



362nd PCC Meeting 29/10/2018

Minutes of the 362nd Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 29th October 2018.

Present: Geoff Lynn, Lee Kindness, Sean Watters, Frazer McNaughton, Onyema Ibe, Catherine Etoe, Esther Grey, Donald Bloxham, Madeline Begg.

Apologies: Justin Kenrick, Marjorie Thomas, Miranda Hurst, Cllr Kate Campbell.

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Callum Laidlaw, Eva Schonfeld, and members of the public.

362.1 Chair's Welcome

Lee Kindness welcomed everyone to the meeting.

362.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes were agreed. It was agreed to discuss St John's again under AOB.

362.3 Police report

PC Matt McPherson gave the Police Report, outlining the measures in place for Bonfire Night and the Dispersal Zone.

362.4 Skatepark

Local teenager Daniel Thompson explained he was starting a campaign for a skatepark in the local area, outlining the many benefits one could bring, and asking for assistance. Everybody present was very supportive of his initiative and there was a discussion of possible venues, including the new Treverlen Park or the Westbank site. Cllr Mary Campbell offered to contact Scott Thomson in Parks to see what stage the design of the Wheeled Play area in Treverlen Park was at as a first priority.

Action: Cllr M Campbell to contact Scott Thomson

362.5 Democracy Matters

Eva Schonfeld of PEDAL outline the Democracy Matters event to be held at Bellfield on Saturday 10th November, 13:00-17:00, the outcome of which would feed into the Scottish Government's consultation on local governance.

362.6 Duddingston Road - safety measures

FMc outlined various discussions that had been undertaken regarding improved safety on Duddingston Road. Lorna Henderson, the Schools Officer for Active Travel, had advised that a feasibility study had already been done but it needed to be taken further to the design stage, which required funding. FMc offered to follow up with Lorna, N&WCC and St John's and Duddingston Primary Schools.

Action: FMc to follow up.



362.7 Golf Course

The Council had accepted the Participation Requests from PCC and the Golf Club Action Group. A meeting had been suggested for the week beginning November 5th to discuss improved outcomes. GL offered to attend.

Action: GL to attend meeting.

362.8 Westbank/Pitz

The Council's Finance and Resources Committee had decided to set aside the current sale process and look at producing a new brief for the site with community input. The intention was still to obtain a capital receipt, and constraints still existed regarding Powerleague and their lease, but it was hoped this could lead to a more satisfactory outcome all round. Action Westbank were meeting with Council Officers shortly to discuss next steps forward. The meeting congratulated Action Westbank and Local Councillors for their efforts to date.

362.9 Seafield

Seafield had been identified as a possible development site as part of the ongoing process of forming a new local development plan. A discussion took place about how the local community could have more influence on what development might happen, be it through a Placemaking exercise, a Local Place Plan, or some other mechanism. It was noted that the area fell within the Craigentenny & Meadowbank CC area. Local Cllrs were meeting with the Planning Team and offered to raise the issue. It was agreed to pursue the matter further and discuss again at the next meeting.

362.10 PCC meeting venue

FMc had looked into various possible alternative venues, the most promising one being St John's Church Hall that would be significantly cheaper than the Baptist Church Hall. It was agreed to carry any decision over to the November meeting.

Cllr Mary Campbell had also raised the issue of CC emergency funding at full Council, and the issue was to be looked at as part of the Community Council Scheme Review that was forthcoming.

362.11 The George

The planning appeal had been refused by the Reporter.

362.12 Other Reports

- a. **Treasurer's Report** – DB gave a brief outline of the accounts, with a full report to follow.
- b. **Neighbourhood partnership** – voting on the You Decide bids was now open until November 9th.
- c. **Planning** - COEC were running a consultation until December 31st on possible Common Good assets as part of a review of the Common Good register.
- d. **Joppa Tennis Courts** – No report.
- e. **Councillors** – Cllr Laidlaw noted the ongoing issue of caravans at Kings Place and efforts to resolve problems.



362.13 AOB

Brighton Place – initial excavation was complete and laying of the setts was about to begin. Richard Cobb had been appointed as Liaison Officer for the works. The “Pop into Party” promotion was in progress, with the Xmas event planned for December 6th, 18:30-20:30.

Timebank were planning a clean up of Brighton Park and the Christian Path for Saturday 3rd November at 13:30.

The demolition of St John’s was discussed again, with a number of people expressing the view that it should be saved. However it was again noted that St John’s was in the Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council area, that the decisions on the new park had been taken a considerable time ago, and that the demolition was imminent. Local Cllrs offered to ask the Project Manager if any delay was possible.

The 363rd Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 26th of November 2018 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 28th January (364)
 Monday 25th February (365)

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