**[352nd PCC Meeting]**

[**30/10/2017**]

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**Present**: Miranda Hurst, Geoff Lynn, Lee Kindness, Sean Watters, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Frazer McNaughton, Madeline Begg, Colin Cuthbert, Justin Kenrick.

**Apologies**: Paul Lambie Peter Bradley, Esther Clayton, Elaine Murray, Cllr Callum Laidlaw.

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

**352.1 Chairs Welcome**

Miranda Hurst welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**352.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

Minutes were agreed.

**352.3 Police report**

No Police report this month.

**352.4 Westbank St / Pitz sale - update**

The biggest issue identified in the PCC survey on the sale of the Pitz site, was the potential loss of recreational space. 24th of November is the final date for bids, with the final sale at some point in 2018.

PCC agreed that it needs to be clear what the community priorities are for the site so that bids can be assessed accurately. Edinburgh City Council, including the planning convenor, may be keen to show that the process has had some focus on community involvement.

A member of the public vocalised their concern about perceived lack of action on the sale of the Pitz from PCC. It was agreed that communication on the sale, to the public, could be better.

Mary Campbell suggested that there may be a need for an action group and/or a meeting in the town hall involving planning and finance from ECC and the press.

Action: PCC to arrange a public meeting - Donald to follow up.

**352.5 Baileyfield South - update on latest changes to the proposals**

No real movement on changes to the proposals at the Baileyfield site. Minor adjustments, but

overall remaining largely unchanged. No changes are proposed for the junction at Harry Lauder

Road. A member of the public expressed concern about the fate of the mature trees on the site

which are due to be felled. Delegation meeting set for November 22nd 2017.

**Actions:** Sean to attend delegation.

**352.6 General Survey - update on survey results**

The main themes drawn out of the 2017 survey were: cycling, dogs, public toilets, litter and prom seating. It was agreed that comparing the two surveys was not really feasible as a great deal has changed since the last one - for example, cycling on the prom.

**352.7 Promenade Improvements - update**

Next Friends of the Prom meeting - Date and venue still to be decided, but Mary agreed to let people know. [friendsofportyprom@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofportyprom@gmail.com)

**352.8 Christmas Lights / Decorations**

There will be no Christmas tree on the High Street this year. 6 trees beside the town hall will be dressed with fairy lights. Switch on set for Friday the 8th of December at 7pm in conjunction with the annual Favours event. *[This reflects the discussion in the meeting. Please note that the Portobello Christmas Street Fest, hosted by local businesses, will take place on 7th December 5pm - 8pm.]*

**352.9 Other Reports**

**a. Treasurer’s Report** – see attached

PCC will go bust at the beginning of January if things don't change. Definite need for more formal fundraising activity. Discussion around funds received from Scotmid for signs.

**Action**: Lee to write to Scotmid to discuss fund allocation.

**b. Neighbourhood partnership** – Initial meeting to be held on Tuesday the 31st of October to discuss Participatory Budgeting and Community Grants. An additional meeting will take place in November to finalise how things will work going forward in relation to Localities and Neighbourhood Partnership.

**c. Planning** – No discussions.

**d. Joppa Tennis Courts** – Nothing to report.

**e. Councillors** – Nothing to report.

**352.10 AOB**

It was highlighted by a member of the public that the Jameson Gait and Aldi crossing is a problem. It was also noted that the Aldi carpark and the area next to the Jameson Gait development had not been designed with pedestrians in mind and that there are no pavements.

It was also suggested that once the Baileyfield site is populated, traffic management is going to be a problem too.

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The 353rd Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 27th of November at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 29th January (354)

Monday 26th February (355)

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*352nd PCC meeting closed*