



## Minutes of the 380th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 22nd February 2021 AGREED

**Present:** Mike Leeman (Secretary), Craig McIntyre (Co-Chair), Lee Kindness (Co-Chair), Frazer McNaughton, Laurie Berrie (Engagement Officer), Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer), Geoff Lynn, Miranda Hurst, Catherine Etoe, Elaine Murray, Rhys Nealon

**Apologies:** Cllr Kate Campbell, Cllr Mary Campbell, Police Scotland

**In Attendance:** Cllr Maureen Child, 46 Members of the public

### 380.1 Chair's Welcome & Introductions

Lee Kindness welcomed everyone and there were introductions. Mike Leeman explained how the meeting would work as it was online and if anyone wanted to say something to raise a virtual hand and we would work through the questions and statements.

### 380.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed.

In regards **379.3 (Town Hall Proposals and Presentations)** We collated questions from the community and fed back to both groups. We concurrently ran a consultation which gathered 143 responses. Geoff Lynn summarised them for the meeting and these will be sent to committee and published.

**ACTION: Collate and publish. Send to Peter Watton at CEC for inclusion in his report.**

### 380.3 Forthcoming Spaces for People Consultation

The consultation went live this afternoon (22/2/21) and we talked about how we as a community council could feed into this with regard the parts of the scheme within the community council areas. It was agreed that we would publicise the consultation and that we would also provide top level guidance for people on how to complete as it was felt that it was a cumbersome consultation.

**ACTION: Publicise and help streamline the filling in of the forms**

### 380.4 Pipe Lane Toilets

Craig McIntyre gave a background to the toilet proposition (see August 2020) that the toilet block at the end of Pipe Lane could potentially be put out to tender to be run by a private business. Craig shared a mood board and plan which could be shared with the wider community to show the intent and engage with the community on their thoughts. Frazer McNaughton suggested that we first send this back to Graeme McGartland (Estates dept) in CEC to ensure that the council were happy with the framing. Geoff Lynn asked a question around what we are proposing as he was not clear on what we would ask people. Frazer said that this was an opening conversation to engage with the community but was setting parameters for a kiosk and new facilities as proposed to PCC back in October. The council have suggested that they would support and open ended tender brief that could help secure community and wider public benefits. Geoff was concerned that there was a risk expectation levels would be raised too highly. There was concern from a member of the public that the disabled facilities would be retained. Frazer underlined that the initiative is to improve facilities not take them away.

**ACTION: Share with Graeme McGartland to gain thoughts on next steps.**

### 380.5 Kings Road Junction

Lee shared that there has been discussion with members of the community council, Spokes Party and CEC about the short and medium term options. It has been good talking but there is frustration that nothing firm is happening.

Kirsty Lewin from Spokes Party echoed this and that frustration is an understatement. Spokes Party have also had informal meetings to try and look at options and get something in place as an interim measure as still nothing at all has been done. There was discussion about HGVs servicing the high street and if it was a



designated HGV route. It was acknowledged that a longer-term solution will take more planning but so far there has not been any short term solution implemented.

**ACTIONS: Continue dialogue with CEC. Find out more about the HGV Routes. Share the CEC proposals wider. Invite the CEC team to the next meeting to discuss further.**

## **380.6 Website Accessibility**

A CEC have asked all community councils to ensure that they comply with the government accessibility guidelines we need to look at if we are an accessible website and what statements need to be put onto it.

**ACTION: Run through the guidelines and draft a statement to put onto the website**

## **380.7 a Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer deposited the £ 50.00 cheque from Portobello Amenity Society for their half-share of the insurance excess for the repair to the Seaside board as notified at the January meeting. The only expenditure has been the data protection registration fee with the Information Commissioner's Office for £40. The account balance is currently £ 1,908.27.

Stephen Hawkins would like to change the contact details that the ICO holds for the community council however they need the security number. If anyone is aware of this number, or who might have it, can they please let me know.

Stephen has yet to receive the £ 342.00 to be returned to the Traders' Account from the Winter Wonderland project. At present this account stands at £ 863.33.

## **380.7 b Police**

No one from Police Scotland was able to attend. Mike Leeman asked if there were any questions to be passed to them. Craig McIntyre noted that there has been an upsurge in local bicycle thefts recently.

## **380.7 c Planning**

Lee Kindness summarised the 14 Bath Street consultation. It was broadly the same as the last time that this consultation ran, majority of the community not in favour.

**ACTION: Send an objection to the Council and publicise this on the website.**

## **380.7 d Councillors**

Nothing extra to note

## **380.8 AOB**

Nothing

The meeting concluded at 20:30

The next meeting is Monday 29th March 2021