



Minutes of the 398th meeting of Portobello Community Council held on Monday 28th November 2022 AGREED

Present: Craig McIntyre (Chair), Laurie Berrie, Esther Clayton, Lee Kindness, Frazer McNaughton, Catherine Etoe (B&RRA)

Apologies: Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer/PAS), Mike Leeman (Secretary), Geoff Lynn (Towerbank Primary), Police Scotland

In attendance: Cllr Kate Campbell, Cllr Alys Mumford, Kate Campbell, Cllr Tim Jones and three members of the public.

398.1 Chair's welcome and introductions

Craig McIntyre welcomed everyone and there were introductions. Craig explained how the meeting would work as it was online and if anyone wanted to speak they could raise a virtual hand and we would work through the questions and statements.

398.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of October were agreed. There were no actions.

398.3 Membership – Co-opt new member and Wash House and Duddingston Primary no longer group members.

Craig McIntyre: Explained that if members did not attend community council meetings for six months then they were disqualified under the scheme.

ACTION: It was agreed that the Wash House and Duddingston Primary would no longer be group members.

Craig: Explained that Raymond Notarangelo has asked to become a member, that Ray could stand for election in September 2023 to become a community councillor. For the time being, Ray could be co-opted on to the community council.

Raymond Notarangelo: Introduced himself to the community council and explained that he was a long-standing resident in Portobello with experience in journalism and PR and would like to give something back to the community.

Frazer McNaughton: Explained that there is a lot going on at the moment and the more hands the better.

Craig: Spoke of the value of a diverse committee and adding another skill-set. Suggested co-opting Ray.

Ray: Agreed.



ACTION: A show of hands were given and Ray's appointment unanimously agreed.

Craig: Added that Thea McMillan of Chambers McMillan Architects was interested in joining the community council and we would potentially meet her at the January meeting.

Lee Kindness: Said Thea has been a community councillor in the past.

398.4 Portobello mobility, transport and related projects

Craig McIntyre: Explained that off the back of the PCC's public meeting on transport in September we might hold a charette/workshop as a sounding board to discuss the issues raised in that meeting. Highlighted it would be useful to all together wider projects being discussed externally with other individuals and to use the charette to better inform the community. This would also be a chance for council officer Jane Iannerelli to talk about the 20-Minute Neighbourhood ideas. The PCC could host this event, possibly in February or March 2023.

Frazer McNaughton: Raised the point that January would be a busy time with master-planning for Seafield and community engagement for Pipe Lane and King's Place expected. It could work but we should be mindful of having a clear process, not set up false expectations. Asking for clarity of outcomes.

Lee Kindness: Said there were conversations at the end of the meeting of the Seafield Junction Stakeholders group last week around Portobello High Street, potential bus gates. Suggests we align with that and get opinions.

Craig: Agree. We should have a strategy of topics to discuss to give the community clear direction.

Lee: Suggests an action is to come to the January meeting with a bullet point list of the aims.

Cllr Kate Campbell: Agrees there is a lot going on and suggests a meeting with community councillors and the ward councillors to unpick the timelines of various CEC reviews and discussions such as the strategic review of parking, Brunstane Road closure, King's Road junction, 20-Minute Neighbourhoods, traffic monitoring.

Frazer: Asks whether it is a chance for a bigger place-making exercise for Portobello. If it is just a transport meeting then we need to be clear on how we engage people.

Craig: Agrees with Kate that we should sit down and map out a route. Meet at the beginning of the year.

Kate: Says there is going to be a stakeholder meeting around the parking problems experienced last summer. With so much going on, a place-making plan is a good idea. Expects councillors are happy to meet with PCC.

Frazer: Says place-making plans are being supported by other councils in Scotland, asks are they in the 20-Minute Neighbourhood discussions?

Kate: Has not heard that, but there is a desire to have the neighbourhood feed into it.



ACTION: To discuss further on email and set up possible dates then come to the table with more detail in January. Craig to progress and email Kate.

398.5 a Police

Sent their apologies. No report.

398.5 b Planning

Station Brae

Craig McIntyre: Asks Lee Kindness and Frazer McNaughton for their take.

Frazer McNaughton: Discussions around the station safeguard are not completely resolved. The application is largely as presented a couple of months ago with a few improvements to street frontage.

ACTION: to share the link on the PCC website back to the CEC portal.

5G Mast on Portobello High Street

Craig McIntyre: Explained it had been refused, one reason is the adverse impact on the conservation area.

Recycling Bin Hubs

Craig McIntyre: We have received a planning update from CEC to say the recycling bin hubs will be rolled out from next week.

ACTION: to share the full list on PCC website.

398.5 c Councillors

Cllr Tim Jones: Says the ETRO for Brunstane Road will be discussed at the transport committee on 8th December and the report is available online this Wednesday.

398.5 d Treasurers report.

Craig McIntyre: One item of expenditure is £56.68 for hosting the website. Balance of £1,686 in the business account. No movement in the traders account which stands at £1,205.77

398.5 e Seafield

Frazer McNaughton: Says there is positive news. The four community councils met with CEC and agreed the appointment of master planners and infrastructure consultants. Hoping to meet with them this side of Christmas to get going in the new year.



Also that Malcolm Fraser of Fraser/Livingstone Architects is the community adviser. He will hopefully bring inspiration and advice to the communities.

Lee Kindness: Suggested Raymond Notarangelo might want to get involved as publicity is a gap with this.

Frazer: Agreed to meet Ray. Added there is a twitter account set to be launched and the community councils can use their platforms.

Cllr Tim Jones: Asks which four community councils are involved.

Frazer: Craigentenny /Meadowbank; Leith Harbour and Newhaven; Leith Links; Portobello.

398.6 AOB

Lee Kindness: Says he missed the end of the King's Road Junction stakeholders meeting but it looks as though it will go out to consultation. This could have an impact on the timescales but CEC officers were relaxed about extending the temporary traffic order there. The medium term plan incorporates sections of a two-way cycle pass within the junction and improvement for pedestrians, such as a reduction in the number of islands and buttons to press.

ACTION: Will follow up and find out what information he can share.

Craig McIntyre: Has noticed the entry exit to Aldi on Portobello High Street is congested with cars and buses. Pedestrians seem confused, looking which way to cross. A box in that section of road might help the overstepping of that entrance.

Lee: It was discussed. Kate Campbell raised it?

Cllr Kate Campbell: The information should be available shortly. She is trying to get [CEC Executive Director of Place] Paul Lawrence to meet her there to witness it. Says the pavement was slightly extended but she did not know about it and it is not enough. Crossings are expensive but she thinks there are things they could do.

Craig: The traffic volume over the last few months seems to have ramped up in Portobello and he has seen car transport carriers along the high street.

Member of the public: Asks how to access reports.

Lee: Explains they are online on the council website.

ACTION: Lee will put the relevant reports on the PCC website and let Craig and Mike Leeman know when they are live.

Craig: Mentioned that there are incorrect office bearers for the PCC on the CEC website, he is trying to get it tidied up.



Lee: Suggests using funds to put together a leaflet that explains the role of the community council and build up interest ahead of the elections in September.

Craig: Agrees, suggests a digital leaflet too.

ACTION: To discuss in the January or February meeting.

Cllr Alys Mumford: Thanks the community council for being so welcoming as a new councillor.

The meeting concluded at 20.22.

The next meeting is 30th January 2023.