



[337th PCC Meeting]

[25.04.2016]

Minutes of the 337th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 25th April 2015.

Present: Mark Cameron, Mina Curran (Woodcraft), Colin Cuthbert, Graham Elliot (Towerbank Parent Council), Maria Devoy, Justin Kenrick, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Thea MacMillan, David Medcalf, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Ben McLeish, Sean Watters.

Apologies: Peter Bradley (Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association), Brian Cosford, Emma Dempsey, Gillian Eunson, Clare Slifer.

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mike Bridgman, Sgt Gordon Duff, and members of the public.

337.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

337.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

337.3 Police Report

Sgt Duff presented his Police Report (see appended).

337.4 Environmental Report

Sean Watters read through the Environment Report (see appended).

337.5 Volleyball Courts

Mel Coutts (COEC) gave an update on the proposals for permanent volleyball courts. The proposal now was to locate them on the beach and funding was being sought, including through the You Decide! event.

337.6 19 Promenade

Mr Strand outlined some of the history of his property on the Promenade and explained what he intended to do in terms of possible future development.

337.7 Bouncy Castle

Geoff Lynn gave an update on the consultation regarding the possible extension of the licence for the bouncy castle at Straiton Place Park. That had received over 100 responses, with all comments forwarded to the Council.



337.8 Joppa Toilets

The survey regarding the toilets had been made public and a number of responses already received, the final results to be shared with the Joppa Residents Association.

337.9 Old Bellfield Parish Church

Justin Kenrick explained the current situation regarding the church. There had been a well attended meeting to discuss the possibilities of community ownership, and options were being explored including the Scottish Land Fund and possible funding for a feasibility study. He hoped to give a further update at the next meeting if possible.

337.10 PCC Noticeboards

Sean Watters explained that he had been finding it impossible to open the two PCC noticeboards on the Prom. He thought they hadn't been opened for some time over the winter months and the mechanisms seemed to have seized. Colin Cuthbert offered to arrange someone to look at the lock mechanisms.

ACTION: investigate noticeboard locks

337.11 Consultation Sub-committee

No report.

337.12 Other reports

- a. Treasurer – Mark Cameron gave his report (see appended).
- b. Neighbourhood Partnership – the You Decide! Event would take place in the Town Hall on May 7th between 1pm and 3 pm.
- c. Planning – Lee Kindness outlined some minor planning applications and decisions. It was noted that the Report on the draft Local Plan had been delayed again and was now expected mid to late June. A further EDI PAC event was planned regarding the Brunstane housing proposals but the date was yet to be confirmed.
- d. Councillors – nothing to report.

337.13 Any Other Business

337.14 Date of the Next Meeting

The 338th meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 30th May at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 27th June (339)
Monday 29th August (340)

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337th PCC meeting closed.