



[332nd PCC Meeting]

[28.09.2015]

Minutes of the 332nd Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 28th September 2015

Present: Peter Bradley (Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association), Mark Cameron, Brian Cosford, Maria Devoy, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Ben McLeish, Gillian Eunson, Clare Slifer, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Sean Watters, Justin Kenrick (PEDAL), David Medcalf, Lawrence Marshall (POPP).

Apologies: Emma Dempsey, Thea MacMillan, Justin Kenrick.

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mike Bridgman, Cllr David Walker and other members of the public.

332.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted the recent success of the Village Show and congratulated POD and all the volunteers who had helped. He also congratulated all those who had contributed to the successful Calaid collection in the Town Hall and gave particular thanks to Emma Dempsey for organising, and to the Sing in the City choir who performed at the event.

332.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

332.2a Baileyfield Affordable Housing (332.6): consultation response had been forwarded to Crudens & COEC.

332.2b Baileyfield Private Housing (332.7): consultation response had been forwarded to Barratts & COEC.

332.2c Telferton allotments (332.8): awaiting further developments.

332.3 Police Report

No report. Cllr Bridgman advised that Sgt Young had been reassigned at short notice but the Police should be in touch about a replacement point of contact.

332.4 Environmental Report

Sean Watters outlined the Environment Report (see appended). Gavin Ellis introduced himself as the new Environmental Warden covering Portobello. A number of environmental issues were raised: dog-fouling, lunchtime litter, the removal of trade waste bins from the High Street, vehicle emissions hotspots. Gavin explained that any concerns could be made known to the Council or the East Team directly, but that he was also happy for issues to be routed through the Community Council.



332.5 Our Forth

Our Forth had contacted the Community Council asking for active support for their campaign against fracking and underground coal gasification (UCG). After discussion it was agreed to undertake a quick sample survey of the PCC e-mail distribution list to try and gauge local opinion on UCG, to inform any position the PCC may wish to take.

ACTION: Lee Kindness to set up a consultation

332.6 PCC membership

The PCC membership was slightly depleted with Max Blinkhorn having resigned, both Towerbank Parent Council and Woodcraft requiring a new rep, and the Gilberstoun Residents Association having combined with the Newcraighall Residents Association. It was agreed to approach Towerbank Parent Council, Woodcraft and Newcraighall Residents Association about the possibility of new group reps, and to possibly co-opting an individual member from the unsuccessful election candidates in 2013.

ACTION: To seek replacement members

332.7 Baileyfield development - update

All the detailed AMC applications for the site had been submitted: the Aldi parking, the retirement home, the affordable housing, and the private housing. The PCC had publicised all the applications but had not received much in the way of comment. In response to a question it was confirmed that the PCC wasn't intending to comment on the individual applications given the outcome of the extensive consultation undertaken by PCC at the outline planning stage.

332.8 Themed meeting

A themed meeting around young people was being planned with a number of key stakeholders expected to be involved, provisionally arranged for October. It was agreed that most other business would be suspended for the meeting which would be well publicised in advance. **NB: post-meeting the date for the themed meeting was re-arranged to November due to the availability of participants.**

332.9 Christmas market/event

A Christmas Shopping event was being planned by traders for December 3rd, to coincide with the switching on of the Christmas lights. The possibility of organising a separate event in the Town Hall was discussed but discounted. The possibility of the PCC holding a Festive Lights Fund was also discussed and it was agreed to consider further.

332.10 SESplan MIR

The PCC had been running a consultation on one aspect of the SESplan MIR: the strategic growth strategy and the impact on the Greenbelt. There had been a low level of responses (59) but they had indicated a degree of support for the preferred option of growth corridors. It was agreed to forward all the responses received as well as commenting on the difficulty in engaging with the consultation in the form it took.

ACTION: forward responses and comment on the consultation



332.11 Consultation Sub-committee

The work with SCDC was yet to conclude and the outcome would be carried forward to a future meeting.

332.12 Other reports

- a. Treasurer – the account stood at £3046.75 although there were a number of payments due to clear. A Scotmid grant of £732 had also been received towards the replacement information board for the Prom: it was hoped to progress this later in October.
- b. Neighbourhood Partnership – the next full meeting was scheduled for November 18th.
- c. Planning – nothing further to report.
- d. Councillors – Cllr Child had circulated her written report. Cllr Bridgman noted the new Headteacher appointed for PHS: Ruth MacKay previously at Kelso. Cllr Walker noted the outcome of the Towerbank Catchment Review would go to full Council on October 22nd.

332.13 Any Other Business

1. Community Rail Partnership

Marjorie Thomas noted a meeting of the Community Rail Partnership at the Newtongrange Mining Museum, 5:30-7:30pm, Thursday October 22nd.

2. Big Things on the Beach

Jan Kileen noted the draft report on the outcome of the BTOB 'Imagine Portobello' event was being circulated, with a meeting to discuss on Monday 19th October, 7:30-9:30pm, St Mark's Church. It was agreed to put BTOB on the agenda for the October meeting.

3. Pitz/Poweleague

Sean Watters noted the possibility of the sale of the Powerleague site for redevelopment had been raised once again, although Cllr Child pointed out that no decisions had been made and there would be considerable opposition to the idea.

332.14 Date of the Next Meeting

The 333rd meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 26th October at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 30th November (334)
Monday 25th January (335)

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332nd PCC meeting closed.