



[343rd PCC Meeting]

[28.11.2016]

Minutes of the 343rd Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 28th November 2016.

Present: Peter Bradley (Brighton & Rosefield Residents Association), Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Onyema Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council), Tara McCarthy (Brunstane Primary School Parent Council), Elaine Murray, Mary Campbell, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Madeline Begg, Esther Gray, Sean Watters, Frazer McNaughton (Duddingston Primary School Parent Council).

Apologies: Mark Cameron, Donald Bloxham, Miranda Hurst, Paul Lambie.

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

343.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

343.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the October meeting were agreed.

343.2a Brunstane PPP (342.5): an objection had been submitted.

343.2b Safe use of the Prom (342.8): agenda item.

343.2c Baileyfield PPP (342.9): to publicise and consult upon submission.

343.2d Signboards (342.11): Madeline Begg had arranged for new locks and keys and all boards were now working.

343.3 Police Report

PC Matt McPherson introduced himself, the new beat officer for Portobello along with PC David Love, and gave a brief report. A concern was raised about activity on the Prom on bonfire night and the use of fireworks.

343.4 Environment Report

No report. Some funding had been obtained for playground improvements locally and Scott Thompson would be bringing proposals forward shortly. The power supply to the cakestand had still not been installed, although it was still expected. It was noted there had been significant changes in personnel within the Council in recent times, and that it had caused difficulties in finding who to speak to about matters, but that Darren Ryan was now in post as the Local Transport and Environment Manager. Cllr Child offered to raise the issue of the cakestand at the forthcoming Environment Forum.



343.5 Portobello High School

Mina Curran and Cameron McCowan, deputy head girl and boy, gave an update on the High School including; fundraising activity (around £4,000 per year), changes in staffing, timetabling, the move to the new school building, and noted in particular the much improved sports facilities. The official opening of the new school would take place on December 2nd, with the school being open to the public on the 3rd from 10am-2pm.

343.6 The George Bingo Hall

The new owners, local builders Kevin and Liam Buckley, along with their agent George Gilbert, gave an update on new proposals for the redevelopment of the building: retaining and adapting the front façade, demolishing the auditorium, and constructing 20 apartments in a style sympathetic to the original art deco cinema. They were intending to lodge a planning application shortly and sought feedback from the Community Council on the proposals. The PCC agreed to undertake a short consultation to gather comments from the community.

ACTION: undertake brief consultation and feedback to the new owners

343.7 Safe use of the Prom

Allan Tinto (CoEC) gave an introduction to a new signage initiative being trialled on part of the path network in February/March and suggested the Prom could form part of the exercise. There followed a wide ranging discussion around what signage might be useful/desirable and what physical changes might also be undertaken to change behaviours. It was agreed to consider further and that it would be useful to take a holistic view of the Prom and its uses. Frazer McNaughton, Onyema Ibe and Esther Gray expressed an interest in looking into the issue.

343.8 Portobello Town Centre (NB: 'General survey' agenda item postponed)

Naomi Sandilands (CoEC) explained that the Planning Department were required to produce supplementary planning guidance for town centres such as Portobello, with a consultation on a draft scheduled for March. External consultants had been commissioned to undertake an analysis of movement, behaviour and the physical condition of the town centre, but the views of local people were also wanted on what worked/didn't work etc. The PCC agreed to run a short consultation asking people their experience and opinions on the town centre.

ACTION: run consultation and feedback to CoEC

343.9 Treverlen Park

The Pre-Application Consultation for the new park was imminent with public exhibitions planned for early in December. There followed a discussion about the proposals and the prospect of revisiting the name of the new park. It was agreed to publicise the process encouraging individuals to respond directly.

ACTION: publicise the PAC, and the application in due course

343.10 Constitution and Standing Orders

It was agreed to adopt the standard Constitution and Standing Orders under the CoEC scheme.



343.11 Other Reports

- a) Treasurer: Mark Cameron had sent apologies. The current balance was £3288.36, inclusive of the Traders' Festive Fund.
- b) Neighbourhood Partnership: the Environment Forum was meeting the following Wednesday, with the next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on December 7th at the Whitehouse. The process of developing a new Locality Improvement Plan on the new shared service boundaries was underway.
- c) Planning: The new Local Development Plan had been adopted by CoEC in November, including the allocation of Brunstane as a housing site.
- d) Councillors: Nothing to report.

343.12 AOB

- a) Brighton Place Setts: a query was raised as to when the replacement of the setts with tarmac was planned. Cllr Child confirmed that the work had been postponed so as to not coincide with the gas works at Milton Road creating further disruption. A new date for the works had not yet been confirmed.
- b) Celia Butterworth outlined the work of the Signs & Plaques committee, its relationship with the Community Council, and encouraged a representative from the PCC to join the group as a replacement for Gillian Eunson.

343.13 Date of Next Meeting

The 344th meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 30th January at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 27th February (345)
 Monday 27th March (346)

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