

## PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SIGNS AND PLAQUES

Minutes of meeting held **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013** at 8 p.m. at 35 Bellfield Street.

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

### 1. TOURIST INFORMATION BOARDS

John has handed the keys for the boards at Joppa Pumping Station and the Bowling Centre, to Sean Watters. New PCC key-holders not yet appointed.

### 2. INTERPRETIVE BOARDS

Celia to check drainage holes are clear. Boards OK and being looked at.

### 3. PLAQUES FOR BUILDINGS

#### William Hay

Scotmid's cheque for £600 deposited in PAS' account 29.08.13.

14.11.13 Plaque delivered, shown to Gatliffs and Sub-committee who approved.

Miranda Gatliff plans to get plaster cast of Hay's bust in St Giles placed inside their porch, has someone to make cast but needs permission from St Giles. Would like a joint unveiling in New Year. Sub-committee agreed the plaque be erected in the New Year, Scotmid grant conditions don't stipulate that project must be completed within set time.

Placement : Celia and John B. discussed with Robert Gatliff – Robert drills holes using John. B's superior stone drill, need to buy appropriate glue, paid for by PAS. If any problems PAS pays for builder to do the work.

Celia to send cheque for £594 from PAS to manufacturer Arkell & Hurcombe and to write to Scotmid HO telling them of above with photo of plaque and give photo of plaque to Graham, Portobello Scotmid manager.

### 4. COADE STONE PILLARS & GARDEN

Repair to point of upper star of one of small pillars: In hand.

Album "Coade Stone Pillars" for PCC web-site : In hand.

New planting of grasses in front plot of garden. Pampas grass taking over!

### 5. PORTOBELLO WEB-SITE

PCC minutes, but not Sub-committee minutes, appear on new formatted PCC web-site [www.portobelloc.org](http://www.portobelloc.org) Need a PCC member to place Sub-committee minutes on web-site, since Archie Burns is no longer on PCC.

## 6 BRUNSTANE HOUSE WALK

Nick's draft : Sub-committee said a good start but strongly suggest include Joppa Rocks and geology, salt pans with history and Rock Cottage. Nick waiting to hear from Sean Hignett of Brunstane House, Alison to enquire . Walk to appear with other walks on [www.porty.org.uk/visit-portobello](http://www.porty.org.uk/visit-portobello) which is a different site from that quoted on maps on information boards, Nick is investigating.

## 7 BOARD INSURANCE

John has given cheque for £197.13 from PAS to PCC treasurer to pay for PAS' 50% share of the insurance premiums for ten boards in 2012 and 2013.

## 8 FINGER POSTS

John has chased, update awaited.

## 9 STATUS OF SIGNS AND PLAQUES SUB-COMMITTEE

Following recent elections and as pointed out by Celia at November PCC, none of the five members of the Sub-committee are on the PCC. The PCC chairman has suggested that someone from the Sub-committee should sit on the PCC as an Associate Representative. The meeting did not approve this suggestion and unanimously agreed that a member of the PCC should join the Sub-committee. Celia to notify the PCC chairman accordingly.

Celia pointed out that the PCC Sub-committee was formed in August 1995 to seek funding for interpretive boards. In April 1996 a joint PAS and PCC bank account with the Bank of Scotland was opened to hold and disburse funds for boards ( and later plaques). PCC meeting August 1998 "as we pay the insurance costs, it was agreed that the CC will assume responsibility for all the boards." Plaques not insured. As projects are joint PAS and PCC, maintenance and insurance are shared equally between PAS and PCC.

Lesley Reid then joined the meeting.

She drew our attention to a recent web-site Edinburgh Outdoors [www.edinburghoutdoors.org.uk](http://www.edinburghoutdoors.org.uk) run by Karen Reeves of the Parks Dept.. Possibility of placing interpretive boards and plaques on this site discussed but unclear if Promenade included in remit. Decided that the outcome wasn't good enough to justify the cost and effort required to digitise boards and plaque images and text.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 at 8.15 p.m.  
at 35 Bellfield Street.**

