



## Minutes of the 370th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

### 370.1 Chair's Welcome (Chair: Miranda and Lee/ Minutes: Justin)

PCC members and councilors (C) introduced themselves:

Frazer McNaughton, Justin Kenrick, Esther Clayton, Miranda Hurst, Lee Kindness, Mary Campbell (C), Calum Laidlaw (C), Maureen Child (C), Cath Etoe

### 370.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The following clarifications to 369.4 was agreed: The 'someone' noted as to contact 'Ian Usher' should be corrected to 'Stephen Hawkins to contact Ian Abbott'

### 370.3 Police Report

No police report

### 370.4 King's Place – consultation result & actions

Consultation ran for 2 weeks, had 1,058 responses, 58% from within PCC boundary  
Not everyone answered every question. Parking question got most response.

Summary of results for the three options:

1st option - status quo - 65% people objected

2nd option- 9 meter path - 64% supported

3rd option- pedestrianisation - 69% supported

On restricting overnight parking:

Overnight parking restriction received 81% support

9.5% of responses were from neighbouring roads: for whom option 3 was still most preferred at 54% (but less so than general sample) and majority are for parking restrictions (but a larger % are against it than in the wider community).

Next step: tighten up the data, pass on this to the council (including active travel)

**Action:** PCC to communicate to community and council that we see the results as positive, exciting and that as a community we should get hold of funding for design and implementation, and ask the council to match fund that.

### 370.5 Sandcastle competition at Big Beach Busk (Sat 31 Aug) and Duck races at Porty Village Show (Sun 1 Sep)

**Action:** Esther offered to help with the Duck race, PCC will share a stall with Porty Beach folk

### 370.6 Community Council elections: Mary Campbell informed us of the following timeline:

9th Sept - open for nominations



30th Sept 4pm - deadline for nominations/ change of mind

10th Oct - publication for notice if election needed

30th Oct - polling day

Maximum of 21 (14 elected individuals, 7 reps from groups). Groups have to be constituted for a year (if too many in group category all groups meet and have secret ballot).

**Action:** Mary to send info to Lee for PCC website, and Mary to put up posters.

### 370.7 Other Reports

- a. Treasurer report **was summarised**. **Action:** Lee to **post to website**
- b. Neighbourhood Network - noted that the environmental network is now wrapped up and it is up to Neighbourhood networks to decide whether to reconstitute this
- c. Planning - nothing except license application on Straiton Place Park for a food and drink license. The Council has advertised for this. Deadline 17th Sept.

**Action** PCC to communicate to CEC:

1. that there were serious concerns expressed at the community council meeting about this planning application,
  2. that the PCC point is disappointed CEC have advertised it without consulting the PCC, and
  3. that there is insufficient information for the PCC to consult on this since we can't tell what size it would be and whether it is stationary or would move, and the map is inaccurate.
- d. Joppa Community Tennis Courts – business as usual
  - e. Councillors – no specific reports

### 370.8 PONGS clarifications

The following clarifications to the January and February 2019 minutes on the PONGS item were agreed:

*A clarification that PONGS is not a community group but a campaign group.*

*A clarification that the funds transferred by PCC to PONGS as a contribution to consultants' expenses took place in 2009, (which was stated at the January meeting).*

*A clarification that Stephen Hawkins was responding to the request for information on behalf of PONGS and not as an individual.*

**Additional Action:** A statement to be added (and asterisked) to the January and February minutes on PONGS stating that clarification of the minute is given in the August 2019 minute.

### 370.9 AOB:

Mary Campbell reported on the 'Save the Town Hall' community meeting in Bellfield on Saturday: 40 people attended. Peter Wharton gave us an update on broader context of huge demands on the council to upgrade schools first. 3 options were considered: community ownership, social enterprise, or a hybrid approach. Those



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present preferred the hybrid of the community and council drawing up a brief for the Town Hall and then working with a social enterprise or local person to enable the Town Hall to once again be at the centre of Portobello life.

**370.10 Date of next meeting:** Monday 30th September at 7.30 pm, Portobello Baptist Church Cafe, 189 Portobello High Street

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