

LONGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting held at 7.30pm
in Longstone Primary School on Monday 11th June 2012

REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs L Campbell
J.A. Scott
S Campbell
Ann Watt
R Gardiner
J.P. Marr

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

PC Tony Kirk

EX-OFFICIO

Cllr. Dennis Dixon
Gordon MacDonald MSP
Cllr. Catherine Fullerton

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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IN ATTENDANCE

1. APOLOGIES

Rev. Mike Frew Donald Wilson Elizabeth Strong Grace Hughes Mrs R Lennie

2. Minutes of Last AGM. (2011) Approved subject to the following changes

1. Ann Watt should be listed under apologies
2. On the third paragraph of item 4 remove the words " and sending it to Planning"
Ann Watt did not do this, the petition was taken by Donald Wilson when he went to Planning meeting.
3. Typing error in second last paragraph of item 4 "answers" should read "answers".

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Chair's Annual Report - June 2011 - May 2012
(Mrs L Campbell)

I wonder where time goes as it seems no time since last report.

This year we have had a quiet year with our usual problems of lighting, roads and pavements, parking etc. Cllr Wilson managed to sort out problem at Longstone Road/Longstone Crescent. The Police are looking at Parking in Redhall.

I would like to thank the following for work and help over the year:

The Police

Steuart Campbell for Planning and attending Pentland Partnership Meetings.

Jim Scott for Treasurer and attending of the meetings in SW Partnership.

Mrs Lennie as Minute Secretary.

Cllr Donalde Wilson for help and advice where necessary.

Mr Frank Hughes for his help in putting Notices on our Board, cleaning it and distributing Notices to various venues.

Last but not least Grace Hughes for all the work she does as Secretary and also keeping me right.

I would also like to say thanks to members of the public who attend and bring us problems we hope we can help with.

Malcolm the Janitor who always sets out the room for us and is very helpful.

We are pleased to know work has started at the Sainsbury site and we hope that people in our area will get employment when it is finished.

5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 2013

Attached. Read by Mr Scott.

Mr Campbell queried the large rise in costs of photocopying and stationery. It was explained that the Secretary is printing everything out from her own computer printer. Particularly information sent by the Partnerships needed by the Chair. The cost of paper and particularly printer ink has therefore caused the increase.

6 Appointment of Auditor

Mr Frank Hughes

A.O.C.B.

A member of the public complained that some cyclists are riding too fast along the canal towpath. PC Kirk said he would mention it to the other Policemen who patrol that path.

A member of the public complained that drivers are not observing the bus lane between the junction of Inglis Green Road and the Water of Leith Centre in Lanark Road, because of the lack of correct use of the Bus Lane drivers trying to get back into the inside lane after the bus lane are experiencing difficulty. It was asked if the 24hour bus lane ends at the white line on Lanark Road and PC Kirk said it is a 24hour lane up to the traffic lights.

There was general discussion about the ambiguity of bus lanes and the fact that the times are different all over Edinburgh. Cllr. Fullerton said that the bus lanes in general are being looked at re times of use for the whole of Edinburgh. It was also mentioned that the road markings in that area are not clear and PC Kirk said he would report that to the Roads Dept. of the Council.

There was a complaint about parking on the grass outside the high flats at the junction of Redhall Road and Redhall Crescent. PC Kirk has already spoken to an offender but will check up on other drivers who are doing this.

Gordon MacDonald MSP said that the Scottish Parliament is trying to put through a Bill about Responsible Parking e.g. double parking and parking on pavements. It is in the consultation stage at the moment and information can be accessed on the Parliament web site.

Lily Campbell said that a metal commemoration bench for Hellen McDonaugh would cost approximately £1500 and asked the meeting if they would like Grace Hughes to apply for a Grant from the Partnership. This was agreed.

It was suggested that the bench could be erected in Hailes Quarry Park, perhaps near the children's play area of the open air gym. This will be discussed once we know if we will get the grant.

Information re the road works at Gillespie Crossroads was circulated.

8. Date of next Meeting