



## Minutes of the 397th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 31st October 2022 DRAFT

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

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

**In Attendance:** Cllr Tim Jones, Cllr. Alys Mumford, Cllr. Kate Campbell, Cllr. Jane Meaghar, & 23 Members of the public

### 397.1 Chair's Welcome & Introductions

Craig McIntyre 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.

### 397.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes in August were agreed as this was not done at the last meeting.

Southfield Place - Action to check on the train station and the current state of the matters, Nothing back from Kate Campbell but in the CityPlan the reinstatement of the urban line is there.

Washhouse : Need to confirm at the next meeting that the Washhouse and any other groups have now not attended for over 6 months so that the City of Edinburgh Council can remove them as affiliate groups.

September

The minutes have been published but there were no actions

### 397.3 Kings Place and Pipe Lane Public Realm

Frazer McNaughton : Kings Place has been a long standing item with the Community Council and what would happen. Frazer and Lee Kindness met with the council officers about the surveys on both options and the council are moving ahead with a design-led approach to these spaces and will put in for bids to do the design. More to come on this.

Also met with Sustrans who want to help fund the change. A chance to do something very positive and improve the promenade.

Member of the public asked how the community will be involved with the consultation process

Frazer : A good question and the council will be working with the community council to ensure full consultation with the public.



### **397.4 Brunstane Road Consultation - advertising and closes tomorrow.**

Stephen Hawkins - What are we going to do about it and are we having no consultation by the community council?

Mike Leeman - We have advertised on all channels. No doing a consultation as it would be repeating what the council are asking.

Lee Kindness - The Community Council position was to publicise when it came back out to the consultation. We have helped to share awareness. One thing has been annoying is the consultancy about the naming of the area and can be confusing.

Cllr. Tim Jones - agree with Lee. Also to let the community council know that in conjunction with the Joppa residents association and have surveyed 1000 houses if they want Brunstane Road reopened. 192 responses. Yes 137, No 57. Is writing a report compiled from both sides of the argument. Is happy to present that back to the community council.

Member of the Public - Also agree with Lee about the multiple naming of the situation. Interesting to see what the feedback and breakdown was. Wanted to know as a community council should we make recommendations about what should happen in the community roads.

Craig McIntyre - From our perspective, we did a huge consultation and did the heatmap across Joppa Triangle which was packaged up and sent back to the council.

We shared the previous consultation result which can be found here -

<http://www.portobelloc.org/pccpn/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Brunstane-Rd-Joppa-Triangle-Results.pdf>

Member of the Public - Clarify with Cllr. Tim Jones will you send a report to the council?

Cllr. Tim Jones - Absolutely he will. Huge amount of written response and will start the report tomorrow. Happy to bring back to the community council here. Have also requested the information that he has asked for. The survey that Tim has done is separate to the consultation.

Member of the public - 2 points. To Cllr. Tim Jones, she has not received the survey and was disappointed did not get the chance to fill in the survey.

Cllr. Tim Jones - it went out to houses where he wanted to reach as much as possible the consultation.

Member of the public - To the community council more generally. Is now on the mailing list but feels we can publicise things better.



Mike Leeman - We use our website, Twitter, Facebook and the mailing list as well as the 3 noticeboards. Always happy to have further suggestions of where we can post.

Member of the public. Has lived in Brunstane Road for 30 years and like to thank the council for the experiment and there is a misconception that Brunstane Road is a great shortcut, always embraced the Joppa Triangle. If it went to a vote it would never be right. Sometimes have to be done for what is right.

Cllr. Kate Campbell - Listening very carefully to what everyone has said. Think it was not communicated well and as discussed before that it is important that a consultation is not a referendum. Kate went to the Joppa Residents association and glad it has been widened out and it is trying to solve a problem. Know it is a contentious issue but something had to be done.

Cllr. Tim Jones- Clear that it is a public consultation. Separate to what Tim has done and why have a public consultation if it is going to be ignored.

Member of the Public - There does not seem to be a focus on Brighton Place and Southfield Place and lots of trouble happening there but that does not seem to matter and complaints seem like they have fallen on deaf issues.

### **397.5 a      Treasurer's Report**

Since the last report in August reimbursement for two month's Basecamp fees has been made for the sum of £37.15. The meeting held in September cost £45.00 for room hire of the Baptist Church and £45.16 for printing of posters and incidentals. The total amount in the business account now stands at £1,742.68.

There has been no movement on the Traders' account other than the additional monthly interest resulting in a balance of £1205.64.

### **397.5 b      Police**

No one from Police Scotland was able to attend

### **397.5 c      Planning**

Nothing extra to report

### **397.5 d Councillors**

Cllr. Alys Mumford - Lots about the bus service and a great solution to the cars and working with colleagues in musselburgh. Public toilets, not advertised in the scheme so looking for more advertising. Innocent Railway and reports of people not being safe. One issue is it cuts across 3 wards so meeting with colleagues to ensure everyone is working together.

Cllr. Tim Jones - Proposed plans for the junction of SHLR and the High Street, there was a consultation and Tim has now got Living Streets and the next ward councillors.



Cllr. Kate Campbell - Bin Consultation lots of correspondence. 5G mast taking to planning committee. Transport looking at the narrow streets and how to push for looking at infrastructure,

Cllr. Jane Meaghar - Cost of living crisis. Report coming to November's committee about warm spaces to mitigate some of the problems. EG Portobello Library, signposted for information and support about how to minimise support. Not just council buildings but also other buildings.

Member of the public - Councillor Jones mentioned the Kings Road intersection, she raised the issue about moving the bus stop around Aldi. did not resolve the problem and it is bad for pedestrians and motorists. Curious about consultation re the intersection. As a resident near the intersection. Have not heard of the consultation process.

Cllr. Tim Jones - Drop Tim an email. The stakeholder group and that the views need to be represented.

Lee Kindness - from a CC perspective. It's not a consultation but engagement from the council officers on the medium term solution as the short term is time limited. 2 options presented and looking for feedback on the groups. Asked for when we can share the drawings as soon as possible.

Cllr. Kate Campbell - Has presented a detailed letter about Aldi and the crossing and they did not understand moving the crossing point and not for a new crossing. Have not heard back since. Kings Road Junction - the temp solution is not in any way perfect and there has been a slight uptick in traffic on Northfield Broadway but the speedbumps in makes it feel safer than before. The main thing is to push for the medium term solution. Hope that the whole junction can be prioritised.

Stephen Hawkins - Is the 5G mast going to committee or approval?

Cllr. Kate Campbell - this was triggered by the community asking about what the community opinion would be. It is going to the sub committee but there is not a date for it at the moment.

### **397.5 e Seafield**

Frazer McNaughton - In the process of masterplanners being appointed. Preferred bidder to be signed off on 9th November. Want a dedicated timeframe to discuss Seafield as feels that we could be doing more a community council.

### **397.6 AOB**

Mike Leeman - Unfortunately Elaine Murray has had to resign from the Community Council with immediate effect due to ill health. Mike thanked Elaine for all of her years of working on the Community Council and for what she has achieved for Portobello.

Member of the Public- Would like to raise the issue of the communal bins after living beside them for 10 years and have tried to get them removed and now find that the 3 bins are being removed and



replaced with 6 bins. Do not think people understand what it is like to live near to the vicinity of the bins. Now the council have decided that there is also going to be a bottle bank and feel that the council have roughshod over people and not letting people have their say and there is an article about someone on Joppa Road who want to move away and grateful for any comments at all.

Member of the Public - Exactly the same and have moved from Jane Street to Joppa Road. Moved in August and found a few days ago that there are going to put bins across - nothing came up in the searches and wonders how this can be possible. As it is change of use to the road.

Cllr. Kate Campbell - this was decided by the transport committee a while ago. Know this is a very difficult position for people and it is having a big impact on people's mental wellbeing. People are putting in complaints. Will get clarification on the complaints procedure.

The bin hubs will be smaller and they are future-proofing the splitting of the recycling. There are a lot of issues for where bins can be put - where there is a suitable other location the council will change it - if there is not a suitable other location then there is nothing that the councillors can do. Collections will be more frequent for the

Member of the public - How can people go about the complaint procedure?

Cllr. Tim Jones - Like Kate has lots of emails and absolutely sympathises with people being in these situations. Would like to see this as an agenda point for one of the next meetings. There is a complaints procedure, with regards the decision there is no appeal but there is a complaints procedure.

Lee - Note of caution about adding to the agenda - there is a need for the bins and is it more relevant for the individual to speak with the city of Edinburgh Council and the ward councillors.

Cllr. Kate Campbell - A fair point by Lee. The overall policy decision has been made and cannot now be changed.

Craig McIntyre - What we need to do is publicise ways to follow up and give links and email addresses.

**Action : Mike to email Tim's email address to the relevant members of the public. Publicise who to get in touch with once confirmed by the ward councillors.**

The meeting concluded at 21.28

The next meeting is Monday 28th November 2022