



366th PCC Meeting 25/03/2019

DRAFT Minutes of the 366th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 25th March 2019.

Present: Madeline Begg, Onyema Ibe, Catherine Etoe, Lee Kindness, Justin Kenrick, Sean Watters, Frazer McNaughton, Marjorie Thomas, Esther Grey, Elaine Murray, Geoff Lynn (part of meeting).

Apologies: Donald Bloxham, Miranda Hurst, Cllr Kate Campbell, PC Gemma Knox.

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

366.1 Chair's Welcome

Lee Kindness welcomed everyone to the meeting.

366.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The PCC had received an objection to the wording of minute 365.9 regarding PONGS. Justin Kenrick noted the importance of being civil and constructive in response to the objection and suggested possible changes. After discussion a change to the wording was agreed, as were the minutes.

366.3 Police report

The Police Report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

366.4 Beach Safety

Calum McNicol (Coastguard) and PC Callum Clark (Police) introduced themselves and gave a presentation about improving safety on Portobello Beach. They were in discussion with COEC about the possibility of introducing new signage along the Prom (at the head of each groyne) that would give safety information and define locations, making it easier for emergency services to be on scene quickly. There was a standard template for the design of the signs but there were various ways they could be adapted to local circumstances, so it also presented an opportunity to rationalise and consolidate the wide variety of existing signage. In discussion there was support for the proposals in principle, but that there was a balance to be struck to avoid visual clutter whilst still being prominent for safety reasons. Calum McNicol noted that there was an existing example of the type of sign proposed in front of the swimming pool, and also offered to produce some visual mock-ups. It was agreed to run a consultation to gather people's views on the signage.

Action: Consultation on signage proposals

366.5 Straiton Park Charity Day

Albert Strand gave an update. Whilst he was able to arrange the licences for the event, it was simpler if the request to use the park came from a charity or the PCC. The afternoon of Friday May 17th was agreed for the event, and the PCC agreed to apply for permission and to approach local charities about participating. Madeline Begg offered to apply to Parks.

Action: Apply for permission and approach local charities



366.6 Seafield/LDP2

Sean Watters gave an update on LDP2 having attended a presentation given by the CityPlan 2030 team. The timetable had been delayed awaiting sign-off of the regional plan by the Scottish Government. Andrew Fournet of Craigentinny Meadowbank CC had also attended the meeting and was interested in consultation on Seafield as a possible development site. Sean Watters had also contacted Ben Wilson in Planning who had welcomed the idea, suggesting it might be done at the same time as the consultation on the Main Issues Report. After discussion it was felt that it might be better to progress the consultation prior to the MIR, with the suggestion that Placemaking exercises could be undertaken as had already been done as part of the LDP2 process. Sean Watters agreed to contact Ben Wilson again with a view to progressing a consultation involving Craigentinny Meadowbank CC, Portobello CC and Leith Links CC

Action: SW to contact Ben Wilson

366.7 Review of Community Council Scheme

Sean Watters had attended the meeting organised by Leith Links CC and gave a brief update. Whilst there had been questions over how some of the changes might work in practice, there was little to object to in the proposed changes. It was noted that the consultation ran till April 22nd so people could respond individually, but the PCC decided to make no response.

366.8 Portobello Golf Course

The survey had been finalised, and had improved, with the consultation now due to start April 23rd. The PCC to promote the consultation in due course.

366.9 Kings Place

The TRO restricting parking times was in progress, although the number of responses the PCC had received in the consultation had been low. It was noted that a second TRO in the same area would be forthcoming to alter the Prom and cycle route. Concerns were expressed that the plan adopted for the second TRO constricted the Prom too much, and that it would be better to consult on the design prior to the TRO being lodged. Cllr Mary Campbell e-mailed Darren Ryan regarding the issue and Lee Kindness also agreed to contact him about a consultation.

Action: Contact Darren Ryan regarding consultation on the second TRO

366.10 Other Reports

a. Treasurer's Report – No report.

b. Neighbourhood partnership – A decision on the name for the new Community Planning bodies was expected soon.

c. Planning - No items

d. Joppa Tennis Courts – The increase in rent had been waived for at least the next year, freeing up funds for roof repairs.

e. Councillors – Cllr Callum Laidlaw noted that concerns had again been raised about very early morning deliveries and waste pick-ups at the bottom of Bath Street. He was keen to hear from anyone who had experienced it so he could establish the scale of the problem.



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366.11 AOB

Marjorie Thomas noted the new plaque at the Kilns and how good it was. The replacement sign on the Prom was also noted. The meeting thanked the Signs and Plaques committee and all the work they had done.

Justin Kenrick noted suggestions that had been made about the conduct of meetings: Community Councillors introducing themselves at the start of meetings, allowing discussion amongst PCC members before opening up for comments or queries from the public, individuals introducing themselves before speaking etc.

Catherine Etoe suggested an informal meeting to talk through the issues that had arisen recently. It was agreed to meet at 19:00 prior to the next meeting for an informal discussion.

The 367th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday 29th April 2019 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church, 189 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are:	Monday 27 th May	(368)
	Monday 24 th June	(369)

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