



## Minutes of the 392nd Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 25th April 2022 AGREED

**Present:** Mike Leeman (Secretary), Lee Kindness (Co-Chair), Craig McIntyre (Co-Chair), Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer)(PAS), Frazer McNaughton, Laurie Berrie, Esther Clayton

**Apologies:** Geoff Lynn (Towerbank PS), Elaine Murray, Catherine Etoe (B&RRA)

**In Attendance:** Cllr Mary Campbell,, Cllr. Kate Campbell, Cllr. Maureen Child, Cllr. Callum Laidlaw & 12 Members of the public

### 392.1 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.

### 392.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

New Brunstane event - A member of the public who attended said it was what we covered in the meeting. Only concern was that the bridge between the two areas may not continue to be pedestrian only.

Hustings is going ahead.

Stephen Hawkins question on Baileyfield- Barrets put in £50K council putting in a controlled zebra crossing. There will be an update on the standard business bulletin for the transport committee.

Minutes agreed

### 392.3 Visit to the George

Site Visit is for this Wednesday. One person is invited from the Community Council. Lee Kindness is planning to go along. Craig McIntyre asked how do we propose recording the site visit? Lee - instructions that photos are not allowed. Frazer McNaughton - site visits are a very formal process to allow the reporter to see and ask questions of the group and must be a factual answer. Only asking factual things - there is no real opportunity to give opinions on a visit like this.

**ACTION - Lee Kindness will attend and report back at the next meeting.**

### 321.4 King's Place Update

Frazer and Lee had met with Council Officers 6 months ago to discuss the next steps with improving the space. The officers were keen to utilise the results and PCC survey information on King's Place as a starting point for developing further design, placemaking and engagement work for the site.



The Council has some money set aside for physical improvement works but it probably wasn't enough to fully deliver what might be necessary. Therefore further funding was being sought from Sustrans. Initially this was to be through their Pocket Places Fund but Sustrans had directed the Council towards an application to their Places for Everyone fund. This had caused slight delay but would allow a slightly bigger picture look at the area and could also include consideration of renewal, repair and improvement to the public realm and active travel infrastructure at Pipe Lane. Frazer has asked for updates from the Council on where things have currently got to, but awaits a reply.

**ACTION - Ongoing and Frazer will report back when we have further news**

### **392.5 Kings Road Junction Update**

At the Transport committee meeting on 31st March the council summarised an unsuccessful attempt to gain a contractor to undertake the work. New tender received in early April. Work will start late April/Early May. Not had any further update but work will start on Northfield Broadway, then the Junction and will take about 4 weeks.

Some movement on the medium term option to improve the junction further.

### **392.6 a Treasurer's Report**

There has been one item of expenditure of £268.97 during the preceding month which was to Zurich Insurance for the annual premium. This leaves the current balance at £ 1,823.67.

There has been no movement on the Traders' account other than an additional monthly penny interest leaving a balance of £1205.47.

With regard to the Traders' account transferring to another holder Stephen heard back from Jennifer Elliot on behalf of ActionPorty. She is considering this and will be contacting the main traders who initially raised the funds.

Now that the weather is warming up Stephen will contact the painter for the three notice boards to get a start date for the work.

### **392.6 b Police**

There was no Police report this month

### **392.6 c Planning**

Nothing of note

### **392.6 d Councillors**

This was the final community council meeting for the current elected ward councillors. Lee Kindness thanked them all for their input and work not only with the Community Council but with the wider Community as well. He highlighted the length of service from Maureen Child.

All councillors said a brief note of thanks for the work that the community council have done and to their fellow ward councillors for some of the results which they have been able to achieve together.



### 392.6 e Seafield

Update from Frazer. Little to report this month but there had been one catch up meeting with CEC. The Council is working on a Memorandum of Understanding that will clarify the roles and responsibilities in relation to the community and the council working together. The Council is also preparing the tender brief for the masterplanning and engagement work. The next Sounding Board meeting is scheduled for 28th April (post meeting note- postponed to a future date)

### 392.7 AOB

Stephen Hawkins asked when is the AGM this year, it was agreed to Pencil it in for May 30th meeting.

**ACTION - Mike to send out AGM meeting agenda to take place before the next meeting. Reports to be written in May (from Co-Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer)**

Member of the public asked if there was any news on Southfield Place; they have been given a date of late Summer. Mike replied that the community council has not heard anything

**ACTION - Mike to send another letter to the council about Southfield Place.**

Frazer had been contacted by a local parent regarding community use of the astro-turf pitch at St Johns Primary. There is a small access hatch from Treverlain Park that was included as part of the design to allow children access to the pitch when not in use by the school. Currently the access hatch is padlocked. Frazer had contacted Northfield and Willowbrae Community Council (the pitch is just inside their territory) twice on the issue but hadn't received a reply yet. Kate and Mary have had contact from Friends of Figgate Park raising the same issue. Mike will ask the parent council for a resolution to the situation.

The meeting concluded at 20.09

The next meeting is Monday 30th May 2022 and will be preceded by the 2022 AGM