

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SIGNS AND PLAQUES

Minutes of meeting held **Tuesday 5th March 2013** at 8.30 p.m. at 35 Bellfield Street.

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

1 TOURIST INFORMATION BOARDS - John freed lock on Pumping Station board with WD40, still to check Figgate burn board.

2. INTERPRETIVE BOARDS

Bird Board: Viewed recently & OK.

Geology Board: Viewed recently & OK.

Seaside Board: Viewed recently and OK.

Pottery Board: No report. Re-building of kiln to start this month.

King's Road Horizon Board: No report.

John Street Horizon Board:

Alison has filled in corners of metal edges with white Blutac, looks much better.

Seashore Board: Viewed recently & OK.

3. PLAQUES FOR BUILDINGS

Cleaning of Bronze Plaques

Decided to start with Police station plaque because easy access, Alison and Celia to clean at end of this month. Miller plaque will require good ladder and two people.

Tower Plaque: cast aluminium plaque erected April 2010 is corroding around edges, very possibly due to fluid from lime mortar used in renovation of the Tower, dribbling down onto the plaque. Decided sand an unlikely cause of corrosion. Other cast aluminium plaques have shown no corrosion. Celia to phone manufacturer.

William Hay architect lived and died in Rabbit Hall, Brunstane Road North. Hay travelled and built widely in Scotland, Canada and Bermuda, renovated St Giles Cathedral, specialised in Gothic churches. Margaret reviewed account of Hay in "Dictionary of Scottish Architects 1840-1940", pointing out that Hay built tenements in Brighton Place and possibly part of Rabbit Hall, built by JC Walker. Celia described her visit to St Giles, only memorial to Hay is a relief plaque hidden from public view. Miranda Gatliff of Rabbit Hall has lent us some papers on Hay. Sub-committee decided to place a plaque to William Hay on Rabbit Hall.

Wording : WILLIAM HAY

1818 - 1888

ARCHITECT

LIVED HERE

PORTOBELLO'S HERITAGE

Oval cast aluminium plaque shape, colour and design as Ned Barnie and Tower.
Celia to make cardboard mock-up to check letter size sufficient to be read from road and get estimate from Arkell and Hurcombe - Tower plaque with more letters cost £493 in April 2010. Show mock-up to Gatliffs, Miranda keen.
Funding: PAS to apply to Scotmid Community Grant or Neighbourhood Partnership.
John to submit Sub-committee proposals for Hay plaque to CC at March meeting and ask for financial support, cost split between PAS and CC, if funding application is not successful.

4. COADE STONE PILLARS & GARDEN

John e-mailed Scott who replied sea holly has been planted in front triangle, hidden by shells.

Alison said one point of upper star of original top of one of small pillars has fallen off and disappeared. She could make a replacement if supplied with template of broken surface. John offered to erect his painting scaffold to see if it would reach.

5. FINGER POSTS

Nothing to report.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 16th April 2013 at 8.15 p.m.
at 35 Bellfield Street.**