



## Minutes of the 371st Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (DRAFT)

**Present:** Mike Leeman, Craig McIntyre, Lee Kindness, Ruth Wallace, Frazer McNaughton, Catherine Etoe, Elaine Murray, Esther Gray, Paul Goodwin, John Cleland, Lauren Berrie, Rhys Nealon,

**Apologies:** Geoff Lynn (Towerbank PC), Miranda Hurst, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis), Cllr Callum Laidlaw

**In Attendance:** Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Kate Campbell, PC John Anderson. PC Gareth Dearney and members of the public

### 371.1 Chair's Welcome & Introductions

Mary Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting. As this was the first meeting of the new council office bearers were chosen. Co-Chair – Lee Kindness and Miranda Hurst, Secretary- Mike Leeman, treasurer – Stephen Hawkins, Engagement Officer – this was delayed until the next meeting to let the new councillors settle in. Mary then stepped away and Lee took over Chair. Each member of the Community Council introduced themselves

### 371.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed.

### 368.3 Police report

Police Report by John Anderson and Gareth Dearney, Gemma is currently injured so PC Amanda McIntyre will be filling in her role.

Bonfire night – there will be extended patrols and Portobello is also part of the dispersal zone which will run from 2pm to midnight 1<sup>st</sup> November through 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Just Eat bikes have been taken away from Tumbles due to theft and vandalism. They are now stationed at the bottom of King's Road.

No other business, feeling things are quiet in Portobello at the moment

### 371.4 King's Place Update

- a. There has been conversation with Eveyln Killmurry about the findings of the consultation. The council are very welcoming of the data. There are some legal issues around the caravans that need to be resolved before the next stage, the council are keen to get all of the interested groups together to form a discussion.
- b. If changes are to be made Sustrans would give up to 100% of funding for the design phase and up to 50% of the capital costs.
- c. Slight worry that the process seems to be stagnating
- d. A representative from King's Place Reimagined spoke and they are planning a meeting to discuss options and hopefully progress

**ACTION – Councillors to follow up with the relevant parties within CEC.**



## 371.5 Safer Routes to School

Catherine talked through the deputation she was involved with to the council about the route from Portobello up Duddingston Road. Despite the deputation nothing has changed in regards measures to prevent parking or enforcement of this. There was also concern that if the road is resurfaced it will delay any advancement of parking restrictions.

**ACTION: PCC to draft a letter to CEC to encourage them to expedite this.**

## 371.6 What is a Community Council

Discussion around what a Community Council is and also about how best to communicate with the community. How we as a Community Council can make best use of our individual skills.

**ACTION : New community councillors to attend the sessions that CEC are providing on 9th and 13th November. Catherine and Elaine to tidy up the library space. Skillshare space to be put onto Basecamp.**

## 371. 8 Other Reports

**a. Treasurer's Report** – Lee believes the accounts are ready to be submitted. Stephen to follow up

**b. Neighbourhood Network** – Elaine met with the Neighbourhood Network as community grants are now available for application. There was also a presentation by the National Lottery who are encouraging local groups to apply for lottery grants as a lot of the bureaucracy has now gone from the process. Mary Campbell brought up the fact that the locality partnership is meeting in December and whether someone from the P&C NN should be there. **Lee to follow up with Geoff Pearson (Northfield Willowbrae CC / vice-chair of the NE LCPP).**

**c. Planning** – Nothing significant to report

### **d. Councillors**

The initial state of the Town Hall Report was not thorough enough, a new survey has been done and Peter Whatton is pulling it together, this can then go out to the community and next steps discussed.

Mary spoke of lots of questions about Brunstane Road and the potential for the closure to continue. Once Brighton Place opens Brunstane Road will reopen. There is a drop in on 29th October for residents in the immediate vicinity to voice their views on what could happen. If anything is decided to change it will then go to a full consultation as it will require a TRO.

## 371.9 AOB

No AOB on this meeting. A question was asked if we should put AOB at the start of the session but it was felt best to keep it at the end to give people a chance to think and react to it.

Promotion of the PCC was discussed and agreed to put up new posters on notice boards in the area.

The 371st PCC meeting was closed.

The next meeting is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019