



[350th PCC Meeting]

[28.08.2017]

Minutes of the 350th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 28th August 2017.

Present: Geoff Lynn, Lee Kindness, Elaine Murray, Justin Kenrick, Donald Bloxham, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Frazer McNaughton, Madeline Begg, Onyma Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council), Tara McCarthy, Colin Cuthbert.

Apologies: Sean Waters, Miranda Hurst, Paul Lambie, Peter Bradley, Cllr Kate Campbell.

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Callum Laidlaw and members of the public.

350.1 Chairs Welcome

Lee Kindness (acting chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

350.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed.

350.3 Police report

PC Matt McPherson (PC David Love has moved beats) gave his report (see attached).

350.4 Cycling on the Prom

Allan Tinto – Transport officer (cycling) from ECC kindly visited the meeting and was keen to reiterate that the prom was a core path by law. Open to walkers, cyclists, horses and various users. Allan stated that he was happy to meet with anyone who wanted to add input to discussion. Cllr Mary Campbell and Paul Lambie have made steps to set up a 'Friends of the Prom' group with is due to meet at The Hub, Tribe Party on Friday the 16th of September 13.30-15.30.

Justin suggested that a signage adjustment might ease conflict, but Allan pointed out that although pedestrians are considered 'top dog', that no stakeholder group could be deterred or excluded due to the nature of the shared space.

Matt McPherson was keen for anyone to add their input, but he noted that rumble strips might help to slow cyclists down. Fraser suggested that perhaps a redesign of the prom was required with chicanes and other more subtle ways of slowing cyclists down. He recommended looking at other prom designs for inspiration. Lee suggested taking the cyclists off the prom and on to the high street. Allan was happy to look into this, but raised initial concerns about the impact of the loss of parking spaces.

Actions: Lee to arrange a walk around with Allan Tinto – Allan agreed to contact Anna Rowell from Sustrans too. Madeline to invite Allan to the 'Friends of the Prom' meeting.



350.5 Pitz Sale

The Neighbourhood Partnership Participation Request timeline was outlined by Lee. Geoff noted that the main points raised in the feedback from the public were concern over the potential loss of Tumbles and the impact of more housing. These concerns were echoed by attending members of the public on the evening.

Recruitment for the focus groups started 2 weeks ago – recruitment was being done at random and discussion was based around bids and proposal of sale.

It was agreed that the Council's questionnaire on the sale of the Pitz was not broad enough to garner proper opinion on the subject and Justin suggested that perhaps a PCC survey needs to be run another survey with more tailored questions. Geoff asked if there would be full ECC sign off on the Pitz sale issue. Maureen seemed to think this would be how it would be managed.

350.6 Updates

Bellfield

The Bellfield crowdfunder has been launched and it is the aim of Action Party to open debt free, part grant and part fund. The idea is to raise £20,000 - £3,000 has already been raised and the 1st members of staff have been hired. Development Managers Emma Griffiths and Angela Thomas who will job share the role.

Beach Wheelchairs

The container for housing the wheelchairs has arrived. The Towerbank Primary P4's are already working on producing designs to decorate the outside of the container. There are currently 2 chairs available, one for adults and one for children. The service is run by volunteers, but more are still needed. There is, at present, no website or booking line, so all bookings are being organised through an email address and Facebook page. Beach wheelchairs are still looking for help in these areas.

Porty Art Walk

The Porty Art Walk is taking place this year from the 1st to the 10th of September.

Porty Village Show

The tenth Porty Village show is on Sunday the 3rd of September where the winner of the General Survey Competition will be announced.

350.7 General Survey – Update

The General Survey is to close at the weekend. There have been 400 surveys completed and submitted so far. It was suggested that Paul could collate the results and draw out threads which could be distributed at the next meeting. A member of the public suggested that a poster outside the library might help to advertise that the survey could be completed there. Onyema was happy to action this.

350.8 Participatory budgeting - Update

Portobello Community Council's application was successfully submitted by Onyema. Awaiting feedback on application.



350.9 Other Reports

a. Treasures Report – see attached

b. Neighbour partnership – Unfortunately PCC missed the invite to the last Neighbourhood Partnership meeting. Geoff volunteered to be the representative for Portobello.

c. Planning – Baileyfield is currently in the 3rd round of proposed changes.

350.10 AOB

Concerns were raised from members of the public about the lack of information available about events being held on the beach and prom. Namely the Beach Busk and events run by the Edinburgh Beach Volleyball Club. Concerns centred round noise from the generator and sound system. Lee stated that PCC is not always notified about events taking place on the beach and that there were issues with the ECC and the Crown Estate regarding use of the land.

PC Matt McPherson was happy to police timings of events, i.e. when they were scheduled to start and finish, but obviously needed advance notice of when events were taking place. Maureen indicated that she had a contact within the Edinburgh Beach Volleyball Club that she will liaise with on up and coming event dates and timings.

350.11 Date of Next Meeting

The 350th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 28th of August at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 25th September (351)
 Monday 30th October (352)

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