



[358th PCC Meeting]

[28/05/2018]

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

**Apologies:** Miranda Hirst, Geoff Lynn, Elaine Murray.

**In Attendance:** Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Kate Campbell, Cllr Callum Laidlaw, Cllr Mary Campbell, Sean Gilchrest (CEC), David Wilson (CEC), John White (LRT) and members of the public.

#### 358.1 Chairs Welcome

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

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

Minutes were agreed.

#### 358.3 Police report

See attached.

#### 358.4 Brighton Place Setts

Sean Gilchrist (CEC) gives an overview of how we got to this point regarding the relaying of the setts on Brighton Place. As per the Sett Policy Report, Edinburgh Council are now going ahead with sett reconstruction and where possible, will be re-using the setts that are already there. For the first time in Edinburgh, flat top setts will be locked in with the original setts to provide a suitable surface for cyclists on both sides of the road. The reconstruction will take 60 weeks and will be done in 4 phases. The first phase being the section closest to Portobello High Street. Residents will have access at all times, but no bus services will run on Brighton Place during the works.

John White (LRT) stated that bus services 21, 42, 49 and 69 will not run on Brighton Place for over a year. These buses will not serve the High Street either. John explained that it is not practical in terms of cost to run buses along the High Street during the works. John wasn't sure what the financial impact of not running buses along the High Street would be for LRT. Concerns were raised about the development at Fishwives Causeway and the planned road closures. Any temporary bus stops in this area could be rendered useless. A member of the public raised concerns about their retirement flats not being serviced by any buses at all and was upset that she had only learned of the planned road closure quite recently. Lee explained the process so far and how we had come to this point.

More concerns were raised from the public gallery about the potential losses to small businesses in Portobello.



John said LRT are currently looking at where potential crossings and interchanges might be located. They are also considering single decker buses and their availability, bridges and access. There was a suggestion that parking could be restricted on Brighton Place in the future, to allow buses to use both sides of the road and stress the setts less.

John was happy to look at the 45 service to see if they could be more regular and potentially free up single deckers for the diverted routes during the works.

The sett reconstruction start date was roughly planned for August 2018, but is now more likely to start in January 2019, so that it doesn't coincide with works planned in the Craigentenny area. Letter drops are planned in the community to keep the public informed before the work on Brighton Place commences.

**Actions:** Both CEC, LRT and PCC plan to keep each other informed of any developments. CEC to look specifically at bus services, the phasing of the works and if January 2019 is the best time for the project to start.

### **358.5 Friends of the prom - Update**

After their last meeting, Friends of the Prom are looking at different ideas to improve the prom. These include: An audit of the prom, playground markings on the prom, using planters and the potential to do an audio trail. They are also considering how to improve current waste/re-cycling issues.

Friends of the prom are still looking for volunteers and no future meeting is currently planned, until more volunteers come forward.

### **358.6 PCC Accounts - Update**

Donald updated us on the state of the accounts. Current balance of the main account is: £1482.44

PCC need to look again at saving money on the hire of a venue for meetings. Both the Town Hall and the Library were mentioned as potential venues.

**Actions:** Frazer agreed to contact CEC for their policy on meeting spaces for Community Councils.

### **358.7 GDPR – General Data Protection Regulation**

Geoff and Lee have reviewed PCC's current policy and updated it to reflect the new regulations. They have been busy removing data and all versions of it. An email was issued to the mailing list of 2000 subscribers. 300 users have re-joined the mailing list.



## 358.8 Village Show – Duck Race, Sandcastle Competition

The date for the Village Show this year is the Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September. As usual, PCC is looking for volunteers for the Duck Race. CEC charge £75 for using Rosefield Park for this event.

This year, the sandcastle competition is on the same day as the Big Beach Busk – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of August. PCC is looking for volunteers for this event too and it was suggested that Portobello Time Bank may be able to help.

**Actions:** Sean agreed to contact POD to see if PCC could offer any support with the Village Show.

## 358.9 Other Reports

**a. Treasurer's Report** – see 358.6 Current balance of main account - £1482.44

**b. Neighbourhood partnership** – You Decide: Promotion for You Decide starts in August with the launch in September. Currently collecting applications for bidders and this time, the plan is to try to match funding at the launch with complementary recipients. The next meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 and their next event is a bus tour.

**Actions:** Frazer will try to attend the bus tour.

**c. Planning** – The wool shop on the High Street has been granted change of use from a shop to an office and the ATM at Costcutters is set to be removed.

**d. Joppa Community Tennis Club** – Marjorie reported that the Open Day on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May had been a success.

**e. Councillors** – Cllr Callum Laidlaw updated on the caravans stationed at King's Place. The current parking restrictions do not apply to static vehicles. Callum currently involved in an informal consultation with CEC on this matter, which will move to a formal consultation in due course.

The 359<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are:      Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August            (360)  
   Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September        (361)

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*358th PCC meeting closed*