

## Longstone Community Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 June 2023 from 7:30 to 9 pm in Slateford/Longstone Church (Session Room).

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### DL welcomes every one.

#### 1 Attendance and apologies

##### *Elected members:*

Des Loughney (Chair), Steuart Campbell (Secretary), Alan Gordon (Treasurer and Engagement Officer).

##### *Co-opted members*

John Allan (Vice Chair) (part), William Sturgeon, Euan Robertson.

##### *Nominated representatives:*

none

##### *Ex Officio*

Cllr Heap.

##### *In attendance*

none

##### *Public visitors*

none

SC announced apologies from Cllrs Walker and Dixon. Also from Margaret Campbell and Ray Donnelly. John Allan apologised for being late.

#### 2 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 May 2023 were approved and adopted.

#### 3 Matters arising from the last minutes but not covered elsewhere in the agenda:

SC explained how he had managed to open the notice board and retrieve a painter's advert. He subsequently spoke to the painter and explained what happened and told him to keep away from our notice board. SC noted that we had been informed about the rescue of the School's Breakfast Club. He also reminded all of his effort to bring logic to the matter of speed limits in Slateford and nearby Inglis Green Road (he awaits a response on the matter). Discussion followed regarding the danger for cyclists at the junction.

#### 4 Police report? SC noted that we were sent a copy of the latest South West Community Police Newsletter on 15 June although it contained nothing of local relevance.

#### 5 Planning and development

##### 5.1 *Student flats in Slateford on the former Westside Motors site:*

There are signs of planning for development (hut on site). Owner has declared that work will start soon.

##### 5.2 *Conversion of Slateford House and Chalmers Memorial Hall:*

No update; still waiting for word on the bronze plaque.

**5.3** *Smart's proposal to redevelop the former Booker site:*

Awaiting decision of the D&M Sub-committee on 21 June. Scottish Water are on site but have not explained why. A deputation for a hearing was suggested to encourage the provision of a bridge to complete the T7 route. SC showed a press report of funds that might be available for this purpose via Paths for All. There was further discussion about a hearing on the matter of a bridge.

**5.4** *Students flats in Inglis Green Gait*

Awaiting assessment.

**5.5** *Longstone Inn redevelopment*

Awaiting assessment.

**6** **Reports from any LCC member attending meetings obo LCC**

JA commented on the problems people find on the canal towpath.

**7** **Environment**

**7.1** *Redhall Grove traffic control scheme (survey)*

No update. Awaiting result of referral to Transport and Environment (T+C) Cttee in September.

**7.2** *Graffiti:*

WS reported finding someone who could set aside time to contribute to the community. He is usually involved in litter picking, water of Leith clean ups etc, WS suggested graffiti removal which was agreed. He expects between 6-10 volunteers.

**7.3** *Cycle lanes and floating parking (Lanark Rd and Inglis Green Rd), including the question of a controlled crossing by Kingsknowe Park (street).*

AG reported that a motion was lodged at CEC's T+C Cttee that might have put the crossing for which we have campaigned in jeopardy. Fortunately the motion was removed during the meeting.

**7.4** *Lighting on a path across Hailes Quarry Park to Murrayburn Road*

See item 8

**7.5** *Flooding to the path across Hailes Quarry Park to Murrayburn Road*

No update

**7.6** *Burnside closure and bridge repair*

No update

**7.7** *Properties with no known owner*

No update

**8** **Councillors' reports**

DH spoke about the progress being made in re-opened Gorgie Farm, noting that it is likely to open in stages. He also raised concerns that the canal champion was being proposed to be axed and the Greens would be proposing

to reverse this. He encouraged the CC to make in-person delegations to the Booker site planning application and any others they have comments on and also highlighted the positive decision to install lights in Hailes Quarry Park, with HQP being the first in line for new lighting. He noted that the Council should soon be in touch to consult on the location of the lights; the type of lights etc. He took up concerns about the Redhall Star changing rooms graffiti and has contacted CEC about getting the walls cleaned of graffiti

**9 Treasurer's report**

AG reported several payments to Ionos re the domain registration, plus the auditor's fee (£60) and a payment for room hire (£45). Balance remaining £130.30.

**10 AOCB**

ER asked about park notice boards and graffiti on the Redhall Park pavilion. Also re litter after Redhall Star matches. AG mentioned problems with access to bus stops by buses because of inconsiderate parking.

**10.1 *The long stone***

No update.

**11 Date and venue of next meeting: 11 September 2023 in Slateford/Longstone Church.**