



Minutes of the 405th meeting of Portobello Community Council held on Monday 28th August 2023 - AGREED

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

Apologies: Cllr Tim Jones, Cllr. Jane Meagher, Laurie Berrie, Craig McIntyre (Chair), Police Scotland Representative

In attendance: Cllr. Kate Campbell, Cllr. Alys Mumford and 14 members of the public

405.1 Chair's welcome and introductions

Mike Leeman stood in for Craig McIntyre. He welcomed everyone and there were introductions.

405.2 Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of June 2023 meeting were agreed.

Sauna on Bedford Terrace, Smoke complaints from local residents.

ACTION : Cllr. Alys Mumford to chase visit from Environmental Officer.

405.3 Brunstane Road TRO

From 18th August TRO live for 4 weeks (until 15th Sept), this was reduced from an initially proposed 6 weeks.

ACTION : Cllr. Kate Campbell to find out why consultation time altered, and if the 6 weeks can be reinstated.

ACTION : PCC (Craig McIntyre) to ask for an extension to the consultation period.

ACTION : PCC (Mike Leeman, Craig McIntyre, Lee Kindness) to put together a public survey for publication on PCC platforms by weekend 1st Sept.

Simple 4 questions.

1. Name
2. Postcode
3. Support / Not support
4. How has the TRO affected you? (space for up to 500 words)

ACTION : PCC (Mike Leeman) to boost Facebook post for consultation. Make clear TRO vs PCC consultation. Link to previous consultation results.

Cllr Tim Jones is sending out 6,000 leaflets in the Portobello area explaining the TRO consultation.



Audience question : What is the process after TRO?

Cllr Kate Campbell : Decision taken at Regulatory Committee.

ACTION : Cllr. Kate Campbell to find out and brief PCC on decision-making process.

405.4 The George - Delisting Application

Steven Hawkins summarised background information.

Closing date for de-listing application comments with HES 4th Sept.

Community Councillors all agreed letter that reflects the view of the Portobello Community to be submitted. Draws on previous George PCC consultations.

ACTION : PCC to submit letter to HES

405.5 Summer Policing Report

Apologies from Inspector Dougal

Summary sent in by email : 75% reduction in call volume, ASBs below the norm, good summer!

405.6 Prom Temporary Toilets

Not an ideal solution. Toilets remained closed for much of the summer season, no accessible toilets, lack of opening hours information, lack of signage, Portobello needs a long-term solution.

ACTION : PCC to contact Val Walker, Paul Lawrence, Gareth Barwell, Cllr. Jane Meagher to request toilet provision be in place earlier next year, and to start a conversation about a long-term solution.

405.7 a . Treasurer

PCC Treasurer's Report – 28th August 2023

Since the last report given at the May meeting, we have received the annual grant from the City of Edinburgh Council of £ 756.74. Outgoings for Basecamp fees were £ 74.08 for June, July and August and a reimbursement of £24.00 was made for the Facebook boost regarding the Kiln rebuilding. This gives a balance of £1,834.16 in the business account.

There has been additional interest of £2.49 of interest added to the Traders' account which results in a balance of £1211.69.

405.7 b. Police

Apologies.



Member of the public had raised concerns to PCC and councillors about potential drug dealing at Rosefield Park. Matter passed to police who are dealing with it.

Audience question : , Adelphi Place. Could we request an increased police patrol.

ACTION : PCC (Mike Leeman) to email request to local police contact.

405.7 c Planning

Nothing of note

405.7 d Councillors

Cllr Kate Campbell : After School Club withdrawal, she is pursuing a solution.

Cllr Kate Campbell : Brief update on Scot Gov short term letting information.

Catherine Etoe : Schools sign update request.

Cllr Kate Campbell : New permanent sign to be installed.

Catherine Etoe : Request that this be done as a matter of urgency.

ACTION : Cllr Kate Campbell : to forward signage progress emails to PCC

405.7 e Seafield

Update from Frazer McNaughton. Working with surrounding PCCs as part of a coordinated committee on masterplanning process.

ACTION : PCC. Phase 1 Report, publish on PCC website.

Now moving into Phase 2 of consultation. 5th Sept meeting with Council / Designers / Other CCs

ACTION : PCC (Frazer McNaughton) Phase 2 consultation, find out date.

ACTION : PCC (Mike Leeman) Invite Lisa Blythe,7N consultants, to PCC meeting to present.

405.7 AOB

Portobello Book Festival, 5th October - 8th October. Tickets from 1st September in the Library, free to attend but must apply for a ticket.

Bus tracker / ghost buses.

ACTION : Cllr. Alys Mumford to find out the completion date of new bus trackers

Groyne No. 4

ACTION : PCC (Mike Leeman) to follow up on previous emails.

Dangerous lack of lighting on lane next to Scotmid

ACTION : PCC (Mike Leeman) to email Local Council / Scotmid to raise



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The meeting concluded at 20.50.

The next meeting is 25th September 2023.