – March 2009</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that East Dunbartonshire Council and NHSGCC had requested he produce a cashflow projection for this financial year which demonstrated that we would run into financial difficulty in July 2008. Subsequently the Chairman and Chief Executive had met with EDC and NHSGGC partners to look at the funding issues; each of them being fully supportive, offering financial assistance, by way of a loan, repayable on receipt of funds from the sale of Site 1b. These funds would assist with operational costs for the remainder of this financial year.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Draft Statutory Annual Accounts for 2007/08</b></p> <p>Derek Miller raised a question in relation to whether it was still relevant that SED be mentioned as one of the Partner Directors within the report of the draft accounts. The Chief Executive advised that he had written to Jack Perry to clarify SE's position and until such times as confirmation was received, it was still relevant that SED be mentioned as a partner. Thereafter the draft Statutory Annual Accounts, having been previously circulated, were approved by the Board and signed accordingly.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Chief Executive's Report</b></p> <p><b><i>Best Value and Community Planning Audit</i></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that he had assisted East Dunbartonshire Council with a Best Value and Community Planning Audit, conducted by Audit Scotland, which also involved EDC's Corporate Management Team. The feedback had been that Lennoxton had been very well received by the auditors and they may wish to return to conduct further in-depth interviews in September 2008, with their finalised report concluded some time next year.</p> <p><b><i>Celtic SLA</i></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that following discussions with EDC it was proving difficult to implement the Celtic SLA within schools as he had been advised that only the SFA were allowed a presence in the schools, and not professional football clubs.</p> <p>Councillor Dempsey suggested that it may be beneficial for the Chief Executive to contact Gerry Cornes to clarify the position in relation to Celtic gaining access to schools across East Dunbartonshire.</p> <p><b>Potential VAT Reclaim</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive also intimated that he had been advised by French Duncan's VAT specialists, that the only way VAT could be recovered from the Celtic SLA would be if Celtic were asked to waive the VAT element of the agreement. The Board unanimously agreed that there would be little value in pursuing this with Celtic and that the matter was now closed.</p>	<b>BMcA</b>

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	<p><b>Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that Cube Housing were planning an official launch of their affordable housing site on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008. Brian advised that a number of officials would be invited and he would liaise further with Cube Housing on their arrangements and report back further details to the Board in due course.</p> <p><b>Site 1B</b></p> <p>Following discussions with NHSGCC and East Dunbartonshire Council, NHSGGC had agreed to write to the preferred bidder giving them four weeks to determine whether they wish to proceed with the sale of the former Lennox Castle Hospital site. If they are not in a position to proceed, in order to be compliant with procurement procedures, NHSGCC will make an approach to the next preferred bidder on the tender list. The Board will be kept apprised of progress.</p>	<p><b>BMcA</b></p> <p><b>BMcA</b></p>
6.	<p><b>Review of Corporate Governance – Draft Action Plan</b></p> <p>The Board considered the Draft Action Plan, following the earlier Review of Corporate Governance arrangements conducted by Scottish Enterprise, and endorsed the document. The Chief Executive agreed to bring a report back to the next Board meeting for implementation.</p>	<b>BMcA</b>
7.	<p><b>Board Membership – Motion from East Dunbartonshire Council</b></p> <p>As time was limited due to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting, the Board agreed to defer this item of business to the next meeting in August 2008 as they felt it would be more appropriate to give this report further detailed consideration.</p>	<b>ALL</b>
8.	<p><b>Annual Review 2007/08</b></p> <p>A copy of the most recent Annual Review was circulated to the Board for their consideration.</p>	
9.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive intimated that there would be a Board meeting straight after the AGM to consider the re-appointment of Community, Partner Directors and Office Bearers.</p> <p><b>Campsie Boys Club</b></p> <p>Alex Wingate circulated a copy of a letter expressing appreciation from the Campsie Boys Club for the Initiative's involvement in securing training facilities at the Celtic Training Facility.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>As stated earlier, the next Board meeting will follow directly after the AGM and thereafter the following meeting will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 7.00p.m. within the offices at the Lennox Enterprise Centre.</p>	

## LENNOXTOWN INITIATIVE

### MINUTES OF THE AGM MEETING – 25 JUNE 2008

Date: 25 June 2008  
Time: 7.30p.m.  
Venue: The Glazertbank Country House Hotel, Lennoxton

Present: Jim Gilmour - Chairman  
Alex Wingate – Secretary  
Brian McAleenan – Chief Executive  
Derek Miller – Vice Chairman  
Alan Sim, EDC  
Councillor John Dempsey  
Tom Docherty  
Kathleen Haswell  
Karen Murray, NHSGCC  
David Carlin  
Jonathan Carlin  
Dr Georgina Brown  
Robert O'Donnell

#### 1. **Attendance**

In addition to the Board Members present, there were a further 44 individuals in attendance.

#### 2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Simon MacGillivray.

#### 3. **Quorum**

The Chairman indicated that there were sufficient Directors in attendance to ensure the meeting was in quorate.

#### 4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on 27 June 2007, having been previously circulated to the Board for consideration, were proposed by Kathleen Haswell and seconded by Derek Miller and subsequently approved.

#### 5. **Report from the Board Chairman**

The Chairman thanked those present for attending the sixth Annual General Meeting of Lennoxton Initiative.

The Chairman also expressed his appreciation to the partner agencies, East Dunbartonshire Council, Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde for their valued support throughout the previous year as well as their anticipated continued support for the forthcoming year.

The Chairman thanked Tony Findlay and the Leisure and the Recreation Group for their work in securing funding for the play facilities at the High Park, in collaboration with East Dunbartonshire Council.

The Chairman made reference to the 16 affordable housing units within the village and confirmed that Cube Housing would be hosting an official opening of the units on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008, within the offices of the Enterprise Centre.

The Chairman also mentioned the possibility of sheltered housing within the village and made reference to the various “parcels” of land available for possible regeneration projects and stressed any future developments would only be concluded following full public consultation.

The Chairman made reference to Campsie Spring’s expansion plans which would ultimately lead to the creation of more jobs.

The Chairman advised that the new Celtic Training Facility had enabled the creation of a number of local jobs, although Celtic had to honour their contractual commitments to their existing employees. It was felt, with natural wastage, that further additional jobs may well be created in the future.

The Chairman reiterated that the continued support from East Dunbartonshire Council and the NHSGCC, in particular, is greatly appreciated and that their financial commitment had meant the Initiative would be funded until March of next year.

The Chairman also expressed his appreciation to the staff and Board Members of the Initiative, as well as to the local community for their attendance at the AGM and their continued support.

## 6. Report from the Chief Executive

Brian McAleenan, Chief Executive, gave a general overview of the Initiative over the course of the previous year as well as a progress update on the following:-

***Celtic Training Academy*** - opened in October 2007 and which had benefited the local community, in particular the two local boys clubs for training on a Wednesday evening, and other local groups. In addition, a comprehensive programme of services was now being delivered by Celtic across East Dunbartonshire.

***Campsie Spring*** – 60% of their staff are ‘local’. Their expansion plans will generate more new jobs.

***Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and new play facilities*** – Innovative principle where local children were consulted on their preference for play equipment. MUGA installed in March 2008, High Park play area scheduled for installation at end of July 2008.

***CCTV*** – The CCTV Scheme has been operational since April 2008; very well received by the local community and managed at the monitoring control centre at Broomhill.

***Affordable Housing*** – 16 affordable housing units let in June 2008 and official opening scheduled for August 2008. These units support the creation of not only exclusive housing from Mactaggart and Mickel, and others, housing site at the former Lennox Castle Hospital site but also much needed affordable housing.

***Integrated Health and Community Centre*** – One site identified in the village that is most appropriate. CRGP scoping out site, investigation works ongoing.

***Learning Programmes*** – Karen Heath, Skills and Learning Manager co-ordinated 32 learning programmes with 1092 participants.

## **7. Skills and Learning Showcase – Two Case Studies**

Karen Heath, Skills and Learning Manager, intimated that her remit within the Initiative involved co-ordinating a wide range of training courses as well as liaising with the three main local employers i.e. Whitefield Lodge, Celtic and Greencore Mineral Water in trying to secure employment for unemployed local people.

Karen explained that Celtic FC had given a commitment that local employment opportunities would be made available via Lennoxton Initiative and already Karen had assisted in securing nine jobs, i.e. security, kitchen and cleaning staff, with the potential to secure further jobs in the future.

Karen intimated that the 32 training events, mentioned previously by the Chief Executive, had been carried out in partnership with Anniesland, Cumbernauld and Clydebank Colleges but particularly with East Dunbartonshire Council, without whose financial support these programmes would not have been made possible. Karen made reference to the successful bid for the Young Peoples Lottery Fund which would support local young people who may previously have found it difficult to gain employment.

### ***Digital Photography Showcase – Gordon Capie***

Gordon Capie spoke, on behalf of the participants, of the positive experiences of the training courses they had attended, in particular of the excellent calibre of tutorial staff for the digital photography and computer courses. Gordon felt that the digital photography slideshow, demonstrated earlier at the AGM, was testament to the group's achievements.

### ***Sign Language – Sandra Boyle***

Sandra Boyle, tutor for BSL Level 1 Sign Language course, and her students, all of whom were residents of Lennoxton, presented an excellent showcase of the outcomes of the programme and the real value that they had derived whether as parents, volunteers or prospective employees, from the experience.

## **8. Celtic Training Centre: A Users Perspective - Campsie Boys Club**

Alex Wingate read out a letter from Campsie Boys Club expressing their appreciation to the Initiative for their involvement in securing the use of Celtic FC's training facility. Alex intimated that the facility would greatly assist the 150 young people, both boys and girls, with training and coaching sessions in a world class complex. Although speaking on behalf of Campsie Boys Club, Alex was confident that these comments would be shared by Campsie Black Watch Boys Club, who also have access to the Celtic Training Centre.

**9. Lennoxtown CCTV Scheme: An Overview**  
- **Jim Neill, Community Safety Manager, EDC**

Jim Neill, Community Safety Manager from East Dunbartonshire Council, presented images of the CCTV cameras in operation in Lennoxtown. He advised that the system consisted of 10 cameras, located in “hotspot” areas to give maximum benefit to residents.

Jim gave an open invitation for anyone interested in visiting the control centre at Broomhill Depot in Kirkintilloch. He advised that there was a contact number for use should anyone witness any incident (0141 578 8000), which was available 24/7. He stressed, however, that the treble nine number should still be used in cases of emergency.

Jim thanked the Chairman and the Chief Executive for their co-operation, in conjunction with EDC, to bring the system to fruition and confirmed that the Council would support all future operating and running costs.

**10. Report from Auditors**

John Anderson, French Duncan LLP, reported that in accordance with appropriate accounting practices, Lennoxtown Initiative’s accounts were a true and fair view of appropriate financial performance.

**11. Appointment of Auditors**

The Chairman requested the re-appointment of French Duncan LLP as Auditors for the forthcoming year. Their appointment was proposed by Kathleen Haswell and seconded by Georgina Brown.

**12. Election of Community Directors**

Articles 41 and 42 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association indicate that at the conclusion of each AGM three of the Community Directors shall vacate office but shall be eligible for re-appointment by the other Directors under Article 40. The Directors retiring by rotation were Derek Miller, Jonathan Carlin and Kathleen Haswell.

The vacant Community Director positions would be considered at a Board Meeting following the AGM.

**13. Appointment of Partner Directors**

The Chairman advised that correspondence from the partner agencies had been received for continued representation for the forthcoming year from Alan Sim, East Dunbartonshire Council and Karen Murray, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. As Scottish Enterprise Dunbartonshire was now defunct, Scottish Enterprise had been approached to clarify whether they wished to appoint a nominated representative to act as a partner Director. As yet, Scottish Enterprise had not confirmed their position.

14. **Election of Office Bearers**

Articles 48 and 49 within the Memorandum and Articles of Association indicate that there is provision to appoint a Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. All current office bearers cease to hold office at the conclusion of the AGM but are eligible for re-election. Appointment of office bearers will be considered by the Board of Directors at a Board Meeting following the AGM.

15. **Any Other Competent Business**

(a) **Campsie Spring**

Sue Bruce, Chief Executive EDC, responded to a question in relation to concerns about the recent news concerning fraudulent claims relating to Campsie Spring.

She advised that she had been in discussions with the Chief Executive of Greencore Mineral Water (the holding company) who had given assurances that the Campsie Spring plant in Lennox town was not under threat and the company had initiated steps to improve their internal procedures.

(b) **Hole Farm**

In response to a question from the floor regarding potential leisure facilities development at Hole Farm, it was confirmed that this site was the subject of a Section 75 Agreement involving East Dunbartonshire Council and Mactaggart and Mickel and that no leisure development was intended for the site at this time.

(c) **General Leisure Facilities**

The matter regarding improved leisure facilities for the village was raised and the Chief Executive responded that it could be prudent to concentrate any leisure development and improvement at the High Park area rather than elsewhere in the village.

(d) **Main Street**

One member of the public commented that Main Street required considerable improvement and this was an area that had been neglected by Lennox town Initiative. It was confirmed that Main Street remained a priority although it had to be appreciated that considerable investment was required, it was considered that investment on this scale could only come from the receipt from Site 1b rather than any other source.

(e) **Lennox Castle**

In response to a question regarding the physical condition of the Lennox Castle building, following the recent fire, Alan Sim, Head of Planning at East Dunbartonshire Council, stated that although further remedial works were required as a result of fire damage, the potential remained for development of the building.

**(f) Celtic FC Training Centre**

Some members of the audience, who were parents and grandparents of Lennoxton Primary School pupils, conveyed their appreciation at the school being allowed access to the Training Centre for their recent school sports day. Given the limitations of the Lennoxton Primary School building and the High Park, previous school sports days had been restricted. However, the use of Celtic's facility meant that the school could organise a much better event than had been possible in previous years.

As an associated matter, the issue of local primary schools access to the Training Centre was raised. The Chief Executive confirmed that it was not possible to arrange access by the schools during normal school hours, given Celtic's first team were on site, but that an After Schools Programme was being arranged.

**(g) Clinic**

A member of the audience raised the issue regarding potential future use of the Clinic site on Main Street, if the services currently provided at the clinic were relocated to the proposed integrated health and community facility. It was confirmed that, were the situation described to materialise, the site would become available for an alternative development. Any new development would require full local consultation.

**16. Close of Meeting**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance at the AGM and closed the meeting by reaffirming the Initiative's commitment to lead the regeneration of Lennoxton and to seek the support of the local community in undertaking this task.

<b>Meeting</b>	Board
<b>Date</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2008
<b>Presented By</b>	Brian McAleenan, Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE LENNOXTOWN INITIATIVE**

**Date: 25 August 2008**

**Time: 7.00p.m**

**Venue: Lennoxtown Enterprise Centre, Railway Court, Station Road, Lennoxtown**

Present: Brian McAleenan, Jim Gilmour, Councillor John Dempsey, Karen Murray, Alan Sim, David Carlin, Kathleen Haswell, Thomas Docherty and Georgina Brown

Also in attendance: John Simmons, Shona Baird

		<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Apologies and Introduction</b></p> <p>Apologies were received on behalf of Derek Miller, Alex Wingate, Simon MacGillivray and Robert O'Donnell.</p> <p>The Board agreed to send a card to Simon asking after his welfare.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Minute of Board Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 6.00p.m.</b></p> <p>Having been previously circulated for consideration, the minutes were adopted as an accurate reflection of proceedings. Proposed by Kathleen Haswell and seconded by Tom Docherty.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>Item 5 - Celtic SLA</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive reported that following discussions with officers at East Dunbartonshire Council, this issue had been resolved in that Celtic can now deliver services within schools on the understanding that they do not actively market themselves. He further advised that Mark Grant was in the process of "working up" an appropriate programme for schools and the Chief Executive would give an update of progress at a later date.</p> <p><b>Site 1B</b></p> <p>At the request of the Board, The Chief Executive provided an update to the Board regarding the current position in relation to the disposal of Site 1b at the former Lennox Castle Hospital site.</p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that, given the present very poor economic climate and the considerable downturn in the housing market, the acquisition of the site by the preferred bidder has still not been concluded. Given the current economic climate it was considered very doubtful whether the preferred bidder, or indeed any other developer, would acquire the site in the near future.</p>	<b>BMcA</b>

		<b>Action</b>
	<p>Other, potential, interested parties were being approached to gauge interest or otherwise and the Board concluded that more “creative” approaches were required to both sustain the organisation in the mid term and unlock the capital monies, generated from the sale of the land, for use in the regeneration of Lennoxton. The Board also agreed that it was important to convey this disappointing position to the broader community in order that the current state of affairs was acknowledged.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chief Executive prepare a Press Release regarding the Cube Housing Association official opening of affordable housing at Station Court, Lennoxton.</p> <p>The Chief Executive further advised that he is in the process of compiling a lottery bid and consideration was also given to making an approach to the Scottish Government for financial support.</p> <p><b>Item 7 – EDC Motion</b></p> <p>This item of business had been deferred at the previous Board Meeting and had not been discussed. Councillor Dempsey wished it noted that he had declared an interest and therefore would not participate in any discussions on this matter.</p>	<b>BMcA</b>
3.	<p><b>Minute of Board Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at 9.30p.m.</b></p> <p>Having been previously circulated for consideration by the Board, the minutes were approved. Proposed by David Carlin and seconded by Kathleen Haswell.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Draft Minute of Company Annual General Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that this minute was for noting purposes only at this time and he requested that the Board provide him with any comments they may have for incorporation in the final draft minute which would be presented at the 2009 AGM.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Minute of the Finance Committee Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> August 2008</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that the main purpose of this meeting was to introduce Stephen Phillips from Burness, the company who was selected as the company’s legal advisers.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Stephen Phillips, Burness, has indicated that he will attend the company’s next AGM and it was agreed to invite him to a future Board Meeting in order that Stephen may further familiarise himself with matters.</p>	<b>BMcA</b>

		<b>Action</b>
8.	<p><b>Financial Reports</b></p> <p><b>a) Management Accounts for the period April – June 2008</b></p> <p>The Management Accounts detailed that the next payment to Celtic FC, as part of the SLA, had not been paid within the quarter although the Chief Executive advised that this had subsequently been paid with the next payment due in July 2009. Our largest creditor is East Dunbartonshire Council with monies owed for CCTV and salaries.</p> <p><b>b) Company Cashflow 2008/09</b></p> <p>The Board discussed the company's cashflow position for 2008/09.</p> <p>Following a question raised in relation to the feasibility of generating income from companies using the website for advertising space etc, the Chief Executive was requested to ascertain how many visits had been made to the company website as well as looking at the possibility of employing a graduate to update and improve the existing website.</p>	<b>BMcA</b>
9.	<p><b>Scottish Enterprise – Company Membership and Representation</b></p> <p>Paper No. 08/15 noted the withdrawal of Scottish Enterprise from both membership of the company and serving on the Board of Directors. This reduces current Board membership from 15 to 14. The Board continued consideration on how best to replace Scottish Enterprise.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Chief Executive's Report</b></p> <p><b>High Park</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive reported that work in High Park has commenced and play equipment is currently being installed.</p> <p><b>Kirkintilloch Herald Article</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive reported that there was an article in the Kirkintilloch Herald from Councillor Ritchie asking for ideas as to how £50,000 capital monies could be spent in the Kirkintilloch North and Campsie Ward.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that a request be made for replacement lights at the High Church, on the premise that we would use energy efficient lighting.</p> <p><b>CCTV</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that he is scheduled to meet with Jim Neill in relation to vandalism of the CCTV equipment in High Park and the High Church and will report further on the outcome.</p>	<b>BMcA</b>        <b>BMcA</b>

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11.	<p><b>Review of Corporate Governance – Board Members Handbook</b></p> <p>Following recommendations stemming from a Scottish Enterprise Review of Corporate Governance Audit, and consideration of Paper No. 08/16, the Board agreed to adopt the policies and procedures contained within the Handbook.</p> <p>Tom Docherty requested that the Nominations Committee also include one member from the “community” directors. The Chief Executive agreed to amend the Handbook accordingly and thereafter post the document on the company’s website.</p> <p>Alan Sim stated that the Matrix failed to reflect his responsibilities for urban regeneration and asset management. This was noted.</p> <p>The Chief Executive agreed to take an excerpt from the Memorandum and Articles of Association for incorporation in the Handbook which determines that if a director is absent (without permission of the directors) from more than three consecutive meetings of the directors, then the directors may resolve to remove him/her from office.</p> <p>The Board agreed that Tom Docherty would act as the nominated representative for the Whistleblowing Policy.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that the Handbook, in its current state, is proportionate to where the company is at present, but it would require to be re-visited to include tighter risk management and financial control procedures following the acquisition of the receipts from the former Lennox Castle Hospital site.</p>	<p><b>BMcA</b></p> <p><b>BMcA</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Board Membership – Motion by East Dunbartonshire Council</b></p> <p>Councillor Dempsey, Alan Sim and John Simmons declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the Board Meeting.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Executive write to Sue Bruce advising that a formal decision could not be taken at this meeting as the withdrawal of two Directors rendered the meeting inquorate and therefore the matter would be continued until the next Board Meeting in October 2008.</p>	<p><b>BMcA</b></p>
13.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b><i>Travelling Persons Site</i></b></p> <p>Kathleen Haswell advised that she had had discussions with Councillor Geekie who had intimated that information would be supplied to the Scottish Government in relation to the poor uptake of places at the travelling persons site, the recent occupancy by illegal occupants, the running costs involved etc with a view to questioning the site’s location in Lennoxtown.</p>	

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	<p>Councillor Geekie agreed to report further on the outcome of the discussions and Kathleen agreed to update further at the next Board meeting.</p> <p><b><i>Former Board Member</i></b></p> <p>The Board agreed to send a get well card to Anne Unsworth, former Board Member, as she had recently been taken into hospital.</p> <p><b><i>Greencore Mineral Water</i></b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that there had been an article in the Kirkintilloch Herald in relation to employees being “paid off” at Greencore Mineral Water. He further advised that, it was his understanding, this related to seasonal staff and was normal practice at this time of year. The Chief Executive advised that Councillor Kennedy had been in contact with him regarding apparent redundancies at the Greencore Plant seeking the company’s intervention. After discussion the Board felt that it would not be appropriate for the company to intervene in what essentially was an internal matter involving a private, commercial organisation but that every assistance would be offered to any individual who had been made redundant and was seeking other employment.</p>	<p><b>KH</b></p> <p><b>BMcA</b></p>
14.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.00p.m. on the basis that the Chief Executive has previously met with Douglas Griffin and is in a position to update the Board with proposals for Site 1b.</p>	

<b>Meeting</b>	Board
<b>Date</b>	8 December 2008
<b>Presented By</b>	Brian McAleenan, Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE LENNOXTOWN INITIATIVE**

**Date: 27 October 2008**

**Time: 7.00p.m**

**Venue: Lennoxtown Enterprise Centre, Railway Court, Station Road, Lennoxtown**

Present: Brian McAleenan, Jim Gilmour, John Dempsey, Karen Murray, Alan Sim, David Carlin, Kathleen Haswell, Thomas Docherty, Simon MacGillivray, Derek Millar and Alex Wingate

Also in attendance: Shona Baird

		<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>Apologies and Introduction</b></p> <p>Apologies were received on behalf of John Simmons, Robert O'Donnell and Georgina Brown.</p>	
1.	<p><b>Minute of Board Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at 7.00p.m.</b></p> <p>Having been previously circulated for consideration, the minutes were adopted as an accurate reflection of proceedings. Proposed by Tom Docherty, seconded by Kathleen Haswell.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>a) Item 9 – Scottish Enterprise Company Membership and Representation</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive intimated that this item required further consideration as Scottish Enterprise's withdrawal from company membership and representation reduced current Board membership from 15 to 14, and therefore further consideration was required on how best to replace Scottish Enterprise.</p> <p><b>b) Item 10 – Kirkintilloch Herald Article</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive confirmed that following an article in the Kirkintilloch Herald relating to monies being made available for the Kirkintilloch North and Campsie Ward, Councillor David Ritchie had been approached for funds to replace damaged floodlights at Campsie High Church, as well as the possibility of a new bench and noticeboard for Main Street. A response was still awaited from Councillor Ritchie in connection with the floodlights but it now looked unlikely that funds would be made available for the bench and noticeboard. However, the Community Council is giving consideration to progressing these matters.</p>	

		<b>Action</b>
	<p><b>c) Item 10 – CCTV</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive confirmed that he had met with Jim Neill, Community Safety Manager, EDC and discussions were continuing regarding the capabilities of the CCTV cameras detecting incidents in darkness at the High Church. Vandalism issues were not yet fully ironed out but further options were being considered.</p> <p><b>d) Item 13 – Greencore Mineral Water</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that one individual from Greencore had made an approach for assistance in relation to potential redundancy at the plant, but in general the Chief Executive was reluctant to get involved in the staffing issues relating to a private, commercial organisation.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Update on Site 1b</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive reported that one further developer has expressed an interest in Site 1b and that this developer was progressing potential acquisition of the site with the NHSGCC.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Board Membership – Motion by East Dunbartonshire Council</b></p> <p>This item had been continued from a previous meeting to allow further discussion and/or a decision to be taken at a meeting. To allow adequate time for discussion of this item, the Chairman advised that the running order of the agenda would change and that the subsequent agenda items would be discussed thereafter should time permit.</p> <p>John Dempsey and Alan Sim declared an interest in this item and left the meeting.</p> <p>After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the Chief Executive write to East Dunbartonshire Council in relation to the motion that “all three local Elected Members serving the electoral ward of Kirkintilloch North and Campsie be invited to join the Board of Directors,” advising that under our existing Memorandum and Articles of Association we have only one vacancy at present. Further that we would welcome applications through due process for this vacancy on the basis that the Board determine an appropriately matched discipline, and that the appointment would be made as a Community Director and not from any political perspective.</p>	<b>BMcA</b>
5.	<p><b>Lennoxton Initiative – Report to East Dunbartonshire Council Policy &amp; Resources Committee</b></p> <p>John Dempsey and Alan Sim rejoined the meeting to discuss this item.</p> <p>The Chief Executive referred to East Dunbartonshire Council’s Policy and Resources Committee Report and subsequent report to full Council offering options in relation to the current and future position of Lennoxton Initiative.</p>	

		<b>Action</b>
	<p>The options being considered as part of this report take into account the delay in the receipt of funds from the former Lennox Castle Hospital site which has an obvious detrimental impact on the level of funds available to the Initiative for operating costs.</p> <p>The Board was made aware of the financial constraints that both East Dunbartonshire Council and the NHSGCC are facing from next year's budgets which limit their ability to continue offering support.</p> <p>The Board agreed that adhoc meetings be resurrected consisting of Jim Gilmour, John Dempsey and Brian McAleenan, bringing in relevant external professionals as necessary.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Chief Executive's Report</b></p> <p><b><i>High Park Regeneration</i></b></p> <p>High Park regeneration is moving forward. The Chief Executive reported that there is an issue with the CCTV's ability to detect any criminal activity in the darkness and that there is a need for improved lighting within the play area. East Dunbartonshire Council is looking at the possibility of supplementary lighting to combat this problem.</p> <p><b><i>Project Groups</i></b></p> <p><b>a) <i>Main Street</i></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive reported that the Main Street Project Group had a productive meeting recently with two officials from Road Traffic, EDC to iron out roads related issues. Councillor Kennedy had written to the group requesting a meeting to discuss the group's relationship with the proposed Campsie Community Trust to avoid potential overlap.</p> <p><b>b) <i>Heritage and Preservation Trust</i></b></p> <p>The Chief Executive advised that this group had not met for some time although a meeting had been organised for Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008 as there was a requirement to have their annual accounts signed off and submitted to Companies House.</p> <p><b>c) <i>Leisure and Recreation Group</i></b></p> <p>This group is still moving forward although Tony Findlay has resigned as Chairperson due to commencement of a course of study in relation to his employment. The Board expressed their appreciation for Tony's work to date, and suggested that it may be beneficial if Tony could recommend a successor for Chairperson.</p> <p><b>Ferguson Park</b></p> <p>A group has been formed by members of both Campsie Boys Club and Campsie Minerva FC to attract funding for new changing facilities at Ferguson Park. The Chief Executive has issued a letter of support to them in their efforts.</p>	

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	<p><b>Kelan Cassidy Charity Football Match</b></p> <p>The Initiative facilitated a recent charity match at the Celtic Training Centre to raise funds for Kelan Cassidy, a local young boy suffering from a terminal illness. The event was extremely successful and raised £2,000 for this worthwhile cause. The Chief Executive expressed his gratitude to Celtic for their support as well as their donation of a signed football strip for auction.</p> <p><b>Kelvin Valley Leader Programme</b></p> <p>The Scottish Government has awarded funding for the Kelvin Valley Leader Programme which aims to deliver environmental improvements across the Kelvin Valley area. Partners at East Dunbartonshire Council have welcomed proposals for funds to be spent in Lennoxton, although these funds have been reduced from those anticipated from the original bid.</p> <p><b>Big Lottery – Young People’s Fund Scotland</b></p> <p>East Dunbartonshire has secured funding over the next two years for a diversionary ‘Positive Alternatives’ project aimed at enabling young, economically inactive, local residents to prepare for the world of work.</p> <p>The fund enables the recruitment of a postholder who will be based in the Initiative’s offices. The post is currently being sized under the Single Status Agreement and hopefully moved forward in early course.</p> <p><b>Kirkintilloch Herald Feature</b></p> <p>In the current economic climate, the Board agreed to defer sponsoring a feature article in the Kirkintilloch Herald to celebrate the first anniversary of Celtic FC’s location in Lennoxton. It was suggested that the Chief Executive may wish to speak to Celtic’s Press Office to ascertain whether they would be willing to run an article in relation to this.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Celtic FC – Service Level Agreement</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive reported that the nine year Service Level Agreement is gathering momentum with Campsie Boys Club and Campsie Black Watch Boys Club having access to the facility for five hours on Wednesday evenings.</p> <p>In addition, two all day sessions have been arranged to be shared with both local primary schools as well as Craighead Primary School in Milton of Campsie. Exclusive access has also been agreed for the whole month of June 2009 and Robert O’Donnell, Head Teacher, St Machan’s Primary School is currently developing this month long programme, as well as co-ordinating matters on behalf of the three primary schools involved.</p> <p>Transport costs have been an issue previously, however, the Chief Executive has made a funding application to the Scottish Government sponsored Cashback for Communities Fund to attempt to secure funding for all three primary schools, the outcome of which is expected in early course.</p> <p>The Chief Executive further reported that eight secondary schools had use of the facility on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2008 and the feedback was that the session had been extremely well received, with the prospect of using the facility again for this purpose on two dates in November 2008.</p>	

		<b>Action</b>
	<p>The Chief Executive reported that Celtic FC, are working in conjunction with the Initiative and Careers Scotland, Job Centre Plus and other partners in delivering a 10 week Support Employment Programme. The programme runs for 2½ days per week and is aimed at people out of work and aged over 16. The programme has run very successfully elsewhere and it is hoped that the programme will be similarly successful in Lennoxtown.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Training Courses Programme 2008/2009</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive made reference to Report No. 08/21 which highlighted the programme of training courses currently being delivered by the Initiative during 2008/09.</p> <p>The Board wished to thank Karen Heath, Skills and Learning Manager for her efforts.</p>	
9.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><i>Travelling Persons Members Working Party</i></p> <p>Having previously had sight of the minute of the Travelling Persons Working Party meeting, Kathleen Haswell reported that she is awaiting a finance report from the Housing Department of East Dunbartonshire Council and will report further at a later date.</p> <p>Councillor Dempsey advised that the pitches are being reduced from 15 to 4 and that a Site Manager will be on site two days per week which will hopefully act as a deterrent to some of the recent vandalism.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the date of the next meeting be determined following the outcome of the full Council meeting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in the event that an emergency meeting may be required.</p>	