

LONGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting held at Longstone Primary School
Monday 12th November 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
Rev. Michael Frew
Mrs Jean Marr

CO-OPTED

PC. Tony Kirk

EX-OFFICIO

Cllr. Catherine Fullerton

IN ATTENDANCE

A Cloy - Health All Round
M Vrionides - Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - 7

Presentation -

Mark & Alan were introduced to the meeting. They explained about a Community Garden they hoped to set up. This would be in grassed area behind the Church and Ark Care Home. There will be raised beds to ease mobility. A raised bed outside the Home to grow own fruit and veg. The ground belongs to Ark so hope to get on.

Community Garden set up space for people to come in and grow own food. Health Benefits and social advantages. Ground around Church used to be a garden. Supervised by volunteer or member of Trust. Fence so no access from front of building security issue. Some gardens are completely open other schemes have access certain hours. There could be cooking classes as well.

Questions: A garden that anyone can claim a bit of ?
Could be but it is up to Community.

Would they continue to be there?

Grants are available to get started up to £500 for tools and equipment.

Do they go to the wall?

Sometimes - volunteer network but need local people to take an interest. Would not go forward with project unless there was interest. Hopefully self sustaining.

Mrs Hughes said if they made up a poster asking for volunteers etc. it could be put in our Noticeboard.

A weekly session is a good idea. Start up in Spring.

Mr Scott thanked Mark & Alan.

Meeting Continued:

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr D Wilson Cllr D Dixon

Charlie Ferguson Fraser Paterson (members of public)

2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr Scott thanked everyone for coming and apologised for having to cancel the last meeting because we could not get into the school.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 POLICE REPORT

Total Calls from 30.09.2012 - 12.11.12 = 44

Public Nuisance – 4 **LONGSTONE**

Domestic - 7

Neighbour Dispute – 1 Public Nuisance - 2

Road Traffic – 7 Domestic - 1

Concern for – 3 Road Traffic - 3

Noise – 2 Concern for - 2

Missing Child -1 Noise -2

Drug Possession -1 Suspicious Incident -2

Damage 5 Theft - 2

Animal related -1

Hate Crime-1

Robbery – 1 **KINGSKNOWE**

Suspicious incident - 2

Communications – 2 Domestic - 5

Theft -2 Concern for - 1

Vehicle Crime – 1 Drug Possession -1

Disturbance – 2 Communications -2

Fire - 1 Damage - 3

Neighbour Dispute - 1

REDHALL Hate Crime -1
Animal Related - 1
Public Nuisance – 2 Vehicle Related - 1
Road Traffic - 4 Disturbance - 1
Missing Child (found) -1
Robbery - 1
Domestic - 1
Fire (play park) - 1
Disturbance - 1

Regarding previous youth problems in the Redhall/Longstone areas, the group of youths have been identified and spoken to in the presence of their parents or guardians, most of the kids are from the Redhall Drive area, their names have been passed to MOD PC Gary Weir for further action.

Still monitoring the parking issues in Redhall, 2 calls regarding this over the past month and dealt with on Police arrival. One person has been issued with a FPN for vehicle obstruction.

As part of Operation Cypher licence premises in the area are being checked regularly, drug swabs being used within toilets and managers alerted where drug traces are present.

84 Longstone Road is still under repair, there are tenants currently residing within, the Council will no longer be using the services of this B&B. It could be used by private organisations. Those coming out of prison would be tracked by Police. There is nothing to suggest it would be people like that. Police will still be keeping an eye on it. Licence did get renewed. Police would benefit from information about suspicious events or centre - 0131 311 3131. A lady and her daughter saw 2 youths acting suspiciously at a bungalow - phoned Police - asked to sit tight and waited for 25 minutes but Police (in unmarked car) did not approach them and they have never had any feedback. You should get some sort of feedback.

4.2 PLANNING REPORT

Morbaine planning permission conditions -no deliveries between 11pm-7am. Sainsbury,s want to be able to deliver at any time, exhibition in church on Thursday 2pm-8pm. They will consult but are not obliged to do anything.

Patton main contractor has gone into administration all work has ceased. Morbaine are trying to get another contractor to start work again in January.

4.3 NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

Nothing to report. Only dog fouling.

4.4 GRAFFITI

Tunnel which leads into Lanark Road is flooded again despite being pumped out by British Waterways. Still graffiti in tunnel.
Graffiti on post box next to Mr Scott's house. Can go to Royal Mail in London and we will get action.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

TREASURERS ACCOUNT

Date Details Amount

10.09.2012 Balance £1440.41
01.10.2012 CEC Room Hire - Sept./Dec 2012 -124.00
01.11.2012 CEC Grant - re Mrs McDonaugh 1500.00
12.11.2012 Balance £2816.41

Mr Scott said that we had received the £1500 which would cover a metal bench and plaque. Several suggestions were put forward about where to site it. From the canal towpath, Hailes Quarry Park, or the grassed area near the steps leading down to the towpath. It was thought the towpath was not suitable because it is too narrow and would compete with cyclists, dog walkers etc. The Business Committee proposed site visits before a decision is made.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Eileen Hewitt inviting 3 people from LCC to a reception at the City Chambers to meet and get to know members of other community councils. Unfortunately no one is free to attend.
Information - Media release from Gordon Macdonald MSP re High Hedges Bill.

7. A.O.C.B.

Transport meeting Mr Paton (Redhall Tenants Group) wants a check on traffic in Redhall Drive to see if it is a rat run - it is not.
Restricted parking on Longstone Road, Cottages and Crescent has been held up because of complaint.

Date of Next Meeting - 10th December 2012