



## Minutes of the 383rd Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 31st May 2021 DRAFT

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

**Apologies:** Catherine Etoe

**In Attendance:**, Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Kate Campbell, Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Callum Laidlaw, 15 Members of the public

### 383.1 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.

### 383.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes were agreed.

Re **382.3 Toilet Provision**. Bath Street toilets are due to open in June.

### 383.3 Pipe Lane Toilet Consultation Results

Lee Kindness Summarised the results and these will be posted onto the PCC website. Craig McIntyre and Frazer McNaughton talked about how the next steps were to present these results to Edinburgh Council to allow them to start to take the next steps in the process.

There was a question if 'pay to use' toilets had been considered but it was felt that this would not solve the current and projected future needs.

**ACTION : Craig McIntyre and Frazer McNaughton to share the results with the community and council partners.**

### 383.4 Road Safety

Craig McIntyre summarised the current situation and that members of PCC and local groups have been liaising with the council to try and push things forward but there was frustration that nothing still had happened. Cllr. Callum Laidlaw has been told that a design for Abercorn Terrace is forthcoming in September and when asked what would happen if this slipped again it was felt that more pressure could be put onto the council.

Cllr. Kate Campbell shared the disappointment at lack of progress and is also happy to raise points with the council.

Rhys Nealon talked through the fact that Duddingston and St Johns Primary schools are running a pupil led campaign following on from the Park Smart campaign along Duddingston Road. There was a feeling of frustration that enforcement was not happening to illegally parked cars.

### 383.5 Amplified Music on the Prom

Mike Leeman summarised a complaint that had been sent to PCC and local councillors from Portobello Promenade Resident Association about 2 topics. The fact that amplified music was getting more constant on the prom and that there have been lots of noise pollution from late night visitors to the prom and beach.

Cllr. Maureen Child has been in touch with the council and the resident association to put them in touch with the correct departments about amplified music. In summary of the replies excessive noise is a Police issue and so the best course of action for the resident association or anyone else having noise problems would be to call 101 or 999 for persistent noise nuisance. Stephen Hawkins also underlined that when there have been problems in Rosefield Park recently the police on 101 have been very responsive.

**ACTION: Mike Leeman to send a message to the community police to inform them of the complaint and what they would suggest the best way to report would be.**



## 383.6 a Treasurer's Report

There has been one item of expenditure during the month since the last meeting which was the annual insurance fee of £264.12. This leaves the balance of the account at £ 1,520.75.

The Traders' account balance is £1205.36.

A budget for the year 2021 to 2022 was posted on Basecamp on May 10th . There have been no comments posted. There were no comments or queries from members and Treasurer proposed that the budget is approved.

## 383.6 b Police

No one from Police Scotland was able to attend.

## 384.6 c Planning

Lee Kindness said that the Pipe Lane consultation closes this Sunday and then it would be summarised and a response sent to the planning officers.

Stephen Hawkins raised the publication, not the promotion, of planning applications on the PCC website. Recently two applications had been asked to be publicised by separate community council members, one receiving 77 and the other 116 comments on the CEC planning portal indicating a high level of public interest in these applications. The proposal was that, in order to be consistent, all applications that were not householder applications, minor listed building consent, tree preservation orders etc. be publicised. As an indication of numbers during the previous month 15 applications were made in the area with only two that would be publicised under this proposal, one of which, Pipe Lane, had been publicised on the PCC website.

There was discussion amongst the PCC members about the validity of this and it was seen that there was perhaps a lack of understanding of planning for some of the newer members of the community council and those without in-depth knowledge of the planning rules. Members of the public also asked about putting up the weekly list, or a link to it after GDPR rules were mentioned.

After a long discussion it was agreed to keep the system as is at present but for the secretary to write to the council to find out about a planning training session and how we can best advertise the lists on the PCC website.

**ACTION: Mike Leeman to write to the council to find out about a planning training session and how we can best advertise the lists on the PCC website.**

## 383.6 d Councillors

Cllr. Callum Laidlaw with the other councillors had productive meetings with the chief superintendent and that the good news was there would start to be more of a police presence in Portobello Police Station again.

## 383.6 AOB

Lee Kindness congratulated Portobello Central on being the group that was picked to bring the Town Hall Back into action

The meeting concluded at 21.30

The next meeting was due on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, however due to holidays this has been postponed until 26<sup>th</sup> July