



## Minutes of the 400th meeting of Portobello Community Council held on Monday 27th February 2023 - AGREED

Present: Craig McIntyre (Chair), Mike Leeman (Secretary), Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer & PAS Representative), Laurie Berrie, Lee Kindness, Catherine Etoe (B&RRA), Geoff Lynn (Towerbank PC Rep), Frazer McNaughton

Apologies: Ray Notarangelo, Cllr. Jane Meagher, Cllr. Kate Campbell

In attendance: Cllr Tim Jones, Cllr. Alys Mumford, and 4 members of the public.

### 400.1 Chair's welcome and 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 speak they could raise a virtual hand and we would work through the questions and statements.

### 400.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of January 2023 were agreed.

Proposed CEC workshop - Update from 20 Minute Neighbourhood Team regarding that they are thinking of going to the library on a Monday after noon 12-7pm. A date to be confirmed.

Planning - Discussion on Basecamp on the best way to publish planning notices, Craig thinks that we should keep the same way of working.

Lee Kindness also agreed that we we keep the approach that we are using at the moment.

Craig - show of hands to see how we wanted to see 6 people raised their hands and Mike abstained due to taking the count.

Dogs on the beach - No information from the councillors. Cllr. Alys Mumford will chase up and check with Cllr. Jane Meagher if she has heard anything.

Cllr. Tims Jones - Update on Catherine's question re the traffic light and the cycle early release light has been subcontracted to another firm and waiting for the firm to confirm when it will happen.

Catherine Etoe - School streets light still not working on Hamilton Terrace.

Cllr. Tim Jones - Raised several times and will follow up again.

### 400.3 a . Treasurer

Since the January meeting there have been two payments made for reimbursing four months Basecamp fees that total £69.93. The annual fee to the Information Commissioner's Office of £35.00 has also been paid. We have got a £5.00 reduction for setting up a direct debit. The balance in the business account is £1,581.07.



There has been the additional interest applied to the Traders' account which results in a balance of £1207.18.

### **400.3 b. Police**

No Police report this month

### **400.3 c Planning**

Nothing to report this month

### **400.3 d Councillors**

Cllr. Alys Mumford - Portobello live in well survey around 20mn neighbourhoods and <https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/portobello-town-centre/>. This has been publish on the PCC website.

Cllr. Mumford has been contacted about an event which has been pushed from the Wash House to the Library which appears to be Transphobic.

Cllr. Tim Jones - Update on concerns with the Portobello swimming and waterpolo swimming club - they use the high school which is out of action. The update is that there is a problem with the torn section of the ceiling and if this cannot be easily repaired then it would need a specialist contractor. The council offers sincere apologies for this.

Stephen Hawkins – For the councillors to note that Cllr. Lang has a motion at Thursday's Transport and Environment committee regarding pavement parking. As City of Edinburgh Council has indicated a robust approach and is well prepared for when this is implemented can the councillors give as much as notice as possible to residents especially in Marlborough Street, Regent Street and Mentone Avenue.

Cllr. Tim Jones - this is still thorny issues and Tim does not have a complete picture so will check with Scott Arthur.

Cllr. Alys Mumford - We do not know and no one has the information and it will likely be a political decision. Nothing is decided yet. December 2023 is when it will be implemented. The surveying of streets has not gone to committee yet.

### **400.3 e Seafield**

- There had been an initial meeting between the 4 Community Councils and the masterplan team, consisting of 7N architects as urban designers, Cundalls as infrastructure consultants, Rankin Fraser as Landscape Architects and Nick Wright leading the community engagement aspects.
- The Sounding Board meeting also took place earlier in the month, with reps from CEC, the ward councillors, the Communities, landowners, developers and other interested parties such as Scottish Water.
- The Community Councils organised a walking tour of the City Plan allocation, with involvement from CEC staff and the masterplan team. It was a good way to see the full



extent of the site and understand the complexities of the area as well as the local connections that could be made.

- There was a revised programme for the masterplanning work. Initial focus is on information gathering and the infrastructure studies. Community engagement will commence in mid April, with the draft work programme suggesting 3 main stages for the engagement: Vision; Strategic Brief; Masterplan and Delivery Plan.
- Malcolm Fraser will provide a monthly update for the Community Councils, summarising any key points or meetings that have taken place. The Community Councils can use this information as they wish.

### **400.4 AOB**

Frazer McNaughton - Minor one - 20 Minute Neighbourhood Team and the Seafield team have been asking about the venues that we advertise for use - Can we update the list that we have.

Mike Leeman - Will update the list and put onto Basecamp

#### **ACTION : Share the current list and ask for updates**

Craig McIntyre - Double Yellow Lines on Southfield Place is good to see. at last. Also the traffic light outside of the Town Hall is still broken and misaligned. CM emailed the councillors to help.

Mike Leeman asked if we should have the next meeting in person. All agreed.

#### **ACTION : Book the Baptist Church**

The meeting concluded at 20.20.

The next meeting is 27th March 2023.