

Portobello Community Council

Draft minutes of the 369th meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on Monday 24th June 2019

Present:

Geoff Lynn, Donald Bloxham, Lee Kindness, Esther Gray, Marjorie Thomas, Elaine Murray, Onyema Ibe, Sean Waters, Fraser McNaughton, Justin Kendrick, Catherine Etoe.
Councillors Mary Campbell, Kate Campbell, Maureen Child.

Apologies:

Madeline Begg, Miranda Hurst, Councillor Callum Laidlaw.

369.1 Chair's welcome

Lee Kindness chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

369.2 Previous minutes and matters arising

The minutes were agreed nem con.

Brighton Place setts. There was a general discussion on progress. Catherine had failed to receive a requested update on progress. It emerged during the discussion that a new team was being added by the contractors to get the work back on schedule.

369.3 Police Report

PC Martin Wood gave this months report. Three housebreakings, several bike thefts and youths using the empty council owned property at Pittville Place Lane as a den was reported. Parking around local schools continues to be monitored. Shop Watch is an initiative between police and shopkeepers to identify shoplifters in the area. The prom will be patrolled regularly throughout the summer.

369.4 Portobello Town Hall

The town hall will be closed from July 1st to assess the condition of the hall. All letts have been cancelled. Approximately £1million worth of repairs is necessary.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 26th June with a view to having a public meeting in August to allow residents of Portobello to discuss the future of the hall.

Fraser to pass on details of Penicuik Town hall campaign.

Someone(?) to check with The Washhouse for plans done some time ago by Ian Usher, local architect.

369.5 Oscar Group Community Grant

There was a discussion around the complexity of this issue, mainly concerning the onerous nature of taking responsibility for running the process.

Donald and Onyema to to meet with Harim Murdochy to discuss a simple way for PCC to help Oscars.

369.6 Portobello Golf Course – consultation results

Edinburgh Leisure has finished the consultation and this will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Lee and Geoff to follow this up.

369.7 King's Place – latest

Members of PCC met with Darren Ryan and Evelyn Kilmurray of Edinburgh City Council at Kings Place to discuss possible options for the PCC consultation. This consultation, with three options will begin in a few weeks and will be live for four weeks.

369.8 Other Reports

a) Treasurer: No formal report as there are problems with accessing the online account. Donald reported that the Community Council is in better financial health than last year.

b) Neighbourhood Network: Elaine reported on the well attended initial meeting of this new Council initiative which was held on 29th May. 34 groups attended as well as councillors, police, social work and NHS. The aim is to create a sharing “hub” where poverty, loneliness, inequality etc can be addressed in a coordinated and timely manner.

c) Planning: no update on Westbank.

d) Joppa Tennis Courts: Marjorie reported there will be free tennis in the school holidays.

e) Councillors: no reports other than the contributions made during the above discussions.

369.9 AOB

369.10 Next meeting

The next meeting of Portobello Community Council will be on Monday 26th August 2019 at 7.30 in Baptist Church Café, 189 Portobello High Street.