

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SIGNS AND PLAQUES

Minutes of meeting held **Tuesday 16th April 2013** at 8.30 p.m. at 35 Bellfield Street.

Present: Celia Butterworth, Alison Robinson, John Stewart, Nick Stroud.

Apologies : Margaret Munro

1 TOURIST INFORMATION BOARDS - John has freed lock on Figgate Burn board with WD40.

2. INTERPRETIVE BOARDS

Bird Board: OK

Geology Board: No report.

Seaside Board: OK

Pottery Board: Kiln being repaired. Board has either been removed for safe keeping or is contained within protection box.

King's Road Horizon Board: probably OK

John Street Horizon Board: OK

Seashore Board: OK

3. PLAQUES FOR BUILDINGS

Town Hall Plaque on Police Station

- Alison and Celia applied Picreator burnishing paste to upstanding edge and letters which have lost their original gold colour. Only somewhat brightened, gold colour not restored and no chalky deposit described by instruction sheet. No point applying

protective Picreator oil. Paste applied to bronze plaque (Powderhall Bronze) on current town hall removed dirt, letters not golden. Powderhall and Arkell must use different technique for letters, background very similar. No cleaning of other bronze plaques planned.

Tower Plaque: Celia phoned Carol at Arkell & Hurcombe - never encountered this

problem. Might be possible to renovate. Celia e-mailed photos today showing undamaged plaque after installation and corroded two years later. Once a response received, Celia to notify Mark Noble and offer him graffiti remover which we bought and can't use because it crazes polycarbonate.

William Hay

John has 1868 photo of Rabbit Hall showing no windows on Brunstane Road aspect.

Celia still to get estimate from Arkell & Hurcombe.

Funding: Celia to complete application from PAS to Scotmid Community Grant, if unsuccessful try Neighbourhood Partnership.

Maureen Child has agreed to be a referee and Margaret Munro and Lesley Reid will

allow us to use their Scotmid share numbers in application.

Celia to submit Sub-committee proposals to April CC meeting, asking for support, including financial if grant applications unsuccessful.

4. COADE STONE PILLARS & GARDEN

Re repair to point of upper star of one of small pillars : John and Alison to get template of broken surface this week using John's painting scaffold.

5. FINGER POSTS

Nothing to report.

6. PORTOBELLO WEB-SITE

To date Celia has sent Sub-committee minutes to Joe Madden who's put them onto Portobello CC web-site. Joe has sent instructions to allow Celia to do this herself via

Google Drive. Celia having problems despite clarity of instructions.

7 BRUNSTANE HOUSE WALK

Alison suggested a circular walk from Portobello past Brunstane House should be described and put on Portobello CC web-site. Sean Hignett, owner of Brunstane House, is agreeable. Nick will compose this walk to complement other walks around Portobello which are already on the web-site.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 8.15 p.m.
at 35 Bellfield Street.**

