**Longstone Community Council**

Minutes of the Zoom meeting held on Monday 10 May 2021 at 7:30 pm.

**DL welcomed everyone to the meeting**

1. **Attendance and apologies***Elected members:*

Des Loughney (Chair), Steuart Campbell (Secretary/Treasurer), Rosalind Lennie, Margaret Campbell, Alan Gordon.
*Co-opted members*John Allan (Vice Chair), Lily Campbell (by telephone)(part).
*Nominated representatives:*

none

*Ex Officio*

Cllr Denis Dixon
*In attendance*Sam Findlay taking notes for Cllr Graczyk.

*Public visitors*

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Apologies were received from Cheryl Wood (PALS)

**2 The minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 12 April 2021 were approved
and adopted.

1. **Police crime report**none
2. **Matters arising** from the last minutes but not covered elsewhere in the agenda**:**

**4.1** SC reported that Scottish Water’s contractor is still working on the sewer running through Colinton Dell, now with very large excavations.

1. **Planning and development**

**5.1** *Kingsknowe Roadhouse redevelopment as housing*:
No update.

**5.2** *Student flats in Slateford (site of Westside Motors)*: demolition proceeding but not rapidly. Report of rubbish dumping.

**5.3** *Conversion of Slateford House and Chalmers Memorial Hall*: Owner has permission to build an extension to the rear of the Chalmers Hall section but work on that has not started. Excavation trench on Lanark Road pavement.

**5.4** *Smart’s proposal to redevelop the former Booker site*:Awaiting planning application.

**5.5** SC reported on other developments in Slateford but in Craiglockhart Community Council’s area. 1 Lanark Rd: Clark’s building demolished for redeveloped as flats but no start yet; Blue Goose demolished for redevelopment as flats but new application expected; 2F Lanark Rd (behind Water of Leith Centre): large house under construction.

**6 Reports from any LCC member attending meetings obo LCC**

**6.1** *MC on ReDrawing Edinburgh*.
MC gave a brief report of a meeting held 28 April 2021.
**Community Call-Out** ; good response including contribution from Longstone but more required and welcome (photographs, videos, anecdotes, memories (poem, song or word) about what Longstone means to you. Send to Ashleigh Thompson at CEC Archives (redrawingedinbrgh@gmail.com).
**Screening of composite 15minute video**: This will take place in September, dates 3/4/10/11/17. Longstone contribution will be incorporated with Colinton. No decision yet on the location though possibly either Spylaw Park or Tunnel but LCC will be notified when.
**Storyboards** : These are now ready and from 7 May have been available ‘live’ from Edinburgh City Archives Facebook page directing to the ReDrawing Edinburgh pages on the *Your Library* website. Longstone: 31 May.
**7 Environment**

**7.1** *Restricted access to Redhall Grove:*
This was discussed at length with many complaints about inconsiderate parking, especially in Redhall Gardens and Kingsknowe Road North. There was concern about access for emergency vehicles and for disabled people. Large planters expected at both ends of the street.

**7.2** *Graffiti:*
SC outlined the existential problem of graffiti and reported that he had lately put a note on the website’s graffiti page explaining that some property owners, e.g. CEC or Scottish Canals, do not remove graffiti. The note also explains that, although some owners of private property with graffiti cooperate in trying to deal with it, some do not and he gave an example of the latter.

**7.3** *Flooding of subway:*SC explained the ongoing problem of flooding in the subway (The Tunnel) and why it is flooded (the drain at the north end is blocked and work by Parks Dept’s contractor has not so far unblocked it). He explained that the water is coming from a leaking spring and that he was having trouble getting the Parks officer to take responsibility in dealing with it. He wanted LCC’s support in pursuing this matter and this was given tacitly.

**7.4** *Cycle lanes and parking strips (Lanark Rd and Inglis Green Rd)*SC explained that Chris Young of BEST Edinburgh was supposed to be attending. However it was clear that he was not present. So Prof Reid, Chair of SWEM, who was participating, offered to explain their views, especially the result of a survey they conducted of about 1000 residents in the area. Subsequently strong views both for and against the scheme were expressed. DL suggested a special meeting to discuss it further.

**8 Councillor’s report(s)**DD commented on the SfP scheme, explaining that LAs were asked to implement the scheme with funding from the Scottish Government. SfP was implemented under emergency powers and therefore did not require consultation. The existing measures are deemed temporary. Should there be change going forward and any of the measures move to permanent, then consultation on those specific measures would take place. There were general questions and comment.

**9 Treasurer’s report**SC reported receiving his expenses of £15.40 on 19 Apr and that we paid our auditor his fee of £60 on 24 Apr and a maintenance fee for our website of £29.95 on 6 May. Leaving a bank balance at date of £1387.76.

**10 AOCB**.
none.

**11** Next meeting is scheduled for 14 June, preceded by the 2021 AGM.

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