



[339th PCC Meeting]

[27.06.2016]

Minutes of the 339th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 27th June 2016.

Present: Peter Bradley (Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association), Mark Cameron, Colin Cuthbert, Maria Devoy, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Ben McLeish, Thea MacMillan, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Sean Watters.

Apologies: Clare Slifer, Brian Cosford, Mina Curran, Gillian Eunson, Justin Kenrick (PEDAL), Cllr David Walker.

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

339.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

339.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

339.2a Cycling and the Prom (338.6): information to be collated for discussion at a future meeting

ACTION: information to be collated for discussion at a future meeting

339.2b Bouncy Castle (338.7): a letter had been sent to Cllr Hinds.

339.2c PCC elections (338.11): agenda item.

339.3 Police Report

PC Louise Gordon presented Sgt Duff's Police Report (see appended).

339.4 Environmental Report

No report.

339.5 Old Bellfield Parish Church

Mary Campbell gave an update. A successful fundraiser had recently been held and 25 volunteers had been recruited to gather signatures for a petition in support. A grant had also been obtained from the Scottish Land Fund towards a feasibility study.

339.6 Baileyfield south PAC

Nick Wright of Barratt Homes and Kenny Ross of EMA Architects gave a brief outline on the Pre-Application Consultation and the likely scope of the proposals.



There would be a 12 week consultation starting at the end of July with an event at Portobello Town Hall. They estimated a proposal of around 500 units across the 12 acre site, a mix of flats and houses, 25% affordable housing. Around 10,000 sq ft of commercial (office/retail) space was also proposed. A number of issues were raised in discussion including the impact on local services (doctor's surgeries, schools), and the importance of greenspace and links between parks. It was agreed to publicise the PAC.

ACTION: publicise the PAC events

339.7 PCC Elections

A discussion was had about the forthcoming Community Council elections and what might be done to publicise them and encourage participation. It was agreed that, since the funds were available, it might be worth doing a leaflet drop across the PCC area to raise awareness, but that it would be useful to confirm what the Council intended to do in way of publicity first. Sean, Lee, Geoff and Colin agreed to look into the issue further.

ACTION: develop publicity proposal and liaise with COEC

339.8 Big Beach Busk

Paul Lambie outlined what would be happening in what he hoped would be yet another successful Big Beach Busk. He explained that for the past six years he had produced posters for the event at his own expense and asked if the PCC would consider a donation to cover the cost this year. The PCC agreed a donation of £212.00.

339.9 Edinburgh Airport Flight Path Consultation

A revised flight path plan was out to consultation once again, although the proposals appeared to have little effect locally. It was decided to publicise the consultation.

339.10 Consultation Sub-committee

No report.

339.11 Other reports

- a. Treasurer – Mark Cameron had circulated his report (see appended).
- b. Neighbourhood Partnership – nothing to report.
- c. Planning – An exhibition regarding the Conservation Area Character Assessment had been put up in the library and was now in the swim centre. However there had been little publicity surrounding it, and what publicity there was didn't mention that it was part of a consultation. The consultation also wasn't highlighted on the Council's consultation hub. It was agreed to raise the issue with COEC.

ACTION: raise issue with COEC

- d. Councillors – Cllr Child highlighted the vigil in memory of Jo Cox.



339.12 Any Other Business

- a. The Joppa Residents' Association gave an update on the Joppa Toilets that were now up for sale by the Council. They noted disappointment that there had been insufficient support to take a community ownership proposal forward.
- b. A query had been received from Kezia Dugdale MSP's office regarding beach wheelchairs and the possibility of introducing them at Portobello. They had been put in touch with the recently formed steering group.
- c. Marjorie Thomas noted the Pay & Play scheme at Joppa Tennis courts.

339.13 Date of the Next Meeting

The 340th meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 28th August at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 26th September (341)*
Monday 31st October (342)*

* Note: dates may be effected by arrangements for the Community Council elections.

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339th PCC meeting closed.