

## Longstone Community Council

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

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1 DL reported that he had just recovered from a COVID attack. He had received a request from Canal group to speak to us regarding the results of a public consultation on the future of the canal. He recommended that we do and this was agreed. SC to invite them. He noted Euan's resignation from the Community Council and had tried to persuade him to reverse his decision to no avail. JA suggested that there be a private meeting of the Community Council to discuss the reasons for the resignation. The secretary spoke against this motion. The motion was put to the vote JA & AG voted for the motion, SC against and DL abstained. The motion was passed. DL will convene a Zoom meeting. There is a vacancy for a minute taker. SC agreed to take minutes and that was accepted.

### 2 Attendance and apologies

#### *Elected members:*

Des Loughney (Chair)(DL), Steuart Campbell (Secretary)(SC), Alan Gordon (Treasurer and Engagement Officer)(AG)

#### *Co-opted members*

John Allan (Vice Chair)(JA)

#### *Nominated representatives:*

none

#### *Ex Officio*

Cllrs Ross McKenzie (RMCK) and Denis Dixon (DD)

#### *In attendance*

none

#### *Public visitors*

none

SC announced apologies from Anastasia Muri, Margaret Campbell, William Sturgeon and Ray Donnelly. Also from Cllrs Key and Walker. [also from police but not stated]

### 3 Membership

Euan Robertson's resignation was noted and Anastasia Muri was co-opted in his place.

4 **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 11 September 2023 were approved and adopted.

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

SC reported that Sainbury's complaints had been dealt with. DL to speak to head teacher about plaque for outdoor classroom. There was some discussion

on whether the Neighbourhood Watch scheme existed in our area (SC declared that it does not). JA to speak to police on the matter. No further action on Slateford House (plaque) so proposed to abandon item. It was noted that owner has applied for change of use from residential to hotel class.

## **6 Police report?**

The police report issued on 4 Oct was noted. SC drew attention to the police ward meetings announced on 8 Oct. DL agreed to attend the forum on 17 Nov (no venue know yet). SC to inform police.

## **7 Planning and development**

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

SC reported unable to contact the owner or his company. Site appears to be abandoned.

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

Still awaiting offer from Smart's re bridge.

### **7.3 *Students flats in Inglis Green Gait***

Still awaiting assessment

### **7.4 *Longstone Inn redevelopment***

Stll awaiting assessment.

## **8 Reports from LCC member attending meetings obo LCC**

none

## **9 Environment**

### **9.1 *Redhall Grove traffic control scheme (survey)***

Maybe to be discussed at the November meeting of CEC's Transport & Environment (T&E) Cttee.

### **9.2 *Lanark Rd, Longstone Rd and Inglis Green Rd (spaces for people)***

AG reported on ETRO, DYs and slow reinstatement of parking spaces. Crossing to be discussed at next T&E Cttee. SC noted a traffic monitor installed near the footbridge.

### **9.3 *Slateford speed limits and traffic control***

SC explained the issue and that Cllr Walker said she would progress the matter. T&C Cttee will discuss 20 mph zones.

### **9.4 *Lighting and flooding to the path across HQP to Murrayburn Rd***

Path raised to prevent flooding. SC reported Craig Dunlop's statement that community engagement would take place when arranged. Interviews have been held to appoint a lighting engineer specifically to manage park lighting projects.

### **9.5 *The Burnside closure and bridge repair***

AG noted the report to CEC's T&E Cttee which stated that a contract for repairs had been produced. It ensured protection of 'the long stone'. Tenders due this month and work expected to start in Jan 24.

**10 Councillors' Reports**

DD spoke about ASB in Longstone Park.

RMcK had been dealing with issues re bins in Inglis Green Gait and Redhall Park and HQP; also parking restrictions in Gorgie.

**11 Treasurer's Report**

AG reported ordering a wreath (£38.40) and paying for room hire (£45). Bank balance now £516.34.

**12 AOCB**

**12.1** Remembrance Day probably 12 November.

**12.2** AG commented on parking across dropped kerbs and floating bus stops on Longstone Rd.

**13** Next Meeting scheduled for Monday 13 November, same venue.