

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SIGNS AND PLAQUES

Minutes of meeting held **Tuesday 8th October 2013** at 8.15 p.m. at 35 Bellfield Street.

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

1. TOURIST INFORMATION BOARDS

Nothing to report.

2. INTERPRETIVE BOARDS

All six, excludes Pottery board which is in a protection shed, wiped yesterday and in good order. This summer's sun hasn't been hot enough to distort polycarbonate.

Celia to check drainage holes are clear.

3. PLAQUES FOR BUILDINGS

William Hay

PCC informed that Scotmid has granted £600, not yet received, to PAS for Hay plaque. Portobello Scotmid manager photographed with Celia and mock cheque in Scotmid 21st August.

Plaque, blue aluminium, ordered from Arkell & Hurcombe 16th September.

Placing of plaque : Gatliffs have no favoured builder. George of Future Tool-hire placed Barnie and Hopekirk plaques in 2006 @ £34 each.

Rock Cottage

Nice letter from Dr Simpson acknowledging our letter – ceanothus trimmed.

3. COADE STONE PILLARS & GARDEN

Repair to point of upper star of one of small pillars: Alison made a new Coade Stone point which didn't fit, now making a second replacement point. Difficult to get replacement point to stay in position, may have to accept this minor damage as part of a graceful aging process.

Album "Coade Stone Pillars" has disappeared from Internet – see PCC Minutes May 2013. Celia has found copy of this Album on her computer. Bob Jefferson has located the Album on his computer and is working on it as a priority, will notify Celia when ready for checking before putting onto Party Online and/or PCC web-site.

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.portobelloc.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 which is a different site from that quoted on maps on information boards, Nick is investigating.

Walks not discussed as Nick not present. Celia to e-mail Nick that www.porty.org.uk is blocked by Google chrome, contains Malware.

7 BOARD INSURANCE

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

8 FINGER POSTS

Flagged at recent PCC meeting, no details as yet.

9 STATUS OF SIGNS AND PLAQUES SUB-COMMITTEE

The present Sub-committee contains three PCC members (Celia, John and Nick). Alison and Margaret are co-opted for their expertise.

Celia is not standing for re-election to the PCC but is willing to continue as chair-person of the Sub-committee; may need to review Sub-committee membership following election of new PCC 24th October 2013. After that date Celia to ask PCC chair for time to brief the new PCC about the work and membership of the Signs and Plaques Sub-committee.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 3rd December 2013 at 8.15 p.m.
at 35 Bellfield Street.**

