**LONGSTONE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 12 May 2014 at 7.30pm

at Longstone Primary School

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Steuart Campbell, Vice Chair

James A Scott, Chair/Treasurer

Rosalind Lennie, Minute Secretary

Jean Marr

Ann Watt

Grace Hughes, Secretary

R. Gardiner

**CO-OPTED**

Lily Campbell, P.C. John Atkinson, P.C. James Jackson

**EX-OFFICIO**

Cllr. D Dixon

**Members of the Public**

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1. **APOLOGIE**S - Cllr D Wilson, Cllr R Henderson, Mike Frew, Cllr C Fullerton

**2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS -** None

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

Approved.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 POLICE REPORT**

Most Drugs and assaults are from the Prison. Youth calls because of holiday, youths on roof of school etc. Trying to make Police presence a deterrent. Plain clothes officers have been on patrol - they are not a deterrent but help with detection.

Shoplifting has been a problem at Sainsbury's.

Can they take out prison as this puts statistics up. Doesn't include Pentland Hills Ward although 1/3 of our area is in Pentland.

Handier for Community Council if area is only for here locally.

**4.2 Planning Report**

Matthews foods, demolition of building behind Inn, has been approved planning for houses has been withdrawn.

Parking round bus depot - Lothian buses would pay for double yellow lines on one side of Murrayburn Road. No explanation as to why it has not been done. However since then double yellow lines have been put in after S.C. complained. Staff cars should come out of gate on to Murrayburn Road, but they are still using main gate on to roundabout. Lothian buses have been asked why they have not opened gate.

School signs - we were told they needed planning but this is not true. If signs are needed all Head has to do is ask City to put signs up.

Head replied to Grace's letter, but at that time we thought Planning was needed. City paid for Redhall School so City should pay for Longstone School.

**4.3 Neighbourhood Partnerships**

Grace has letter.

Pentland Partnership 10th June.

**4.4 Environmental Issues**

Letter sent to Greenspace about lack of information. Reply received. Has been discussed with Lily. Since then Lily has had a really good talk with them so she may have sorted out some issues. Will talk again at next meeting.

Still planted trees in HQ Park - but made them 2 metres further back.

Flower beds will go on next Agenda.

Overhanging tree in Inglis Green Road at traffic lights has been chopped. Tree at Inglis Green Rigg has not.

Fighting Graffiti all over the area. New graffiti on sub station.

Removed at level crossing

No success with Virgin Media.

Housing has been painted over by Carillion but new Graffiti has appeared.

To get drainage seen to in alley will need to be Council.

City will need to push private owners to remove Graffiti.

No success with Scottish Power.

No identification on Virgin Media boxes.

**4.5 KINGSKNOWE ROADHOUSE**

Canopy is undergoing repair. Cllr. Dixon chased it up - Manager has no plans to do anything. email available. Will probably fob you off with tenant’s details.

**4.6 Food Bank**

Monday A.M

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr Scott said: what a palaver to get signatories changed.

Treasurers Account

**Date Details Amount**

10. 03.14 Balance £1505.02

19.03.14 J.A. Scott - Treasurers Expenses - 158.88

28.03.14 C.E.C. Room Hire Feb/Mar - 62.00

28.04.14 G Hughes Secretary's Expenses -18.70

12.05.14 Balance **£1265.44**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

South West on- line survey.

South West Transport Environment Forum

Hailes Quarry Park Steering Group

South West N.P. Newsletter

South West Digest

Street Design

Reply from Ms Mirtle re School Sign.

7. A.O.C.B.

No. 20 bus is not being withdrawn, and from the Gyle will continue to Ratho.

Intended removal of bin stores - Kingsknowe Court, Kingsknowe Place and Longstone Street.

There will be consultations as tennants are responsible for paying for bin stores, but just used as dumping grounds.

Recycling bins are all going to be changed.

Any word about bus tracker that Sainsbury's were going to be paying for?

Next Meeting - Date to be confirmed.