

LONGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCI

Minutes of Meeting held at Longstone Primary School

Monday 13th August 2012 at 7.30pm.

REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs L Campbell, Acting Chair
Mrs G Hughes, Secretary
Mr S Campbell
Mrs R Lennie, Minute Secretary
Mr J Scott, Treasurer
Mrs A Watt
Mrs Jean Marr

CO-OPTED

None

EX-OFFICIO

Cllr. Dennis Dixon

IN ATTENDANCE

None

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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1. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Donald Wilson; Rev. Mike Frew; Elizabeth Strong

2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mrs Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING - Approved.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 ` POLICE REPORT

No Police present.

Mrs Hughes informed the meeting that David Langton (Glasgow) are no

longer the factors for Bannockburn Homes. If there is a problem with MOD property the new Factors are Infrastructure Management Edinburgh.

4.2 PLANNING REPORT

No major developments. Archeology has to have a chance but modern developments have disturbed anything.

Scottish Power - New sub-station at corner of site near railway. Pylons coming down near Prison and it will be cabled underground.

4.3 NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

South West Partnership meeting - 14th August.

4.4 GRAFFITI & REPORTED FAULTS Update

An order has been raised to repair faulty steps in Redhall Park. Flooded vennel has been reported, and also the graffiti on the army houses. Mrs Hughes was informed this will be removed a.s.a.p. Graffiti on cable boxes in Longstone Street have been reported and Mrs Campbell will ask about them at the next walkabout.

We were informed by Mr Campbell that the Police Box on Longstone Road was sold 7 years ago to Newbattle Properties, have to pay ground rent. Condition that box is removed but has not been removed and no-one knows who is responsible.

Steuart thanked Grace for getting Noticeboard fixed. She was pleased how reasonable the charge was.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Date Details Amount

14.05.2012	Balance	£ 917.70
14.05.2012	Secretary's Expenses	-40.98
11.06.2012	" "	-30.00
29.08.2012	C.E.C. Room Hire - May & June 2012	-62.00
16.07.2012	Secretary's Expenses	-16.98
13.08.2012	Balance	<u>£ 767.64</u>

5. CORRESPONDENCE

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Cllr. Wilson sent us a copy of the reply he had sent to Donald MacLeod Principal Solicitor, regarding the HMO application for 84 Longstone Road.

Information regarding the proposed change of Bin Collection.

Letter from Greenspace - they had cancelled the fun day on 7th July due to the bad weather and will now hold it on 31st August. (Stalls scouts etc.)

6 A.O.C B.

Memorial seat - Mrs Hughes said she had sent off our request for a Grant in June but had not yet heard anything. This is in Remembrance of Hellen McDonough who did so much for the people of our area. If we are successful we will then decide where it should be installed. Mr Campbell said as Craiglockhart CC. have put a seat on the Canal bank, perhaps we could put it there. Other possibility suggested by Lily Campbell could be Hailes Quarry Park as Hellen had a lot to do with that many years ago. We will wait on the outcome of our application.

HMO 84 Longstone Road - Residents close to this house are incensed that the owners have applied to extend their licence to 14 residents. Apparently the Police are always at this house the local residents feel that they should be curfewed to 10pm. They are doing internal alterations and apparently do not need planning. Mrs Hughes said we had objected to this house before it actually opened but we were not successful. Their present Licence is for 10 although there are only 5 there currently. They are not desirable people, fighting in the street. To rescind the Licence, the Police have to record the incidents but local people say they are not being recorded, also they feel that the minimum size of room is not being complied with. They said that one of the owners is 'high up in the council'. Cllr Dixon will try to get entry and will start asking questions. The family of the lady who was murdered are requesting a full inquiry.

Brambles on Lanark Road are encroaching on pavement. Complaints can be e-mailed to Cllr. Dixon and he will respond.

Bin which was on pavement outside Redhall School has been removed. Mrs Hughes has made several enquiries about this, but to no avail, nobody seems to know what has happened to it. We have already reported the lack of bins in Longstone. If the Council won't supply bins rubbish is going to mount up.

As Cornton Vale Prison is closing, women prisoners will be housed at Edinburgh until a new prison is built.

The sign HAWMUIRSIDE on path into park needs to be moved or cleared of weeds etc regularly, as it cannot be seen properly at present, perhaps it could be moved to the other side of the path.

Mrs Campbell who has been Acting Chair for several months said that she could no longer continue in the Chair due to other commitments. As the next Community Council elections are not until September next year, we

needed a temporary Chair until then. She suggested Mr James Scott who is at present our Treasurer he agreed to take on the role and keep on his treasurer's role. He was then Nominated and Seconded.

Date of Next Meeting - 10th September 2012