



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

[24.04.2017]

## DRAFT Minutes of the 347<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

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**Present:** Donald Bloxham, Colin Cuthbert, Onyema Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council), Elaine Murray, Mary Campbell, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Esther Gray, Miranda Hurst, Sean Watters, Tara McCarthy (Brunstane Primary School Parent Council), Frazer McNaughton (Duddingston Primary School Parent Council).

**Apologies:**, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Peter Bradley (Brighton & Rosefield Residents Association), Madeleine Begg.

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

### 347.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 347.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the October meeting were agreed.

**347.2a** Pitz Sale (346.3): Agenda item.

**347.2b** Safe Routes to School (346.6): Ongoing discussions on Brunstane PS and Duddingston PS.

### 347.3 Police Report

No report: PC Matt McPherson had sent apologies.

### 347.4 Environment Report

No report. Scott Thompson had advised there would be some delay to the new equipment at Straiton Place Park as additional funding was being sought.

### 347.5 Pitz Sale

Lee Kindness had written to the Finance and Resources Committee seeking clarification of, and a delay to, the process, but had received no response. Given the impending election it seemed unlikely a response would be forthcoming in the short term. Cllr Child advised that the closing date for bids was April 28<sup>th</sup>, and that a Place Standard Exercise with the Preferred Bidder was being considered. It was noted that the timing of a Place Standard Exercise within the process was important, and if done earlier could help inform the selection of a Preferred Bidder. After discussion it was agreed to make a formal Participation Request seeking: consultation with the community, involvement in the evaluation of bids, and a Place Standard Exercise early in the process.

**ACTION: Sean Watters to submit a Participation Request**



## 347.6 General Survey

It was agreed to carry out a simple General Survey similar to the one conducted by the PCC in 2011, although replacing questions about the PCC with questions relating to the Prom and possible improvements. Mary Campbell, Miranda Hurst, Sean Watters and Esther Gray to work on a draft.

**ACTION: draft a survey form**

## 347.7 General Election Hustings

It was agreed to try to arrange a hustings for the General Election. Colin Cuthbert and Lee Kindness agreed to do the initial organising with more help required closer to the time.

**ACTION: organise General Election Hustings**

## 347.8 Other Reports

- a) Treasurer: transfer of the Treasurer's post was still in progress.
- b) Neighbourhood Partnership: nothing to report.
- c) Planning: The New Brunstane development had been approved, and the Planning Department were still assessing The George and Baileyfield South applications.
- d) Joppa Tennis Courts: an Open day was being held May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-5.00pm.
- e) Councillors: Cllr Bridgman thanked those he'd worked with over his 10 years as a Cllr.

## 347.9 AOB

- a) Community Network and the Fracking Consultation: after discussion it was agreed to submit a response to the Government consultation using the PCC UCG consultation as a basis.

**ACTION: Sean Watters to submit a response to the consultation.**

- b) Tara McCarthy raised a query about CCTV at the Magdalene Burn/Asda steps, and fencing around playparks. Cllr Bridgman advised the matters could be raised through the Environment Forum of with the Local Manager Darren Ryan.
- c) Miranda Hurst raised the issue of the business rates and ongoing concerns.
- d) Peter Bradley had noted the epidemic of bike thefts as an issue to raise with the Police.

## 347.10 Date of Next Meeting

The 345<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are:   Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May           (348)  
  Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June           (349)

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*347<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting closed*