



Minutes of the 390th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 28th February 2022 AGREED

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

Apologies: Geoff Lynn (Towerbank PS), Miranda Hurst

In Attendance: Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr. Maureen Child, Cllr. Kate Campbell, Cllr. Calum Laidlaw, PC Anderon & 12 Members of the public

390.1 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.

390.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Southfield Place Mike has not heard from will chase again. Minutes from November to January will be uploaded this week. Elaine was on the meeting in January.

2A. No one from Duddingston Primary School has volunteered to be on the community council yet. John Clelland has not given apologies for over 6 months so is removed from the Community Council, Cllr. Kate Campbell knows John and he is working abroad.

2B. Planning Training - waiting to hear back from the community council liaison office.

2C. Abercorn Safety - Joined by Alan Hoard who is updating us. Abercorn Terrace is an area where we are not achieving 20 miles per hour and where a child was knocked down. At 25 miles per hour would normally put in speed signs but due to the accident putting in extra measures which was shared by Alan. It has been drafted and there will be Abercorn and Pittville Street - proposal to introduce build outs on Pittville street and reduce radii to make it more difficult to turn in and out and reduce the width of the road (within guidance) Tactiles put across each build out. Will be a centre line and will set out the parking areas to create a narrower visual tunnel. Also appropriate that they do the same with John Street. Also introducing vehicle activity speed signs on a temporary basis. Also fixing the broken footway on John Street. Access to the care home will be maintained.

Stephen Hawkins - support for what doing as it will aid in being able to get out of Pittville Street. Safer for everyone.

Member of the public asked about exiting from the park to the corner. Will it be possible to access it in a wheelchair. The answer was yes and should make it easier to cross.

Frazer McNaughton queried whether street trees could be used instead of benches and bollards to restrict pavement parking, particularly where benches were next to the road and may not be in the best location for users. It was explained by the Council officer that there were underground services



dictating designs but these issues would be explored further. FM - What about bike parking on the shop side of the high street. It will be considered but have to be careful of sight lines.

Craig - Agreeing with Frazer and materiality - it is a unique view so could an open bench be considered? AH - we have to consider the needs of people who may need the arms to help them up from the bench.

AH - Conscious it is taking a time to be delivered but there are procurement issues with contractors and materials but will push this and will try and get it done as soon as possible, and AH will keep us updated.

390.3 Brunstane Road Closure update

ETRO was put in place from 15th February and we shared it on the website and a simplified map on the website. Something that the council will try to get feedback on over the 18 months.

A member of the public asked who to speak with about the parking problems. Cllr Child has raised this today with the team and where the problem is and emerging from Joppa Station Place. Cllr. Kate Campbell said as it is an experimental order then feedback on topic and issues are useful.

Craig McIntyre raised that the signage could be better and if there was a way to enhance that would be useful.

Elaine Murray - the no turn into Milton Drive from Milton Road needs to be clearer indication.

Member of the public - witnessed a car going the wrong way into Milton Drive so signage needs to be better and closer.

ACTION : MIKE Post an update on the website with a key summary of where to send the comments when received from the councillors.

390.4 School Street including Southfield Place Update

Mike Leeman has seen a letter written to the police from Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council asking for extra patrols around the safe streets. Catherine Etoe proposed that we write a similar letter, Mike seconded and will draft.

As above Mike has not heard any further about the TRO on Southfield Place so will chase again. Member of the public - implementation of the TRO seems to have gone into a black hole. At the last transport meeting was told that they could implement a TTRO but wrote to parking operations customer care and that it was impossible. Promised it was going to be implemented and put out an appeal to see if this can get it moving.

Cllr Kate Campbell - also frustrated as was told at committee that they would be able to push and prod. Did have a response that they have started the TRO process.

Catherine Etoe - To echo what was said by the member of the public about that it would be good to get some traction on this.

ACTION : Mike to draft and circulate a letter re School Streets. He will also chase re the Southfield Place TRO.



390.5 a Treasurer's Report

There has been one item of expenditure during the preceding month and that was the £40.00 registration fee to the Information Commissioner. The current balance is £ 2,258.81.

There has been no movement on the Traders' account other than an additional monthly penny interest leaving a balance of £1205.45.

Lee Kindness suggested that Stephen contact Jennifer Elliot at Portobello Central re the traders account.

ACTION : Stephen to contact Jennifer Elliot at Portobello Central.

390.5 b Police

In place of Gareth PC Anderson ran through a small report to run through.

February

House breakings 2

Hate Crime 1

Public Nuisance 3 and 4 youth and 4 vehicle crimes

Community officers carrying out more patrols in the area.

390.5 c Planning

Planning - Brunstane Site - the developer will present at the next meeting.

Antenna opposite Forresters - shared on the website and social media and the Boathouse and Joppa Rocks applications.

Only other planning issue is that the George have appealed against the rejection so there will be another public enquiry. Will put up details about this as soon as we have further details. Question re the George from Elaine Murray and if the condition of the building was being monitored. Does the council have power to look at this and if the building is being left to rot does the council have the power to purchase.

Cllr. Mary Campbell - not sure about compulsory purchase and there have been questions around the disrepair and where the liability lays.

Cllr. Kate Campbell - it is very frustrating and believes that the George has been added to the buildings at risk register. Feels like the legislation is not strong enough to deal with these problems.

Craig McIntyre - with the recent weather fronts wonder if an intermediate inspection would be worth looking at.

Cllr. Mary Campbell - as part of the appeal the last time there should be part of the appeals process.

CM : Would Friends of the George be able to come along?

Cllr. Mary Campbell - they were last time .

Frazer McNaughton - would not allow an enquiry without a site visit.



390.5 d Councillors

Cllr. Callum Laidlaw - education and children and family committee. Moving a motion about school meals especially about the meals at Towerbank and how they can be improved.

Cllr. Mary Campbell - There is a consultation on exceptions to pavement parking. Can we share this on social media. We were unaware but will do this.

Kate Campbell - there was some funding for the kilns to £60,000.

ACTION : Mike to share the consultation about pavement parking on the website

390.5 e Seafield

Frazer updated that a paper on Seafield had been approved earlier in the week at the CEC Sustainability and Resources Committee. Key points of the paper were that

- The Council and the Community groups (including PCC) would work together on the place brief and masterplan;
- The committee agrees the scope of work for the masterplan;
- The committee agrees that a budget of up to £130,000 could be accessed to facilitate the masterplan, technical work and community engagement;
- Agrees that the Planning Committee would be the Council's committee at which the outputs from the process should be approved.

A link to the paper and the webcast of the committee's discussion is available here

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=42636>

Additionally, it was noted that the outline application for housing led development submitted for the Arnold Clark garages was still live and could be accessed on the Planning Portal using reference 22/00733/PPP.

390.6 AOB

Local elections are on the 5th May.

Hustings - Cllr. Kate Campbell - would love a hustings. Postal votes for 19th April.

Final date for signing up as a candidate is end of March.

Elaine Murray - face to face meetings. Are we having meetings any time soon? Could we have a live hustings? Would like to get out and about.

Cllr. Mary Campbell - health issues would perhaps stop things

Stephen Hawkins - welcome the return to face to face meetings. With regard to hustings, have been problems with large number of candidates. And venue as we do not have the town hall.

Craig McIntyre - Maybe sit for a couple of months and see how things are working and online is working well. See what the response is and do hybrid of mix of face to face and online.

Laurie Berrie - Agree with Craig about how successful online is



ACTION Add meeting format to the next agenda. Be much better information on how we can go about things then. Also come with dates for hustings and agreement to run and publicise.

Lee Kindness - 3 of our councillors will be standing down. Would be good to get time in the agenda for a goodbye.

Catherine Etoe - Question about how we move forward with the traffic issues around Portobello. Lee Kindness and Frazer McNaughton said that it had been covered in the minutes for January 2022 that this was going to be an ongoing discussion.

The meeting concluded at 21.00

The next meeting is Monday 28th March 2022