



Minutes of the 330th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 29th June 2015

Present: Max Blinkhorn, Mark Cameron, Emma Dempsey, Brian Cosford, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Ben McLeish, Gillian Eunson, Thea MacMillan, Clare Slifer, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Sean Watters.

Apologies: Peter Bradley (Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association), Maria Devoy, Stephen Dishon, David Medcalf, Lawrence Marshall (POPP), Justin Kenrick (PEDAL), Cllr David Walker.

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mike Bridgman, Sgt John Young (Police), Graham Rowan (COEC), members of the public.

330.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

330.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

330.2a Lighting issues (329.4): had been raised with COEC.

330.2b SCDC meeting (329.5): another meeting had been arranged.

330.2c Baileyfield retirement home (329.6): a brief consultation had been undertaken.

330.2d Sandcastle competition (329.11): arranged to coincide with the Big Beach Busk, Tommy Sheppard MP to be the judge.

330.2e Youth Consultation (329.12): ongoing.

330.2f Library banner (329.12): to be put up.

330.3 Police Report

Sgt John Young gave his report (see appended). He noted a useful public meeting that had been organised by Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association to discuss policing and crime issues. He also noted that the Police were aware of the party/event being organised on Facebook and that the Police and the Council were in contact with the organisers.

330.4 Environmental Report

Sean Watters outlined the Environment Report (see appended). A query was raised regarding the works to the fingerposts and whether the one at Brunstane Road would be repaired with the sign to the station in time for the opening of the Borders railway. Sean Watters agreed to raise the matter with COEC.

ACTION: Raise matter with COEC



330.5 SESplan MIR

The strategic plan that guides development across the region over the long-term was in the first stages of being updated. A Main Issues Report had been prepared setting out the major challenges such as population growth, housing demand and environmental concerns, and consultation on it was open until September 5th. It was agreed to publicise the consultation and to look to see if there were any particular issues or aspects of the MIR that the PCC might want to consult on to inform a response.

ACTION: Publicise MIR consultation and consider PCC consultation

330.6 Baileyfield development update

The detailed application for the retirement home had been submitted, with a pitched roof (the preferred option in the PCC's consultation). Revised parking proposals for the ALDI had also been submitted.

330.7 SCDC

There had been a further meeting with Paul Nelis (SCDC). He was working up two case studies on work done by PCC, and a further meeting was planned to discuss an action plan and the proposals for two themed meetings per year, with proposals to be brought to the August PCC meeting.

330.8 Joppa Tennis Courts

Marjorie Thomas outlined the Joppa Tennis Courts Pay & Play initiative and the coaching courses coming up.

ACTION: Publicise Pay & Play at JTC

330.9 Consultation Sub-committee

The youth consultation was ongoing. Community Learning and Development had also undertaken a survey at the "Here comes the summer" event and it was hoped this could be combined with the results of the PCC survey.

The last Scotmid session had been quite quiet and it was thought varying the location would be a good idea. It was agreed that the Prom would be good over the summer as a place to gather views, and that it might be useful to get opinions from people visiting from outwith Portobello as well. Consultation was also being planned for the Village Fair.

330.10 Other reports

- a. Treasurer – see AGM minutes.
- b. Neighbourhood Partnership – the next meeting was scheduled for September 23. Feedback was being sought on the "You Decide! Event" and Graham Rowan asked for any comments or suggestions to be sent to him.
- c. Planning – there were some minor applications live. Geoff Pearson (Northfield & Willowbrae CC) raised the issue of Telferton Allotments and proposals for housing development. Whilst the site was in the Craigentenny & Meadowbank Community Council area it was felt that the matter was of interest to the neighbouring Community Councils, and it was agreed to liaise on the issue.
- d. Councillors – Nothing to report.



330.11 Any Other Business

1. Joppa Public Toilets

There was ongoing concern about the proposed closure of Joppa Public Toilets as a cost saving measure, and information was being sought on usage figures and the process by which the decision had been taken.

2. Codestone Pillars

Celia Butterworth reported that the crown of one of the pillars had been damaged. A repair was in hand but she asked people to keep an eye on how the garden was being used and whether people were climbing the pillars.

3. Joppa Residents' Association

The JRA asked about accessing the PCC noticeboard and it was agreed they could do so. Confirmation was required as to who currently had the keys.

4. Brunstane Station

Events were being planned to celebrate the opening of the Borders Railway on the 4th/5th/6th of September. It was agreed that Lawrence Marshall and Nick Stroud be given the golden tickets for the inaugural trains after all their hard work for the community.

330.12 Date of the Next Meeting

The 330th meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 31st August at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 28th September (332)
Monday 26th October (333)

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330th PCC meeting closed.