



Minutes of the 374th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 24th February 2020

Present: Mike Leeman, Craig McIntyre, Lee Kindness, Frazer McNaughton, Elaine Murray, John Cleland, Lauren Berrie, Rhys Nealon, Stephen Hawkins, Geoff Lynn

Apologies: Ruth Wallace, Miranda Hurst, Ester Gray, Cllr Kate Campbell, Cllr Mary Campbell

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Callum Laidlaw, Martin Wood (Police Scotland) and 19 members of the public

374.1 Chair's Welcome & Introductions

Lee welcomed everyone and there were introductions. It was also explained that in a slight change to the Agenda there would be a presentation by pupils of Portobello High School at the start of the meeting and that there would not be the ELGT presentation.

374.2 Presentation by Portobello High School

The deputy Head Boy and Girl presented to the meeting about items that had been happening at Portobello High School over the past 12 months. Of note are there are 1400 pupils on the school role (up 280). There has been work on Pathway to Education. They have reached the semi-finals of the SCottus hNetball Cup. In March 90 pupils are going to see the Lion King. 27th March there is the annual school Cabaret. There has been some good joint work with the Rotary club including a quiz night. The school is working hard to achieve the LGBT Silver award. There has been some strong work for charities including Scottish Poppy Appeal and Mary's Meals. The annual Prom is on June 10th at the Balmoral.

374.3 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed.

374.4 Police report

Martin Cook from Police Scotland presented. In all there has not been too much to report. A few housebreakings. This led to Martin offering to come and talk to individual households about their security or to organise a workshop for the wider community to attend. The caravan parked on the Coillesdene Avenue is not illegally parked so not a police matter, but they have spoken to Council officers. The Councillors are aware. A representative from Spokes Porty asked if Operation Close Pass can be brought to Portobello. There was also a question as to if doorbell cameras work and anecdotally the answer was yes.

374.5 Straiton Place Park Charity Day

Reid Amusements wants to run another charity day this year and would like the Community Council to pick the charity. 2 years ago it was for Towerbank and last year for Beach Wheelchairs. One Suggestion was for Ovarian Cancer Charity (which Marjorie Thomas was raising money for).

ACTION: To decide on Basecamp with options.

374.6 King Place

We had been promised an update but there is not one so needs to be carried forward to March. There was a plea not to park so close to the bicycle Sheffield Stands on Kings Place and that the Emergency access gates were also often blocked.



374.7 CityPlan and Mobility Plan 2030

Cllr Maureen Child gave an introduction to why the CityPlan and Mobility plan have been launched. In short it is a legal requirement for CEC to have a plan in place and the current one finishes in January 2021. The essence of the Cityplan is to stop planning by appeal and introduce a vision for what Edinburgh will look like and how growth will mean the need to change places. The preferred choice for CEC is for Brownfield development and this is why sites have been chose. The Mobility plan is more around how we are going to move around the city. The consultation closes on 31st March

There are various drop in sessions happening. The Portobello one happened on 8th February and was well attended.

From a Community Council perspective the council has 17 questions on their consultation and we should decide on which are the most important in relation to the Portobello area.

Lee suggested 12a around place was the most important and highlight the sites that would affect Portobello (namely Seafield, Westbank, Hi-Fi Corner). Should we also consider other questions for consultation.

Questions from the public included : Should there be consideration for Leisure. What consideration has there been for sea levels and flood management.

Discussion was around how we produce a consultation that can answer the council, represent the community and not be too onerous to complete or compile. There was also the question of how we try to ensure engagement.

ACTION: Laurie/Lee to draw up initial consultation focusing on question 12 and engagement text for other options; share with community councillors on Basecamp and then Laurie to publicise it. Timescales are to have agreement on consultation within one week. 2 weeks to run the consultation and 1 week to compile and send to CEC before 31st March. Exact dates to be decided and ensure published on consultation

374.8 Drop-In Session

The councillors in conjunction with the Community Council are having a drop-in session on 3rd March at Portobello Library from 4.30pm – 7.30pm. It is an opportunity for the public to raise any issues with transport and transport plans.

ACTION: PCC to publicise the event. In attendance from PCC will be Frazer McNaughton, Craig McIntyre and Stephen Hawkins.

374.9 Brunstane Road/Joppa Triangle

There was a summary of what the briefing note contained, and that the council were going to recommend an experimental traffic order to close Brunstane Road for 18 months and change permeability to some of the roads leading from Milton Road to Coilledenes. There had been correspondence with the Community Council, an online petition of almost 500 people, and vocally at the meeting that there had not been enough consultation or analysis with the wider community and the process seems to be rushed through.

There is a consensus that as a Community Council we should produce a consultation which can be presented to the transport committee in May along with the Council's recommendations. There was concern about what the question(s) should be and how to measure a balance of opinion.

ACTION: Lee and Laurie to draft a consultation which will then be agreed on Basecamp and published before the next meeting.

374.10 a Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that there had been no movement on the PCC account since the last meeting and that the balance stood at £1,811.66. The Traders' balance is £1,259.47 (+ £0.06). Stephen has prepped the annual accounts and they are redy to be signed off and sent to the council.

374.10 b Neighbourhood Network



Nothing to report. Cllr Maureen Child has a meeting on 4th March about Neighbourhood Network.

374.10 c Planning

i) Standard Life Site Amendment (Baileyfield South)

This has been withdrawn by the developer

ii) Rosefield Church

There has been an application for 6 residential units up from 4

iii) Boathouse

Went to sub-committee and refused retrospective planning permission

iv) Boatyard (Sailing and Kayak Club)

Application to remove the current shed and replace with a permanent building with changing facilities

ACTION: All of the above to be published on the CC website

374.10 d Councillors

Cllr Callum Laidlaw is working with the pet shop Harry's Trates to organise a dog show in Rosefield Park on 31st May.

374.11 Governance

As there has been some confusion around certain aspects of responsibilities it was suggested that we print out the governance advice for each community councillor and to put in the library. It was decided this would not be best use of money or the environment so to distribute electronically.

It was agreed to set a date for a private meeting to work on agreed process. Date to be confirmed.

ACTION: Mike to distribute governance advice to all Community Councillors. Decide on a date for the process meeting

374.12 AOB

No AOB

The 373rd PCC meeting was closed at 21:00

The next meeting is Monday 30th March 2020