



Minutes of the 404th meeting of Portobello Community Council held on Monday 26th June 2023 - AGREED

Present: Craig McIntyre (Chair), Mike Leeman (Secretary), Lee Kindness, Laurie Berrie, Frazer McNaughton

Apologies: Cllr. Kate Campbell, Catherine Etoe (B&RRA), Esther Clayton, Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer & PAS Representative)

In attendance: Cllr Tim Jones, Cllr. Jane Meagher, and 4 members of the public.

404.1 Chair's welcome and introductions

Craig McIntyre welcomed everyone and there were introductions.

404.2 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of May 2023 were agreed.

Seafeld Consultations have been paused so 7N are not in attendance. Look to invite again in the future.

PCC Elections - The Community Council Liaison officer said that due to the pandemic elections will now take place at some point in 2024; unless there is a general election then this would move to 2025.

PCC Submitted a letter of support regarding the Kilns funding; there was also some paragraphs of support from local residents added into the letter.

404.3 Future Streets Framework - Discuss how to promote

Mike explained that CEC have asked all Community Councils to promote a consultation on Mobility Plans across the City. It was agreed that there was not much context for the consultation and how it related to other local initiatives but given the closing date was 9th July Mike would promote on social media and our newsletter with Lee Kindness offering to summarise the consultation to try and gain more traction.

Cllr. Tim Jones offered to ask for an extension to the deadline.

ACTION : Promote the consultation at the earliest

404.4 a . Treasurer

The Treasurer was unable to attend but had earlier confirmed the only spend in June was £16 on the Facebook Promotion asking for memories of Portobello Kilns.

403.4 b. Police



Police Scotland were not in attendance at this meeting but had sent some statistics for June; Housebreakings 0, Hate Crime 0, ASB/Public Nuisance/Disturbance - 13, Vehicle Crime - 3. They understand that the better weather will bring our more chance of anti-social behaviour and have upped their patrols accordingly.

404.4 c Planning

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

404.4 d Councillors

Cllr. Jane Meaghar. Has secured portable toilets to be placed onto the prom. Awaiting details of where and what the timescales are. Appreciates it needs to move quickly due to the imminent school holidays.

Edinburgh Leisure are not going to be opening their toilets to the public due to the amount of abuse staff have faced and the extra cleaning required.

Asked about the PCC space in the library. Needs to be tidied.

Cllr. Tim Jones. The swimming pool is almost back to normal with just the ceiling to be completed. Portobello High School now has the rodent problem under control and the damaged kitchen goods will be replaced over the school Summer holidays.

Noted that the final TRO for Brunstane Road would take place from 18th August for 6 weeks.

Both councillors have been dealing with complaints from residents on Bedford Terrace about smoke coming from the Sauna. Environmental officers will be making a visit to check air quality.

ACTION : Mike and Craig to reintroduce PCC to the library and tidy the space

404.4 e Seafield

Frazer- The project is currently on hold in terms of the consultation phases while further work and discussions take place with regards future coastal infrastructure at Seafield. Musselburgh has outline designs for their flood prevention scheme

ACTION- highlight the Musselburgh project due to its adjacency to Portobello and its information on coastal change and infrastructure

404.5 AOB

Craig - Combined sewers overflowing due to the heavy rain. People have commented on "white particles" in the water. Craig has contacted SEPA about this but no reply. Discussion on safety warnings re water quality and an emerging consensus that we should be seeking better warning systems for when the the drains do overflow and water quality in the sea is poor.

Update on SHLR Junction - we submitted a letter in support of option 3. This was then approved. No detail on timescales as yet.



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Lee - Council can now put in place firework enforcement zones. The community can put proposals in place for where this can be.

Meeting to discuss skills audit and communications. This was postponed due to apologies from 3 of the council. A unanimous vote that this be a private session after the August meeting.

The meeting concluded at 20.46.

There is no meeting in July.

The next meeting is 28th August 2023.