**LONGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting held at Slateford/Longstone Church**

**on Monday 12th August 2013**

**REPRESENTATIVES CO-OPTED**

Mrs L Campbell

G Hughes, Secretary

Mr S Campbell

Mrs J Marr **EX-OFFICIO**

Mr J Scott, Chair & Treasurer

Mrs A Watt Cllr C Fullerton

Rev M Frew

Mrs R Lennie

IN ATTENDANCE

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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**1. APOLOGIES: Cllr. D Wilson Mr R Gardiner**

**2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Mr Scott said he had called an Extraordinary meeting because there was unfinished business from the recent AGM, as Community Council could not carry on without a Treasurer. Also we did not have a Vice Chair, Secretary was nominated again, but was not at meeting ,so we did not know if she would accept. Mr Scott called for Nominations.

Vice Chair - Mr Steuart Campbell was nominated by Anne Watt and seconded by Jean Marr.

Secretary - Grace Hughes she would accept but probably only for a year, nominated by Steuart and seconded by Jim Scott.

Treasurer - Jim Scott said he would carry on with treasurer for a year. Secretary had checked with Eileen Hewitt and this was alright. One person can hold 2 positions but not 3.

As the elections are in September, Cathy will get forms.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Minutes of meeting 13th May approved by Jean Marr. Unanimous.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 POLICE REPORT**

P.C.Kirk had told Grace that they would not be attending meetings in future.

Cathy Fullerton had a meeting with Inspector Dolan - he said they are Police first but he will try to get Police along. Community Police do not work Monday and Tuesday evenings. She asked for a report to be e-mailed to meeting. Cathy said stats were not in context i.e. what happened last year.

**4.2 PLANNING REPORT**

Steuart had complained about large hoarding beside Westside Motors. Applicant has appealed but Community Council and City of Edinburgh Council still oppose this. A previous one was turned down at bowling green. Steuart will keep an eye on it.

Sainsbury's will open 28th August

Poplars were cut down beside Community Hall, they were encroaching on the entrance.

**4.3 NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS**

Pentlands - 10th September next meeting.

Was Steuart invited to training unit? (it only covered South West) How funding panel works. Pentland staff want views on getting rid of business meetings and everything done at public meeting - reduces number of meetings and more transparent.

**4.4 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

Grace spoke to Tony Kirk about repairs at garage being done on road. They have permission to do repairs but must do them inside their property.

Ramp will go ahead near bus stop.

Not much luck with Virgin Media regarding their boxes, still looking into this.

Reported bushes at Westside Plaza crossing although not in our area feel they are dangerous have Job no. Still no invoice for Hellen's bench.

Hailes Quarry Park is in Longstone not Wester Hailes and although it is in our area we have no say in what’s going on decisions are made without our knowledge. We have no equipment at our end of park. Greenspace have a lot of funding. History boards are going up 23rd August at canal

Steuart said two faulty steps near canal still not repaired. Grace to phone again

**4.5 OTHER MATTERS ARISING**

Bookies has been painted.

Hellen's bench is in place with correct spelling.

Kingsknowe Roadhouse property is in bad state, Grace will write.

**5. TREASURERS REPORT**

Mr Scott said no change no money had been spent.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification of proposed burger van to be sited at 30a Inglis Green Road next to Village Inn. Van to be there for 1 year. This was passed round meeting. Meeting felt there was no need for this. Grace to convey our objection to the Licencing Section. of C.E.C.

Letter received regarding our request for 20mph flashing sign in Kingsknowe Road North. explaining why no signs will be distributed. Could we at least have a Lollipop lady. A further survey will be done later in the year. A member of the public suggested a "walking bus."

Grace mentioned that we needed a sign for Longstone School, there are several for Redhall but none for Longstone. Cathy will take this up

**7. A.O.C B.**

Is anyone going to take on the meetings that Lily attends on our behalf.

Next walkabout is on Wednesday - Longstone/Kingsknowe.

Corner of Inglis Green Road and Lanark Road is in a very bad state again - bushes encroaching on pavement.

Date of Next Meeting - Monday 9th September (to be confirmed.)

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