



[359th PCC Meeting]

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Present: Lee Kindness, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Frazer McNaughton, Madeline Begg, Sean Watters, Esther Clayton, Catherine Etoe (Brighton and Rosefield Residents Association), Elaine Murray, Justin Kendrick, Geoff Lynn

Apologies: Miranda Hirst, Donald Bloxham, Esther Clayton, Onyema Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council), Tara McCarthy, Cllr Maureen Child.

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

359.1 Chairs Welcome

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

359.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed.

359.3 Police report (incl anti- social behaviour)

See attached.

Anti-social behaviour:

Officers currently engaged in Operation Drift, dedicated officers patrolling Portobello, including the Williamsfield Square area. The police are also concentrating on on-going engagement activities and are continuing to work with families to reduce anti-social behaviour. Police have been in touch with the scaffolders who erected the scaffolding at Williamsfield Square, to see if this is part of the problem. Ultimately, Matt explained that the police have limited powers to deal with groups of youths.

A member of the public asked about the legal framework around dealing with children under 16 and highlighted a case which wasn't dealt with satisfactorily. Matt apologised for the lack of update and agreed to feedback.

359.4 Brighton Place Setts - update

Lothian Buses Update: Currently working on 'no cost' and 'cost' options. They now have a no cost option for the 21 and 49 services and a cost option for the 21 (and potentially the 49) which could go via Portobello High Street and turn at Eastfield.

No update as yet from ECC.

Members of the public still worried about not being serviced by a bus, in specific reference to the retirement flats opposite the Figgate Park.



It was suggested that any working group that is set up should reflect the views of the public along with traders. Frazer suggested Bellfield as a venue for focus groups.

PCC to keep in contact with Lothian Buses and CEC.

359.5 Pitz/Powerleauge, Action Westbank - Update

Frazer – Since the March Action Westbank meeting, the group have been compiling information and have standardised the designs so that they are on an equal footing. The Finance and Resources Committee meeting has been postponed until August. In the meantime, the design information has been presented to Ash Denholm MSP and CEC officers, who are currently deciding what to do with the work that has been produced so far. CEC have apologised about the slowness of the process to date.

A request was made for a report of some kind to be made available to the members of the public who contributed to the Action Westbank event in March. Concerns were raised about the Participation Request and whether or not any milestone/conclusion was reached, so this may need to be revisited.

359.6 Democracy Matters – ‘Your Community, Your Ideas, Your Future: Consultation’

This Scottish Government run initiative asking 5 questions to communities about local issues and engagement. The focus is on local decision making, not on behalf of communities, but by the communities themselves. The initiative closes in October. Sean Watters (PCC), Ian Cook (Action Party), Eva Shonveld (Pedal) and Justin Kendrick (PCC) have all expressed interest in contributing to this initiative.

359.7 Community Funding Opportunities (Electric vehicle charging, Path for All, Climate Challenge Fund...)

Electric vehicle charging: Cllr Mary Campbell noted that a year ago there were lots of positive responses to the prospect of a charging point in Portobello. Cllr Kate Campbell stated that her preference was a city wide roll out of charging points rather than anything commercial. Electric vehicle charging is on the October agenda of the Transport and Environment Committee, but funds are available now.

Action: Lee to contact officer at CEC to assess where the process is.

Paths for All: Grants starting at £1,500 to £3,000 are available for Active travel projects – Friends of Party Prom looking into this.

Climate Challenge Fund: Looking at reducing local carbon emissions and ways to bring community groups together. A development plan is available.

359.8 Other Reports

a. Treasurer’s Report – No report



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b. **Neighbourhood Partnership** – Councillors fed back on the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership so far.

c. **Planning:** Port of Leith Housing Association – The official opening of the development at Baileyfield is taking place on Friday 30th of June. Elaine Murray to attend and potentially Sean Watters.

The George: Development Appeal site visit due to take place in July. The timeline for this visit may have slipped, so the site visit may be put back further.

d. **Joppa Community Tennis Club** – Marjorie was happy to report that the men's team won the league! Pay and Play starts next month and both of the summer camps are now fully booked.

The defibrillator is now in place, but the next stage is to have it boxed outside so that it is available to the community.

Marjorie confirmed a rent increase proposal from £50 to £1,400 p.a for the tennis club and noted that they would need to agree a 25 year lease to qualify for grant to do maintenance work, like resurfacing the courts.

e. **Councillors** – Mary: City Licensing Forum is short of a member. An Environment and Placemaking meeting is taking place tomorrow at Craigmillar library. An Active Travel event is scheduled for October.

Callum: Joppa Toilets – owned by CEC at present. The recent sale of the toilets has fallen through, so there may now be an opportunity to save them.

The 360th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 27th of August 2018 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 25th September (361)
 Monday 29th October (362)

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