



## Minutes of the 406th meeting of Portobello Community Council held on Monday 25th September 2023 - AGREED

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

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

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

### 406.1 Chair's welcome and introductions

Craig McIntyre welcomed everyone and there were introductions.

### 406.2 Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the August 2023 meeting were agreed.

Actions from the Previous Minutes

**Sauna** - Cllr. Mumford chased the environmental visit but it did not happen. The Sauna has moved to Brunstane Road North. The Licensing team is aware.

**Brunstane Road TRO**. We requested it be made longer but it did not happen. Cllr. Jones said that the consultation was always 4 weeks.

Letter submitted to the HES re 14 Bath Street

Groyne 4 - in an email from the council they said that they are confident that this is going to be okay over the winter and there is the budget for repairs but it has not yet been put to tender.

Mike has written to Police Scotland re Adelphi Place, also to Scotmid re the external lights.

### 406.3 Results of Brunstane Road Consultation

From 31st August to 13th September Portobello Community Council ran an online consultation to gather public views on the TRO and SRO for Brunstane Road and the Coillesdene area so that we could provide a response to the City of Edinburgh Council. The letter including the results and anonymised comments was sent and also published on our website.

The core finding was that we received 245 responses with 44% Supporting the proposal, 54.7%

Objecting to the proposal 1.3% neutral.

Cllr. Jones said that the matter may go before the subcommittee on 10th October but it was more likely to be in the November meeting.

### 406.4 Community Council Membership



Craig - a subject that we have touched on before. He has produced a poster to try and draw in more members and local groups. Also try to bring in High School Students to balance the diversity of the community council.

Cllr. Mumford asked are there any skills we are looking for?

It was agreed that mainly we need more hands to help with projects.

Glenn Innes from the Baptist Church suggested that he could ask the representatives of all local churches if someone would like to be involved.

Lee Kindness brought up the fact that we have spare cash in the bank account so can we spend the money to raise awareness.

## **406.5 a . Treasurer**

There was no Treasurer's report this month

## **406.5 b. Police**

There was no Police Report this month

## **406.5 c Planning**

We continue to post the local planning notices.

Two of note were:

1. The proposed extension of the Kitchen at Joppa Rocks.
2. A new submission re Station Brae. A bit more understanding about the proposed access to the platform (safeguarding) needs to be addressed.

## **406.5 d Councillors**

Cllr. Mumford - RAAC concrete. No schools in Portobello have a problem with it. Not much has been found in Edinburgh. The next stage is looking at housing.

Strikes mean Schools being closed from 26-28th September. Portobello High has a very restricted search facility on their ipads so in some instances pupils are unable to complete assignments - Cllr. Mumford has been working with some pupils and taking these strike days as a test case to see what is affected and then what solutions can be found.

Cllr. Jones - Brunstane Road. He was involved in producing a leaflet highlighting the consultation.

The Municipal clock has been repaired and is waiting to be installed. Council getting an estimate for the installation. It was asked that Cllr. Jones goes back to the estates team to ask them to make the building custodian aware of when this may happen



Public toilets - Cllr. Jones has put Motion for more public toilets and showers in Portobello which will go to Full Council on 28th September. It was agreed that PCC provide a deputation in support. Craig and Frazer also raised the Pipe Lane Toilet project they were involved in and pointed Tim to the results on our website.

**ACTION : Mike to provide a written deputation and if possible an online deputation supporting the motion on behalf of Portobello Community Council.**

**Mike to contact Scottish Water to see if they would put some form of shower on the promenade.**

### **406.5 e Seafield**

Nothing of note this month but invite 7N to our next meeting.

**ACTION : Invite 7N to the October meeting and let the Baptist Church know if we need the larger room**

### **406.6 AOB**

A member of the public asked if it would be possible to get better lighting in Rosefield Park near to the Basketball Courts.

**ACTION: Craig to raise the lighting question to the local councillors**

The meeting concluded at 20.40.

The next meeting is 30th October 2023.