

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

Minutes of meeting held **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013** at 8.15 p.m. at 35 Bellfield Street.

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

### 1. TOURIST INFORMATION BOARDS -

#### 2. INTERPRETIVE BOARDS

Bird Board: OK

Geology Board: OK, minimum water under polycarbonate, only some loss of colour.

Seaside Board: Wiped 22<sup>nd</sup> July picture quite good though very pale, less water between board and polycarbonate (?fine weather), white paint on edging coming off. Consider renewing with same subject matter once funding secured for Hay plaque.

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

King's Road Horizon Board: Bright but a little water and dirt under polycarbonate.

John Street Horizon Board: 22<sup>nd</sup> July some dirt ?glue wiped off, minimal water under polycarbonate

Seashore Board: OK, a little water and dirt under polycarbonate, colours bright.

Metroguard frames (Bird, King's Road Horizon) show fairly minor water/dirt ingress - Celia to check drainage holes are clear.

### 3. PLAQUES FOR BUILDINGS

#### William Hay

On 25<sup>th</sup> July Celia phoned Scotmid Community Grant and told PAS had been granted £600 from the Scotmid polybag fund, operated by local stores. On 7<sup>th</sup> August Graham, the manager at Portobello Scotmid, said he'd arrange payment.

#### Rock Cottage

Celia wrote to Dr Simpson asking he trim ceanothus obscuring plaque when convenient.

### 3. COADE STONE PILLARS & GARDEN

Repair to point of upper star of one of small pillars: Alison has made a replacement which is being kilned.

Album "Coad Stone Pillars" has disappeared from Internet – see PCC Minutes May 2013. Celia has found copy of Album on her computer.

## 5. PORTOBELLO WEB-SITE

Celia sends minutes of the Signs and Plaques PCC Sub-committee to Archie Burns who puts them on the PCC web-site [www.portobello.org](http://www.portobello.org)

## 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 has contacted Sean Hignett of Brunstane House. 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

PAS and CC insure ten boards : seven interpretation boards on or near Promenade, one interpretation board in Harry Lauder garden, one information board on Brunstane Road near station and one small steel board in Community Garden, all via ASCC Zurich insurance. CC treasurer pays annual fee and PAS re-imburses CC by 50%. PAS has not paid its 50% share at 2012 AGM nor 50% share at 2013 AGM = £97.39 + £99.74 = £197.13. Celia has e-mailed CC treasurer.

## 8 FINGER POSTS

In hand : ask for update at next PCC meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 8.15 p.m.  
at 35 Bellfield Street.**

