

LONGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held at Longstone Primary School
Monday 10th September 2012 at 7.30pm.**

REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs L Campbell Vice Chair
Mrs G Hughes Secretary
Mr S Campbell
Mrs R Lennie Minute Secretary
Mr J Scott Chair & Treasurer
Mrs A Watt
Mr R Gardiner

CO-OPTED

Chief Inspector R Thomas
Sergeant N Readie

EX-OFFICIO

Cllr. Catherine Fullerton
Cllr Donald Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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1. APOLOGIES

Jean Marr, Rev. Mike Frew, Elizabeth Strong, Cllr Dixon

2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr Scott welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that this was his first meeting as Chair so he hoped not to make too many mistakes.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Mr Campbell said that the HAWMUIRSIDE sign should be moved to the other side of the path and not into the park as stated in the Minutes.
Minutes Approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 POLICE REPORT

Chief Inspector Thomas & Sergeant Readie were present at this meeting. Youth Calls - causing nuisance, being dealt with. Window was broken in Kingsknowe Road North.

Total calls from 1.8.2012 - 9.9.2012 = 44 (175PW54)

Disturbance - 1 (Longstone Inn, Passing attention)

Road Traffic - 1

Vehicle Crime - 1

Concern for - 1

Noise - 7

Assault -1

Suspicious persons - 1

Domestic related - 7

ASB -1

Housebreaking - 3

Neighbourhood dispute - 3

Thefts - 6

Communications - 1

Youth calls - 3

Fire/explosion calls - 1

Vandalism -1

Lost dog call - 1

Underage drinking - 1

4.2 PLANNING REPORT

Nothing Major

4.3 NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

SW Meeting 11th September. Mrs Campbell can't attend.

Mrs Hughes said she had heard the Grant we applied for had been passed but she had not been notified formally.

Presentation is available if required about new bin collection.

Chief Inspector Thomas spoke about Operation Cypher - ward 7 - focus of NP Issues broken down for each area. We don't have the same problems in this ward as some of the other areas.

4.4 GRAFFITI & REPORTED FAULTS Update

Re-cycling - food not being collected. So grey bins should be used more phone - 529 3030 will deliver bins.

Sometimes contents of bins are scattered on roads and not cleaned up.

Kingsknowe Court - The bin men are nor closing doors of bin stores, also they are not removing bin bags which are stored outside of the full bins, they empty the bins and then place the bags into the bins but do not then

empty again so the next time the bins are emptied there are more bags lying. Why don't they just carry the bags out to the lorry.

Wheelie bins - sometimes can't pass them on pavements.
Mrs Hughes said bin outside of school has still not been traced. Nobody seems to know what has happened to it.

Graffiti has all been reported.
Mr Campbell said graffiti has not been removed from bridge 136. Tag words used. Mrs Hughes will get in touch with Network Rail.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer's Account

Date	Details	Amount
13.8.2012	Balance	£767.74
17.8.2012	Lady Haig's Poppy Factory - Annual Wreath	-28.15
28.8.2012	Slateford/Longstone Church - room hire	-30.00
31.8.2012	City of Edinburgh Council - Annual Grant	£730.82
10.9.2012	Balance	£1,440.41

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Eileen Hewitt - Date of Community Council Elections.

6. A.O.C B.

84 Longstone Road - Explosion incident. Cllr Wilson has written a strong letter regarding original HMO.

The Council should get out of putting people into this house altogether, it is in a completely unsuitable location

The owners want to demolish garage so that they have a building plot and could sell the property.

They can take 10 people at present and want to add two extra rooms which would allow 14 altogether.

Homeless people - not housing families because it is not suitable.

Incidents very negative Police want to be in house as much as possible so they know who is in there.

Called a B&B not a halfway house. Owner has moved into property at the moment. Council should never use it again - don't need reasons.

Cllr. Dennis Dixon has been in house - is there a kitchen? There is a kitchen of sorts because they have to provide breakfast.

It is not the case that all residents are just out of prison.

People deserve a good quality of life without fear.

Close the Place? Licensing should take account of local residents' feelings.

Longstone Prison Officers Club Land has been sold off, not to the club so they are in crisis. Was to be housing so club would have been protected - but it has been sold from under them. It wasn't a normal planning - because it was Scottish Prison Service. Telecom club is empty would that be a suitable building?

They club is no longer only for Prison Officers, they do great work raising funds for charity.

Wheelchair access to bus stop at Longstone Inn - a short discussion.

Cllr Wilson - Will be sending out invitations to get people into City Chambers.

Date of Next Meeting - 8th October 2012