



[334<sup>th</sup> PCC Meeting]

[25.01.2016]

## Minutes of the 334<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

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**Present:** Peter Bradley (Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association), Mark Cameron, Mina Curran (Woodcraft), Colin Cuthbert, Emma Dempsey, Maria Devoy, Graham Elliot (Towerbank Parent Council), Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Ben McLeish, Thea MacMillan, Gillian Eunson, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Sean Watters, David Medcalf.

**Apologies:** Brian Cosford, Justin Kenrick, Clare Slifer, Cllr David Walker.

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

### 334.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting with a belated happy New Year, and in particular welcomed Colin Cuthbert and Mina Curran as new members of the Community Council.

### 334.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

**334.2a** Beech Wheelchairs (333.6): PCC had publicised the idea and there was now a core group willing to take the matter further.

**334.2b** UCG (333.8): consultation results had been published.

**334.2c** Membership vacancies (333.9): See item 334.10.

### 334.3 Police Report

Sgt Duff introduced himself and presented his Police Report (see appended). The issue of house burglary was raised, with concerns that it was a particular problem in the area. Sgt Duff noted that it was a problem across Edinburgh with a higher than average rate than Scotland, that it was an issue targeted by the Police, and that there had been a reduction in the east of the city. He also advised that most burglaries were opportunistic, with little prior planning, and simple security steps to deter were effective.

**ACTION: publish Police Report**

### 334.4 Environmental Report

Sean Watters outlined the Environment Report (see appended). Geoff Pearson confirmed that the three outline designs for the new park would be available for consultation imminently. A problem with a drain cover at Beach Lane was raised and Graham Rowan agreed to take it up with the East Team. A decision on the Brighton Place setts had been taken by Cllrs, an asphalt reconstruction being chosen, with the works expected later in the year.



## **334.5 Tidal Octopus**

Carried over to next meeting.

## **334.6 Brunstane PAC**

The forthcoming Pre-Application Consultation for the housing proposals at Brunstane was discussed, in particular PCCs proposal for an event using the Place Standard Tool. It was agreed to proceed with proposals for such an event and discuss further at the next meeting.

**ACTION: develop proposal for Place Standard event(s)**

## **334.7 Youth Event- update**

The event in November had gone very well, with around 50 people discussing the findings of the research. A full report would be made available in due course, with further discussion at the March PCC meeting.

**ACTION: Publicise report, agenda item for March meeting**

## **334.8 You Decide!**

The format for You Decide! Had been changed to one day of voting at Portobello Town Hall on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Not all the details had been finalised, but it was agreed to publicise the event well in advance to encourage the engagement of both organisations and the public. It was also agreed that it would be useful for projects to have a more standardised description of their funding bids, so it was easier for people to compare and evaluate them.

**ACTION: Publicise the You Decide! Event when details available**

## **334.9 Alcohol provision**

Carried over to next meeting.

## **334.10 Membership**

CEC had advised on an interim election, and that one could be held if the PCC wished. After discussion it was agreed to leave the matter, given the scheduled elections later in the year. It was also agreed to give further thought as to how the PCC could help to publicise the elections, to encourage the participation of both groups and individuals.

## **334.11 Consultation Sub-committee**

No report.

## **334.12 BTOB**

No update.



## 334.13 Other reports

- a. Treasurer – the account stood at £3747.94 although there were payments due to clear.
- b. Neighbourhood Partnership – the next full meeting was scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Planning – minor applications reported. The Conservation Character Appraisal was up for review and Planning officers had invited PCC, PAS and PHT to an initial meeting to discuss.
- d. Councillors – Cllr Child noted her change to sending out a weekly e-mail update rather than a written report. Cllr Bridgman noted the budget process and how difficult it had been.

## 334.14 Any Other Business

1. Brunstane Station

Marjorie Thomas raised the issue of the sign at Brunstane Station. It was agreed that if Nick Stroud could advise who to write to, PCC would be happy to pursue the matter.

2. Portobello High School

Peter Bradley advised that the High School was planning to consult on the issue of school uniform, and would welcome wider feedback from the community.

3. Aldi

A suggestion was made that the parking at the new Aldi store could potentially be an opportunity to promote Portobello as a shopping destination. It was agreed the matter could be discussed at a late stage.

4. Signs & Plaques

The planning application for the replacement and new signs had been submitted, although the exact designs were still to be finalised.

## 334.15 Date of the Next Meeting

The 335<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March (336)  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April (337)

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*334<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting closed.*