



[357th PCC Meeting]

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Present: Geoff Lynn, Lee Kindness, Onyema Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council), Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Frazer McNaughton, Madeline Begg, Donald Bloxham, Esther Clayton, Elaine Murray, Tara McCarthy, Catherine Etoe (Brighton and Rosefield Residents Association).

Apologies: Sean Watters, Justin Kendrick, Miranda Hirst, and Cllr Mary Campbell.

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

357.1 Chairs Welcome

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

357.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed.

357.3 Police report

See attached.

357.4 Pitz Sale – Update on developments

Action Party representatives met with Will Garrett from CEC planning department and his comments on the Placemaking exercise work done so far were positive, despite Estates and Planning not really coming at the Pitz situation from the same place. Action Party is trying to stick to a concrete plan and have another meeting with council officials next Wednesday. Action Party are also keeping lines of communication open with the Scottish Government. There still isn't much to report on progress until further clarification is gleaned from CEC. Action Party's main concern is that Cala Homes (preferred bidder) might just use the Placemaking work that has already been done by them.

357.5 PCC Treasurer

Colin Cuthbert has resigned as Treasurer and as a member of Portobello Community Council, so Madeline met with Colin last week so that Colin could hand over the paperwork and update on the accounts to date, which still need to be signed off.

PCC has 4 bank accounts: PCC's main account, the Christmas Lighting Fund account, the Lightbox account and an account for Joppa Community Tennis Courts. There was some discussion around insurance and public liability and the risks that could be incurred by PCC as a result.

An additional signatory is still required for the main PCC account in Colin's absence and there is still a cheque that needs to be deposited in PCC's main account.



The PCC still need to look at fundraising options as there is a shortfall of around £400 p.a. Frazer suggested trying to negotiate a lower price for the hire of the Baptist Church Hall each month.

Donald Bloxham agreed to be interim treasurer until a replacement for Colin is found.

Actions: Lee and Onyema to arrange to have PCC accounts signed off. Donald agreed to pay cheque in to PCC's account.

357.6 Brunstane Parent Council - Update

Lorna Henderson from CEC met with Brunstane Parent Council to discuss a number of issues around traffic, parking and traffic flow, including enforcement measures available. The children at Brunstane Primary have been involved in Sustran and Pedal initiatives to help them learn about active and safe ways to travel to school.

A meeting organised by Brunstane Parent Council to discuss traffic issues around the school on March the 28th, was largely absent of children and young people, so another meeting is planned to try to engage these important stakeholders.

357.7 Brighton Place Setts

Miranda drafted a second letter to CEC regarding the replacement of the Brighton Place Setts to which Sean Gilchrist responded. There is no official start date for the works but it is estimated that work will begin at the end of July/beginning of August. Concerns were raised about the planned diversions for the affected LRT buses.

Actions: Cllr Callum Laidlaw agreed to invite Sean Gilchrist along to the next PCC meeting, along with a representative from LRT buses.

357.8 Other Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – see 357.5. Current balance of main account - £1482.44

b. Neighbourhood partnership – Mechanisms are in place for local decision making to stay the same. More information (including information on recent Health and Wellbeing presentations) can be found online at: <https://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/neighbourhood-partnerships/portobello-and-craigmillar/>

c. Planning – The Portobello Sands planning application has been submitted but is superficially more or less the same. The prospective developers of the George have appealed against CEC's recent decision to reject their latest application.

d. Joppa Community Tennis Club – The Open Day is taking place on Saturday the 12th of May from 1pm – 5pm. JCTC are actively trying to involve/engage more of the neighbours. The Community Payback team have been to the club and have done some good work and made some valuable improvements.

e. Councillors – Cllr Callum Laidlaw updated on the caravans stationed at King's Place. A consultation on some form of parking restriction is currently underway. This may result in the ability to issue traffic restriction orders.

An A1 clear up is scheduled to happen along Sir Harry Lauder Road before the summer. A member of the public requested that some notice is given before this clean up happens as it was very noisy the last time.



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Cllr Kate Campbell is currently still chasing on-going issues at Jameson's Gait.

357.9 AOB

Website improvements update – Geoff made the PCC aware of the quotes he has received for the improvements - £300 to £500, which includes a mobile friendly update. Geoff suggested that the PCC may now need to look at funding options for this upgrade.

Onyema reported on the Westbank development and its imminent impact on class sizes at Towerbank Primary school. Class sizes and numbers of classes are due to go up this August. It has been difficult for CEC to predict numbers, but it was suggested that the recent review of the catchment area, hasn't worked.

Food quality at Towerbank Primary hasn't really improved despite concerted efforts. This is mainly due to the food being cooked off site and transported to Towerbank. TB Parent Council now looking at the option of having a cooking kitchen on the school premises.

Beach Wheelchairs – The container housing the wheelchairs is scheduled to be painted by the artist this Thursday to Sunday.

Signs and Plaques – Celia Butterworth to be invited to the June PCC meeting and to either send or bring the minutes of the last Plaques and Signs meeting.

Action: Marjorie to invite Celia along.

PCC AGM to take place in June.

The 357th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 28th of May 2018 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 25th June (358)
 Monday 30th July (359)

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