

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

Minutes of meeting held **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013** at 8.30 p.m. at 35 Bellfield Street.

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

**1 TOURIST INFORMATION BOARDS** - Nick has removed graffiti from Joppa board using Mykal Desolvit Graffiti Remover gel purchased from Screwfix @ £10.49, Celia to be refunded by CC. This graffiti remover does not damage polycarbonate!

### **2. INTERPRETIVE BOARDS**

Bird Board: OK

Geology Board: No report.

Seaside Board: Bit pale, water between board and polycarbonate.

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

Edinburgh Coastal Biodiversity Board on Promenade at foot of John Street has been removed following vandal damage.

### **3. PLAQUES FOR BUILDINGS**

Tower Plaque: In response to our query re corrosion Carol at Arkell & Hurcombe said

metallurgist colleague advised corrosion was due to combination of sea salt and lime

in sandstone wall. Celia visited Mark Noble who hadn't noticed corrosion, didn't think lime water the cause; Celia said no-one's fault, just sorry plaque wasn't as it should be. Mark given Tygris graffiti remover which crazes polycarbonate, OK for brick. Mark said graffiti a decreasing problem on the Promenade.

William Hay

John, Alison and Celia visited Gatliffs with cardboard mock-up of plaque and agreed

design, size and position of plaque on right of main door, checked text "William Hay

1818 - 1888 architect lived here Portobello's heritage" readable from

pavement.

E-mailed Anna Grant with photo of 18 Brunstane Road North frontage and Hay text;

reply from Stephen Dickson, EDC planning that LBC consent not required for Hay plaque and to press on.

Arkell & Hurcombe e-mailed “before giving estimate need to check if have any stock paint close to colours requested“. Arkell (Godsell) supplied blue Hopekirk plaque in

2006 with no such reservations. Carol said Arkell has new composite material with

look and feel of granite, Sub-committee said looked funereal.

Funding: Application from PAS to Scotmid Community Grant finalised. Celia to submit once Arkell’s estimate received. PAS to pay for placement of plaque, about £70. EDC Community Grants unlikely to succeed as focuses on sport, children and community groups, deadline four weeks before decision on 11<sup>th</sup> September. HLF Awards for All, £500 - £3000 grants unlikely to fund plaque without an associated community event, though low amount might be successful, decision within six weeks.

Celia to submit Sub-committee proposals to May CC meeting, asking for support.

A. W. Buchan

Lived at 10 or 11 Rosefield Street, suggested by Bob Jefferson. Discussed.

#### 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 using John’s ladder.

Description of Coade Stone pillars has disappeared from [www.porty.org.uk/gallery](http://www.porty.org.uk/gallery)

Nick will investigate.

#### 5. 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. Last Minutes 16

April 2013 not on web-site.

#### 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 doesn't match site given on maps on information boards, Nick to investigate.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at 8.15 p.m.  
at 35 Bellfield Street.**