



[338th PCC Meeting]

[30.05.2016]

Minutes of the 338th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 30th May 2016.

Present: Peter Bradley (Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association), Brian Cosford, Mina Curran (Woodcraft), Gillian Eunson, Justin Kenrick, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, David Medcalf, Clare Slifer, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Lawrence Marshall, Ben McLeish, Sean Watters.

Apologies: Mark Cameron, Colin Cuthbert, Emma Dempsey, Maria Devoy, Cllr Mike Bridgman, Cllr David Walker, Sgt Gordon Duff.

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

338.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

338.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

338.3 Police Report

Matthew Dey presented the Police Report.

338.4 Environmental Report

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

338.5 Old Bellfield Parish Church

Justin Kenrick gave an update. The Church of Scotland would be proceeding to put the property up for sale, but the process had been started to register an interest under the community right-to-buy legislation. A bid had also been put into the Scottish Land Fund for a grant towards a feasibility study. The PCC agreed to help publicise the issue as required.

338.6 Cycling and the Prom

Everyone was invited to take part in a brainstorming session regarding the Prom on the topics of Accessibility, Safety, and Amenity. All information and suggestions would be collated with a view to involving stakeholders in further discussion at a future meeting.

ACTION: information to be collated and further discussion at a future meeting



338.7 Bouncy Castle

Geoff Lynn gave an update on the second consultation regarding the possible extension of the licence for the bouncy castle at Straiton Place Park. 162 responses had been received, with 56% in favour of the Bouncy Castle continuing, and 37% against. All results of the consultation had been forwarded to the Council. Albert Reid, the owner of the bouncy castle, indicated his willingness to address concerns that had been raised and it was thought a compromise could be reached to the satisfaction of all concerned. It was agreed to write to Cllr Lesley Hinds outlining the outcome of the consultation.

ACTION: write to Cllr Hinds

338.8 Joppa Toilets

The survey regarding the toilets had concluded, with 55 responses received. The level of responses had been a little disappointing, and although 76% were in favour of the idea of the community taking on the running of the toilets, 14% objected with the view that it should be the responsibility of the Council. There was still uncertainty over some of the details and the Joppa Residents association were still trying to get information from the Council. Lee Kindness was aware that Legal Services had been looking into the status of the toilets and would keep in contact with the JRA if any relevant information came to light.

338.9 Consultation sub-committee

No report.

338.10 Other reports

- a. Treasurer – Mark Cameron had circulated his report (see appended).
- b. Neighbourhood Partnership – the You Decide! Event had over 300 people in attendance and was generally felt to have gone well. It was suggested that in future the event could maybe be expanded, and the PCC was willing to be part of that.
- c. Planning – George Gilbert gave a presentation on the proposals to demolish and redevelop The George bingo hall as housing. Geoff Lynn requested that the revised drawings showing the correct outline of the existing building be submitted, and that the inaccurate statement about the PCC looking to take over the building be corrected. Various concerns were also raised by members of the public. The PCC had received representations on the subject from 351 people, with 297 objecting, 46 commenting, and 8 in support. It was agreed to object to the planning applications.

ACTION: submit objection

Nick Wright of Barrats had been touch to say that they had an option on the Standard Life site and that a PAN would be submitted shortly with the pre-application consultation to follow. He had been invited to give a presentation at the June PCC meeting.

- d. Councillors – The Boundary Commission had suggested some minor changes to the Ward boundaries and had also recommended the area be represented by four Councillors instead of three. A final decisions would be taken in time for the May 2017 elections.



338.11 Any Other Business

The Council had confirmed some details for the upcoming Community Council elections in September/October. It was agreed to give more thought to how the PCC could promote the elections and encourage the participation of individuals and groups.

ACTION: agenda item for June meeting.

338.12 Date of the Next Meeting

The 339th meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 27th June at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 29th August (340)
Monday 26th September (341)

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338th PCC meeting closed.