



367th PCC Meeting 29/04/2019

## DRAFT Minutes of the 367th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 29th April 2019

**Present:** Madeline Begg, Donald Bloxham, Catherine Etoe, Miranda Hurst, Onyema Ibe, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn (part of meeting), Frazer McNaughton, Elaine Murray, Marjorie Thomas.

**Apologies:** Esther Gray, Justin Kenrick, Sean Watters, Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Kate Campbell, PC Gemma Knox

**In Attendance:** Cllr Callum Laidlaw and members of the public.

### 367.1 Chair's Welcome & Introductions

Miranda welcomed everyone to the meeting and each member of the Community Council introduced themselves and, where relevant, their role.

### 367.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed.

There was a brief discussion about the consultation about the use of Portobello Golf Course which is live until 10 May.

### 367.3 Police report

There was no one in attendance from Police Scotland.

### 367.4 Straiton Park Charity Day

Albert Reid gave an update. He has spoken to Friends of Porty Prom and Beach Wheelchairs and they will be collecting donations from users of the inflatable (instead of users paying the normal charge) during the afternoon of Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Action: PCC to publicise the event through normal communication channels**

### 367.5 Edinburgh Palette

Brief information exchange about the successful planning application for the Stanley Street Container Village from Edinburgh Palette. There was one objection to the application.

### 367.6 European Election Hustings

The PCC has previously hosted election hustings but it was agreed that this should not happen for the European Elections taking place on 23 May.

### 367.7 Seafield/Local Development Plan 2

The discussion built on previous PCC conversations about the LDP2 and the importance of working with the other Community Councils (Craigentinny, Meadowbank and Leith Links) to influence the waterfront development and ensure that the relevant infrastructure is in place. Recognising that there is a narrow window of opportunity to influence and inform decisions about potential developments at Seafield, it was agreed that the PCC should ask the relevant officer within City of Edinburgh Council for a place-making exercise.



**Action: Miranda to contact Ben Wilson to request a place-making exercise for the Seafield site identified in LDP2**

## **367.8 Kings Place**

Cllr Laidlaw provided an update on the Traffic Restriction Order (TRO) being introduced at King's Place that will restrict parking to four hours with no overnight parking between 8pm and 8am. There was a discussion about the second TRO that will alter the width and layout of the path and how it links with the Prom, and the various challenges of tackling and moving the caravans. A member of the public shared images of the selection of caravans and mobile homes that are permanently parked on Kings Place. Cllr Laidlaw confirmed that the Police will be able to move on the caravans and he expects this to happen during May.

## **367.9 Other Reports**

**a. Treasurer's Report** – Donald explained that the insurance, which covers public liability for meetings, the noticeboard and the lightbox, is due for renewal. The new insurance premium is higher by approximately £20 and will cost £250 per annum. This was agreed.

**Action: Donald to renew insurance**

**b. Neighbourhood partnership** – now called the Neighbourhood Networks is meeting on 22 May and Catherine and/or Elaine will attend on behalf of PCC.

**c. Planning** – Two issues were discussed. The planning application for the 19 new houses near Brunstane House which has been revised. The PCC supports this revised application but would like to appropriate contributions to maintain the existing footpaths. The second discussion was about the lease for the former public toilets at Joppa which the City Council has advertised.

**Action: Frazer to comment on the revised application on the planning portal and Lee to publicise the lease opportunity through PCC communication channels.**

**d. Joppa Tennis Courts** – The annual Open Day will be held on Saturday 18 May 10.30am - 5pm everyone welcome.

**e. Councillors** – Cllr Callum Laidlaw confirmed that the work with families in Williamfield Square to reduce the anti-social behaviour has resulted in a particular family being moved to another area of the city and this should lead to an improvement in the situation. He discussed the challenge of littering and overflowing bins with the influx of visitors during the warm weather. St Andrews will employ someone to do litter picking during the busy periods and the City Council are looking at ways to manage the volume of rubbish, particularly along the Prom. A compacting bin has been trialled and some of these bins have been ordered for Portobello.

## **367.10 AOB**

The Academy of Urbanism has shortlisted Portobello in the Great Neighbourhood category of their 2020 Urbanism Award, along with Levenshulme in Manchester and South Bank in Leeds.

The 368th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council is to be held on Monday 27th May 2019 at 7.30pm in Portobello Baptist Church, 189 Portobello High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 24th June (369)

*367<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting closed*