



[360th PCC Meeting] [27/08/2018]

## Minutes of the 360th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Present:** Geoff Lynn, Elaine Murray, Lee Kindness, Sean Watters, Miranda Hirst, Frazer McNaughton, Esther Grey, Donald Bloxham, Onyema Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council).

**Apologies:** Catherine Etoe, Marjorie Thomas, Justin Kenrick, Cllr Callum Laidlaw, Cllr Kate Campbell.

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

### **360.1 Chair's Welcome**

Lee Kindness welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **360.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

Minutes were agreed.

### **360.3 Police report**

PC Campbell Blackmore gave the Police Report.

### **360.4 My Beach Your Beach' campaign**

Apologies had been sent by the Project Officer who was unable to attend the meeting, but hoped to attend in future.

### **360.5 Portobello Golf Course**

Edinburgh Leisure had been invited to the September PCC meeting but nobody was able to attend. However they had indicated they'd be willing to come to a future PCC meeting. A discussion took place on what was known about the proposed changes to the golf course. There was a lack of clarity on what was being proposed but Edinburgh Leisure had issued a statement that no works were being progressed until consultation had been undertaken. LK suggested Participation Requests could be submitted by PCC and the golf clubs in the hope of having some influence on how any consultation took place, although it was uncertain whether the legislation would apply to Edinburgh Leisure given their relationship to the Local Authority. It was agreed to submit such a request, copied to the golf clubs for information.

**Action: Submit Participation Request**

### **360.6 Brighton Place Setts - update**

There was a discussion on the Brighton Place setts that went over the issues previously raised on the matter. There were many concerns expressed about how the matter was being handled, for example: a stakeholder meeting being arranged by Council officers without inviting a single trader on the High Street. The Council had indicated more meetings would be arranged and a liaison officer put in place, but it was still unclear what practical effect this would have. Given that the Council had shown no interest in revisiting their decision on the setts and were intent on



progressing with the works, there was agreement that the most important focus was mitigating potential damage to the vitality of the High Street. Both PCC and local Cllrs would continue to raise concerns with Council Officers.

## **360.7 Pitz/Westbank**

The Council's Finance and Resources had deferred a decision again, until at least October.

## **360.8 PCC Accounts**

DB presented the PCC accounts and noted the contribution of the previous Secretary Colin Cuthbert. The accounts were agreed.

## **360.9 Signs and Plaques**

Celia Butterworth announced that once the seaside board was replaced the Signs and Plaques group would be disbanding. The group were thanked for their many years of work and all they had done. It was agreed to meet for a 'handover' in due course, so the PCC would know what was required for future maintenance.

## **360.10 Other Reports**

**a. Treasurer's Report** - Covered under PCC accounts.

**b. Neighbourhood partnership** – The next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.30pm in Craigmillar Library.

You Decide event was planned for the end of September with applications opening on the 5<sup>th</sup>. There were two grant funds, one up to £500, and one up to £2,500.

**Action: PCC to publicise 'You Decide' information.**

### **c. Planning**

**The George** – New site visit planned by the Reporter for 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Action: SW to attend.**

**8a Milton Road** – 20 flats had been approved.

**'Cityplan 2030'** – Seafield had been identified as a possible future development site in the emerging new Local Development Plan. Community Workshops had been arranged on aspects of the plan including one at Willowbrae Community Centre on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 17:30-19:00.

**SESplan** – the housing allocation required in Edinburgh in the new strategic plan had been increased from 32,000 to 51,500.

**d. Joppa Tennis Courts** – no report.

**e. Councillors** – no reports.



## 360.10 AOB

Consultation on Alcohol overprovision – LK noted an number of factual errors in a Council consultation on alcohol overprovision.

### **Action: LK to contact Council Officers**

Joppa Toilets - a query was raised regarding the Joppa toilets and their proposed sale. Cllr Child confirmed the sale had been abandoned due to issues with the title, and also that local Cllrs had a meeting coming up with Property officers regarding the toilets. The possibility of reopening them as toilets had been and will continue to be raised.

Library collage – it was noted that a collage in the library had been gifted to PCC for safekeeping.

Action Meadowbank – EM noted a forthcoming Save Meadowbank meeting at Meadowbank Church.

The 361<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2018 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are:           Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October           (362)  
  Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November       (363)

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*360th PCC meeting closed*