



## Minutes of the 385th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 AGREED

**Present:** Mike Leeman (Secretary), Lee Kindness (Co-Chair), Craig McIntyre (Co-Chair), Laurie Berrie, Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer)(PAS), Catherine Etoe (B&RRA), Frazer McNaughton, Rhys Nealon (Duddingston PS), Miranda Hurst, Esther Clayton

**Apologies:** Elaine Murray, Geoff Lynn (Towerbank PS), Tommy Sheppard MP

**In Attendance:**, Cllr Kate Campbell, Cllr. Mary Campbell, Cllr. Maureen Child, Cllr. Callum Laidlaw, 14 Members of the public

### 385.1 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.

### 385.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

The minutes for the June Meeting were agreed and the July Meeting was discussed, whilst it was classed as an informal meeting minutes were still taken.

From the previous two meetings the following was discussed.

**Pipe Lane Toilets** – Craig McIntyre said that there had been a delay due to the Summer holidays but that there was due to be a further meeting with the council to discuss options.

**Kings Place** - Still no movement on what was happening with the caravans.

**Notice Boards** – one more quote had been obtained which was twice the amount of the previous quote so it was proposed by Mike Leeman and Seconded by Stephen Hawkins that the treasurer would engage with the original quote to get the noticeboards repainted.

### 385.7 b Police

PC Anna Morrison was standing in for PC Gareth Deering and it was decided to let her speak next.

In August there were no house break ins, 1 hate crime, 10 ASBO and 4 Bike Theft.

The biggest issues that the police faced was the Prom and as Operation Drift was running things did improve but they recognised that there were things that they will be able to improve for next year but there was recognition that the pandemic has fed into the problems as well as lots of alcohol involved but the police do want to make sure that they have responded proportionately. There have been fewer calls to Rosefield Park. There were issues on Lothian Buses but these have dwindled. There have also been big issues with motorists parking on zig zags.

Catherine Etoe asked about what enforcement there could be on school routes (particularly around Duddingston Road)

Anna replied that whilst police have attended several times because of the hi-viz that they wear motorists drive off before any warning or advice can be issued. They are planning to attend in August and September and the schools have been asked to put out a note to say that the police will be issuing tickets as the warnings do not seem to have made any material difference.

### 385.3 Portobello Controlled Parking Zone

Lee Kindness summarised the leaflet that had been delivered and that there was an open consultation which runs until 5<sup>th</sup> September. There is a proposal to put in mixed permit and pay and display in Portobello. Particularly focused on the West End up to Abercorn Park.

Craig McIntyre suggested that this would cause further problems with parking in the East of Portobello and Joppa. He was also concerned about what this would mean for Portobello as a destination for visitors and



also how this scheme might factor in travel across the whole of the area. He raised a point about whether this was just a revenue raising scheme.

Stephen Hawkins also highlighted the need to consider travel across the area and that the council departments seemed to be working against each other (e.g. promoting free parking and then looking to put in pay & display bays)

A member of the public raised the point that this should be put into the whole area not just one part of Portobello.

Cllr. Kate Campbell. Pointed out that CPZ did not raise revenues but covered the cost of the schemes. She also pointed out that this document came out before any discussion with the ward councillors, and they would have preferred to feed into the initial document. She also said that this was an initial exercise in gathering thoughts from the community and they there will be a full consultation when it comes to the final design scheme.

Mike Leeman asked about the timescales for the next steps but there was no clear guidance on these yet. There would need to be a TRO before anything happened and this would give chance for people to fully feed into a consultation on the TRO.

Another member of the public asked about the fact it seemed to be piecemeal and a bigger picture about the whole of Edinburgh was not considered.

Cllr. Mary Campbell pointed out that CPZs across the whole of Edinburgh are part of the City Plan and people could refer to previous and future City Plans to see the bigger picture.

Catherine Etoe asked if this was an opportunity to push for the (re)opening of Portobello Train Station.

Cllr. Mary Campbell said this was investigated in the City Plan as part of the South Suburban railway. She also explained that the areas were chosen pre-Covid on places where there was parking pressure and appreciates these areas have possibly changed.

A member of the public raised the concern that no ward councillors knew about this.

Cllr. Kate Campbell pointed out that they knew it was coming but were not told exactly when it was going live. They have all fed back about how the process can be improved in the future.

Stephen Hawkins talked of the public meeting that there had been calls for suggestions of further streets and expansion of the zone and that it was also pointed out that phase 2 (Portobello is Phase 4) in Willowbrae has now been delayed due to the local feedback so it is important to feed back.

Lee Kindness pointed out that a lot of the areas would also benefit from the ban on pavement parking.

**ACTION – At this point it was felt best to continue to publicise the initial call for thoughts on the proposal and when it goes to full TRO Consultation, we would run a Community Council consultation.**

### **385.4 Abercorn Terrace Safety Measures**

The Secretary has received a message from the City of Edinburgh Council saying that it had been agreed to engage a consultant to propose measures formally. This was due to take place at the beginning of September.

Craig McIntyre welcome this but did stress that we should have had movement before now and wants to make sure that timing does not slip any more.

Cllr. Callum Laidlaw agreed with the frustration at the lack of progress to date but feels that this is a move in the right direction.

**ACTION: Mike Leeman to share any further correspondence**

### **385.5 Pipe Lane Toilets**

This was discussed in the minutes agreement and that no further progress has been made.

### **385.6 Current PCC Membership**

Due to a question of if we had a quorate at the July meeting it was asked that clarification be given to the current Community Council membership.



Since the new Community Council formed in 2019 we have one person not turn up after the first meeting, one person leave the area so this leaves us with 9 members. There are also Brighton & Rosefield Residents Association, Portobello Amenity Society, Towerbank PS, Duddingston PS The Wash House and Joppa Tennis. Only Brighton & Rosefield and PAS have a representative who regularly attends.

Mike Leeman will engage with the Community Council Governance Team to find out what to do about the Local Interest Groups who have not attended. Due to people asking if other individuals and groups could join Mike will also confirm the co-option rules.

**ACTION: Mike Leeman to correspond with the Community Council Governance Team**

### **385.7 a Treasurer's Report**

There has been no movement in the past month on either side of the accounts. PCC account £2355.49 and Traders Account £1205.39

### **385.7 b Police**

See above

### **385.7 c Planning**

There has been a new application for the sailing club which is identical to the last except it moves the building 3m to the East.

There is a new licence application for the bottom of Pipe Lane but it is unclear if this is new or a renewal of the Oscar's fish and chip van.

### **385.7 d Councillors**

Cllr. Mary Campbell has still not had an answer on where the missing bins are

Cllr. Kate Campbell talked about the need to get the community views on what the space at the bottom of Kings Place could be. The ward councillors have a meeting with the Oscars group in September about their plans.

Frazer McNaughton and Lee Kindness met with Sustrans and Evelyn Kilmurray to discuss the community approach and if the CPZ would get in the way of plans.

### **385.8 AOB**

Frazer McNaughton gave an update on Seafield. The Summer has been quiet but there has been a meeting with the council about the Seafield Sounding Board. At the moment only one representative is allowed and from Craighentenny and Meadowbank Community Council. There is a frustration that the joined-up approach from the four community councils bordering Seafield is being disregarded.

Catherine Etoe asked if the meeting details could be published so that we can see what has happened at the meetings so far.

Frazer said that he was happy to investigate this.

**ACTION: Frazer to look into publishing the meeting details**

The meeting concluded at 21.01

The next meeting is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021