



Minutes of the 328th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 27th April 2015.

Present: Peter Bradley (Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association), Mark Cameron, Terry Dobson (Gilberstoun Residents Association), Emma Dempsey, Maria Devoy, Bob Jefferson, Justin Kenrick (PEDAL), Thea MacMillan, David Medcalf, Stephen Dishon (Towerbank Parent Council), Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Lawrence Marshall (POPP), Clare Slifer, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Lee Kindness, Sean Watters, Cllr Maureen Child.

Apologies: Ben McLeish, Gillian Eunson, Sgt John Young (Police), Cllr Mike Bridgman, Cllr David Walker.

In Attendance: Members of the public.

328.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted the successful hustings event and thanked Max, Emma, Stephen and Lee for their work on it. He noted that POD were shortly having a meeting regarding the Village Show, and an AGM. He noted a meeting of the Friends of Figgate Park.

328.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

328.2a Brighton Place setts (327.2b) : Clarification had been received from COEC regarding the expected lifespan of re-laid setts (25-40 years), that further consultation would be undertaken later in the year, and that the PCC would be kept fully informed of developments.

328.2b Portobello Station (327.2c): agenda item.

328.2c Porty Youth Theatre (327.5): COEC were happy for the PCC to sponsor third party organisations and viewed it as similar to previous arrangements with funding.

328.2d Towerbank Catchment Review (327.6): the result of the informal consultation had been forwarded to COEC.

328.2e SCDC (327.7): the training event had been held.

328.3 Police Report

Report to be circulated.

328.4 Environmental Report

The report had been circulated. A potential problem with new LED lighting was raised and it was agreed to raise concerns with the East Team and publicise the issue. The Promenade distance markers were due to be installed at the end of May/early June. The St Phillips crossing had been delayed but was expected to be progressed soon.



328.5 Edinburgh Airport – propose revised take-off plans

Edinburgh Airport were due to trial new take-off paths routed in the direction of Portobello. It was noted that flights were likely to be higher when over the area than the current descents, but it was agreed to seek more information and carry the item over to the next meeting.

ACTION: Agenda item for the next meeting.

328.6 Joppa Public Toilets

Whilst the Bath Street and Pipe Lane toilets were no longer threatened with closure, COEC were consulting on the possible closure of the Joppa public toilets. It was agreed to extract responses from the consultation already conducted and to submit a response strongly urging that the toilets be retained.

ACTION: Submit a response to COEC's consultation.

328.7 Scottish Community Development Centre

The training meeting had been very useful in establishing areas of potential improvement for the PCC. A further meeting had been planned for May 18th.

ACTIONS: Another meeting planned.

328.8 Portobello Station

Lawrence and Max had met with SESTRAN regarding Portobello Station. A transport appraisal would be required to move the proposals on, and the next step would be to lobby for this. It was agreed to continue to push for this and to discuss the matter again at the next meeting.

ACTIONS: Lawrence to chase, agenda item for May meeting.

328.9 Consultation Sub-committee

It had been agreed to undertake consultation outside of the regular Scotmid sessions over the summer months, and the sub-committee had also been looking at off-line consultation and how that might be made more effective.

328.10 Other reports

- a. Treasurer – the account balance stood at £1,841.77.
- b. Neighbourhood Partnership – the You Decide! Event had attracted 29 applicants to date, with the event scheduled for May 23rd.
- c. **Planning – nothing to note.**
- d. Councillors – Cllr Child noted that Telferton allotment would continue to be protected under the Local Plan, that the LDP2 papers would be available from May 8th, and that works to the Brighton Place bridge (pigeon netting etc.) were going to tender shortly.



328.11 Any Other Business

1. EACC

Geoff Pearson requested, and PCC agreed, to nominate him for the EACC positions of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary.

2. Cycling

Concern was raised again with the PCC regarding safe cycling on the Prom. It was agreed to ask the Police about their planned presence over the summer, and to raise the issue again with COEC.

ACTIONS: To raise the issue with the Police and COEC.

328.12 Date of the Next Meeting

The 329th meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 25th May at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 29th June (330)
Monday 31st August (331)

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328th PCC meeting closed.