



[351<sup>st</sup> PCC Meeting]

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**Present:** Geoff Lynn, Lee Kindness, Sean Watters, Elaine Murray, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Frazer McNaughton, Esther Clayton, Madeline Begg, Onyema Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council), Colin Cuthbert.

**Apologies:** Miranda Hurst, Paul Lambie, Donald Bloxham, Peter Bradley, Cllr Callum Laidlaw.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Kate Campbell and members of the public.

#### 351.1 Chairs Welcome

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

#### 351.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed.

#### 351.3 Police report

PC Matt McPherson gave his report (see attached)

#### 351.4 Portobello High School - Update

Beth and Stephen (Head Girl & Head Boy) gave their overview of recent life/events at Portobello High School (see attached)

#### 351.5 Pitz Sale

Edinburgh Council's own survey on the sale of the Pitz, garnered 1185 responses. PCC started its own survey last Monday – there had been 270 responses so far – PCC's survey is due to close on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October. A summary of these anonymised responses was to be forwarded to ECC by the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> of October for inclusion in their report (transcripts from the focus groups and their own survey results) to be released on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October.

22 bids for the land have already been received which are wide ranging in terms of proposal.

It was agreed that all the data, both from PCC and ECC needed to be considered before any action was decided.

**Actions:** Lee to analyse data for next meeting.



## 351.6 General Survey

The results of the 2017 General Survey were to be compared to those of the last General Survey.

**Actions:** Sean happy to compare the results of the two surveys.

## 351.7 Baileyfield South

The details of the developer's changes to the Baileyfield South development have been circulated. Some 4 and 6 storey buildings were reduced, but some other buildings were being increased in height. The density of the site has reduced slightly in the changes too. No change was proposed for the junction at Harry Lauder Road.

The opportunity to comment on these changes ended on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2017.

The hearing is due to take place on Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October at 10am – Sean to attend.

Concerns were raised by a member of the public around the lack of open space and infrastructure at the development as stands, and the increased number of cars and overall traffic which will result.

**Actions:** Sean to attend hearing and it was suggested he highlight the junction at Harry Lauder Road, which was agreed was a matter of concern.

## 351.8 Promenade Improvements - Update

'Friends of the Prom' had their first meeting at the Hub on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. This was very much an initial meeting, but had been an important ideas gathering exercise. The ethos of the Friends is to harness ideas and make a more convincing and solid case to ECC on promenade issues.

**Actions:** To publish the ideas from the first meeting and give date of the next. (Lee)

## 351.9 Other Reports

**a. Treasurer's Report** – see attached

**b. Neighbourhood partnership** – There hasn't been a meeting as yet due to the changes taking place within ECC. It is still unclear which guise this will take in the future.

**c. Planning** – No discussions.

**d. Joppa Tennis Courts** – Nothing to report.

**e. Councillors** – Nothing to report.



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## 351.10 AOB

Treverlen Park – Fraser was interested to know how the development of Treverlen Park was progressing. It was suggested that action with the park would be dependent on the timescale for the completion of the new St. John's primary school.

Straiton Place Park – Funding has been granted for new Gym Equipment and play equipment at the park.

Participatory Budgeting – PCC's application was unsuccessful.

The 352<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU

Subsequent Dates are:       Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November   (353)  
  Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January       (354)

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