



Minutes of the 403rd meeting of Portobello Community Council held on Monday 29th May 2023 - AGREED

Present: Craig McIntyre (Chair), Mike Leeman (Secretary), Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer & PAS Representative), Lee Kindness, Laurie Berrie, Esther Clayton, Catherine Etoe (B&RRA), Frazer McNaughton

Apologies: Cllr Tim Jones

In attendance: Cllr. Kate Campbell, Cllr. Jane Meagher, Cllr. Alys Mumford and 3 members of the public.

403.1 Chair's welcome and introductions

Craig McIntyre welcomed everyone and there were introductions.

403.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of April 2023 were agreed with typos corrected.

7N Will be able to attend the June 2023 meeting to present around Seafield placemaking.

ACTION : Mike to invite 7N to attend in person and if this is not possible look into the possibility of a Hybrid meeting.

Still no news on the sign on Hamilton Terrace. Cllr. Kate Campbell said that the School Streets team had a lack of staff and this was adding to the delay but she will keep pursuing.

403.3 PCC Elections - Raising awareness

The first question asked was if the councillors knew of when the elections would take place as there was nothing on their website or communication. There was nothing known for certain but there was talk from other community councils that they may be delayed until 2024.

This needs to be clarified by CEC. Lee Kindness pointed out that it was statute that community council elections were held every 4 years.

Discussion then turned to how we can publicise once we do know dates. A favoured idea was to print leaflets to be delivered in the local area. This has been done in the past for circa £700. This needs to be investigated more.

It was also mentioned that Porty Community Energy has a list of around 30 local organisations/clubs which we could look to utilise.

Laurie Berrie raised that the current community council could work better as a team and suggested that we build a skills matrix of what we are all good at/interested in. It was mentioned that this had happened in a past iteration of the community council.



The question was asked for us to try and define 'What is the value add of Portobello Community Council'

Cllr. Kate Cambell said that she thought we are a proactive and hard working community council.

ACTIONS : Mike to check with the liaison officers on the timing of the next Community Council Elections. Skills Matrix to be built (need a volunteer), Discuss on BaseCamp what each of us would define as the value add so that we can then build better messaging to community.

403.4 a . Treasurer

Since the April meeting there have been two payments totalling £34.02 for Basecamp fees and a payment of £15.81 for a Facebook boost. Room hire for the March and April meetings was charged together at £60.00. Therefore total outgoings amounted to £109.83 leaving a balance of £1,151.50 in the business account.

There has been the additional interest of 69 pence applied to the Traders' account which results in a balance of £1209.20.

403.4 b. Police

Police Scotland were not in attendance at this meeting

403.4 c Planning

Craig Summarised what we have posted on our website over the past month.

403.4 d Councillors

Cllr. Kate Campbell said that there was increasing correspondence around lack of toilets. She is still exploring if CEC can ask Edinburgh Leisure to open their toilets to the public at Tumbles and the Swimming Pool. Alternatively is looking into Portaloo hire.

It was suggested that a notice be put in the CC noticeboards detailing where the toilets are and that Joppa Rocks is free to use without a purchase.

Cllr. Alys Mumford - On bus service changes. 45 will terminate in Portobello and not go through to East Lothian. The 4 will no longer go through to Asda. 19 is a new direct bus to the Western General.

It is difficult to get appointments on the CAB Portobello . Cllr. Jane Meaghar said that they were understaffed and asked that we put out the call for volunteers again.

403.4 e Seafield

Seafield - Phase 1 engagement has taken place, draft report is now out. Steering group have had a presentation by 7N and there are teasing out a lot of strong messages about the aspirations for the site. Needs to be circulated when the report is finalised.



Phase 2 is where design and placemaking starts on 17th June. F2F on Kings Place at the Prom. Advertise and Boost on Facebook.

ACTION : Invite them along to the next meeting. Advertise & push out their press release about 17th June as soon as we have it.

403.5 AOB

Stephen Hawkins brought up that the CEC were looking to secure funding for rebuilding the Kilns on Bridge Street. CEC want the Community Council to provide evidence of support of the works in a letter. Stephen was happy to draft a letter of support. In addition Lee Kindness suggested that we ask the public to write a sentence to us with their stories and support.

ACTION : Mike to publicise on the website, social media and newsletter to gather public support

Stephen also mentioned that the minutes were not up to date in the library. It was agreed that we need to revisit the library space to try and make it more up to date. This has been neglected post Covid.

The meeting concluded at 21.22.

The next meeting is 26th June 2023.