



Minutes of the 387th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 21st October 2021 DRAFT

Present: Mike Leeman (Secretary), Lee Kindness (Co-Chair), Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer)(PAS), Frazer McNaughton, Elaine Murray, Catherine Etoe (B&RRA), Laurie Berrie,

Apologies: Craig McIntyre (Co-chair), Rhys Nealon (Duddingston PS) Geoff Lynn (Towerbank PS), Tommy Sheppard MP, Cllr. Kate Campbell, Miranda Hurst, Esther Clayton

In Attendance: Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr. Maureen Child, Cllr. Callum Laidlaw, 11 Members of the public

387.1 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.

387.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Mike Leeman thanked Stephen Hawkins for writing the October agenda whilst Mike was on holiday.

The minutes for the September Meeting were agreed.

387.3 Kings Road Junction

Lee Kindness summarised the Edinburgh City Council Transport and Environment committee meeting where it was agreed to move to option 2a with an amendment by Cllr. Miller to remove the 18-month timescale to get a permanent solution in place as soon as possible. Option 2a was to ban the turning left of HGVs and instead reroute them along Northfield Broadway.

Question from Catherine Etoe about if Southfield Place was mentioned.

Lee Kindness responded that the panel did pick up on what challenges may be faced on Southfield Place and Brighton Place and he shared the observations from the Community Council about the reduced sightlines.

A member of the public made an observation about the fact that a TRO to put double yellow lines down the non-residential side of Southfield Place has now been delayed. Catherine Etoe asked if it would be possible for the community council to write a letter asking for clarification and speeding up of the TRO process for Southfield Place. Mike Leeman said that he was happy to work with Catherine on the wording and send into CEC.

ACTION: Mike Leeman and Catherine Etoe to draft a letter regarding the double yellow lines TRO on Southfield Place

387.4 CityPlan 2030

Lee Kindness gave a quick background on CityPlan 2030 and the fact that this has now been approved for representation. The consulting period lasts from 5th November to 24th December. Lee suggested that we should support the plan as it broadly agrees with the previous consultation that we did on the proposed CityPlan. Lee talked through the specific areas which related to the Portobello area. Stephen Hawkins supported what Lee was saying about housing and active travel. Lee pointed out that support or disagree we can also explain why. Lee had summarised the areas of Portobello these effects and how it related to the previous consultation; this is published on the website.

Frazer McNaughton supported and commended the presentation and agreed that as a community council we support the plan. He also feels that we need to frame our support with observations of sites (such as Hi-Fi Corner) and the relation to Seafield.

Cllr. Mary Campbell also praised the presentation and feels that this may help mitigate against some of the complaints by the public or volume builders.

Stephen Hawkins asked if a representation could be written up prior to the November meeting so that we can agree at the meeting and send. Lee agreed and asked Frazer to help with some of the finer points around placemaking.



ACTION: Lee Kindness and Frazer McNaughton to draft the PCC representation for agreement at the November Meeting.

387.5 a Treasurer's Report

There have been no items of expenditure or income during the month, so the balance remains at £ 2,298.81.

There has been no movement on the Traders' account other than an additional penny interest leaving a balance of £1205.41.

387.5 b Police

No one from Police Scotland was able to attend the meeting

386.5 c Planning

The application for the Sailing Club has been approved. There has been an application from Joppa Tennis to install LED lighting around the perimeter; Lee Kindness proposed to share this on the website. Frazer McNaughton agreed. There has been an application from Sainsbury's on the High Street to add factors into its licence, all Sainsbury's across Edinburgh have asked for this and it was agreed nothing needing doing.

The parks department have had further funding released to build the footpath on the Southern part of Joppa Quarry Park and have asked if we can get a feeling from the community if this would still be welcomed.

ACTION: Mike Leeman to publicise and gather feedback to send through to the Parks Department.

387.5 d Councillors

Cllr. Mary Campbell pointed out that the Innocent path was now open again for walking and wheeling.

387.6 AOB

Frazer McNaughton asked for clarification from parks around what was happening with the grass cutting in Trevelen Park as it is completely overgrown, Cllr. Maureen Child said that she would check with the Parks Department and get a management plan. Catherine Etoe asked about placement and volume of bins in Trevelen Park and if the weathervane from the old St John's Primary would be erected. Cllr. Mary Campbell confirmed that the weathervane is to be installed in the grounds of the new St. John's Primary school.

Catherine Etoe asked if we can progress a discussion about how the closure of Brunstane Road would affect Brighton Place and Southfield Place. Lee Kindness suggested that we look at the whole area rather than one street at a time and committed to coming back on what a Low Traffic Neighbourhood would look like and if we can consult around this. A member of the public asked what an LTN was and if it would ban traffic; Lee confirmed that the idea is to not allow through traffic but keep permeability for active travel and allow local traffic to access all housing as needed.

ACTION: Lee Kindness to come back by January meeting on how the Community Council can consult around this.

The meeting concluded at 20.32

The next meeting is Monday 29th November 2021