



363<sup>rd</sup> PCC Meeting 26/11/2018

## DRAFT Minutes of the 363<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**Present:** Geoff Lynn, Lee Kindness, Justin Kenrick, Sean Watters, Frazer McNaughton, Onyema Ibe, Donald Bloxham, Miranda Hurst, Marjorie Thomas, Elaine Murray.

**Apologies:** Catherine Etoe, Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Callum Laidlaw.

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

### **363.1 Chair's Welcome**

Miranda Hurst welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **362.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

Minutes were agreed.

### **363.3 Police report**

No report.

### **363.4 King's Place**

Having previously been discounted, Officer advice was now that traffic restrictions might be able to be used to resolve the problems at King's Place, and work was continuing to address concerns. Environmental Health had visited the location on a number of occasions but had found no evidence of a problem with human waste.

### **363.5 Skatepark**

Actions were ongoing to arrange a meeting between the park designers and local skaters.

### **363.6 Democracy Matters**

JK reported on the Democracy Matters event looking at how decisions on local issues had been made, the extent to which the community influenced such decisions, and how decision making could be improved. Various suggestions had been made (e.g. Citizen's Juries, a Community Charter, a local People's Assembly etc.) and the intention was to hold a further meeting in the new year to explore such ideas more fully.



## 363.7 Portobello Golf Course

LK and GL had attended a meeting to agree the outcome of the Participation Request. A consultation would be held, around March, with local residents and stakeholders and how to increase the use of the golf course. In addition to consultation events there would be an on-line survey as well.

## 363.8 Seafield/LDP2

Cllrs advised that the Planning Department would welcome further input regarding the possible development of the Seafield area in the medium to long term. It was decided to contact Craigentiny & Meadowbank Community Council about a possible consultation, which could also extend to Leith Links CC.

**Action: SW to contact C&M cc.**

## 363.9 PCC meeting venue

Glen Innes, the new Minister of Portobello Baptist Church, introduced himself. He was aware the Community Council had been looking at alternative meeting venues as a cost saving measure, and suggested that the meeting room on the High Street might be suitable. It was agreed to have a look after the meeting. **(N.B. post meeting it was agreed to try out the space at the January meeting).**

## 363.10 Other Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report** – DB issued a financial report. With the expected reduction in meeting space rental, the finances were expected to be sustainable, though events such as hustings could pose a significant cost.
- b. Neighbourhood partnership** – a survey had been launched on the You Decide process and was open until December 13<sup>th</sup>. The next NP meeting was Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the East Team offices.
- c. Planning** - Nothing to report.
- d. Joppa Tennis Courts** – the bid to You Decide for a publicly accessible defibrillator had been successful. Discussions were ongoing about the Council's proposed rent increase that would have a significant impact. It was suggested the PCC could become involved to escalate the matter, but that would be guided by what JTC wished to do.
- e. Councillors** – The problems the bin collection were explained, a combination of a new system and new routes causing confusion. It was hoped problems would be resolved in the next few weeks.



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## 363.11 AOB

A local Portobello SPOKES group had been set up.

The 364<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church, 189 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are:           Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February           (365)  
  Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March               (366)

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*363<sup>rd</sup> PCC meeting closed*