**[353rd PCC Meeting]**

[**27/11/2017**]

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**Present**: Geoff Lynn, Lee Kindness, Sean Watters, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Frazer McNaughton, Madeline Begg, Colin Cuthbert, Esther Clayton, Donald Bloxham, Elaine Murray, Onyema Ibe (Towerbank Parent Council).

**Apologies**: Paul Lambie Peter Bradley, Miranda Hirst, Tara McCarthy, Justin Kendrick, Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Callum Laidlaw.

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

**353.1 Chairs Welcome**

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

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

Minutes were agreed.

**353.3 Police report**

See attached.

**353.4 Pitz Development –** update on sale process and alternatives

The public meeting held in the Town Hall on 15th November 2017 to discuss the future of the Pitz site was well attended, gathering over 150 people from the community on the night. A small survey was conducted at the meeting to assess how the community would prefer the sale to be handled. The results of which can be found on the PCC website. It was agreed that the meeting had been a success in terms of engaging the attendees and the community as a whole.

CEC are due to hold 2 half day sessions on Thursday the 7th of December and Friday the 8th of December to review bids for the site and to select a preference. Geoff Lynn and Frazer McNaughton to attend on behalf of PCC. Two representatives from the Amenities Society are expected to attend too. This is set to be a full Edinburgh City Council meeting.

PCC agreed that it was vital that the strength of feeling of the Portobello community was highlighted and that the community’s standpoint was made clear.

Actions: Geoff and Frazer to attend CEC meeting.

**353.5 Treverlen Park –** planning application submitted

Trevelen Park lies out with PCC boundaries and under the jurisdiction of Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council. It was suggested that perhaps N &W CC would do a consultation with PCC on the details of the application.

**Actions:** Frazer to email Geoff Pearson.

 **353.6 Promenade Improvements**

Friends of the prom had their second meeting during the week commencing 20/11/2017 and their social media accounts are expected to be up and running in the near future. They are currently working towards a big family event near Easter 2018, to garner public opinion on the challenges, issues and opportunities on Portobello Promenade. The group is also working towards ‘Scottish Charitable Organisation’ status and their next meeting is due to take place in January, but still to be confirmed. The group can be contacted at: friendsofportyprom@gmail.com

**352.7 Other Reports**

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

It was confirmed that the total amount that Scotmid had donated for signage was £752 and they have agreed this can be put towards noticeboard maintenance.

It was agreed that PCC need to look at ways of raising more funds in the future.

**Action:** Lee & Marjorie – add notices to noticeboards acknowledging Scotmid’s support.

**b. Neighbourhood partnership** – The next Neighbourhood Partnership meeting is expected to take place in January and to include all of the different sub-sections. Sub groups will continue to meet for the foreseeable future. Partnerships will work together across localities and communities, with the focus more on community empowerment, rather than individuals. Maureen Childs described how the Community Empowerment Act was helping to address other more contentious issues within these communities.

**c. Planning** – The planning application for Baileyfield South has been passed and development (groundworks) is due to start in early spring 2018.

A member of the public enquired about a pedestrian crossing on Harry Lauder Road. The developer has agreed to contribute £50K (half of the overall cost) but this would mean co-operation from CEC, who are unable to find the resources at the present time.

Local Development Plan – One of 4 consultations is due to take place on Wednesday 6th of December, from 17:00 – 18:00 at Leith Community Education Centre. Sean said he would try to attend.

**d. Joppa Tennis Courts** – Next meeting is in January. Nothing to report as yet.

**e. Councillors** – You Decide 2017/18. There is a £20,000 fund which is to be divided in to 2 parts. To be eligible for an application for some of the fund, groups have to be constituted and have a bank account. The voting on applications is due to take place on the 3rd of February in Craigmillar Library and anyone over the age of 8 can vote. It was agreed that PCC would apply for £500.

Actions: Colin Cuthbert agreed to make the You Decide application on behalf of the PCC.

**353.10 AOB**

It was noted that there had been a low attendance of PCC members in recent months. It was also noted that Kezia Dugdale had not attended this meeting and had not responded to her invite.

A member of the public voiced concern that the minutes from the last PCC meeting (352nd) and the agenda for *this* meeting (353rd) had not been made available in the library. Madeline Begg apologised for this oversight and assured that this would be rectified in the future.

The 354th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 29th of January 2018 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 26th February (355)

Monday 26th March (356)

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