

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE FOR SIGNS AND PLAQUES

Minutes of meeting held **Tuesday 9th July 2013** at 8.15 p.m. at 35 Bellfield Street.

Present: Celia Butterworth, Margaret Munro, John Stewart

Apologies : Alison Robinson, Nick Stroud

1 TOURIST INFORMATION BOARDS - Celia has Mykal Desolvit Graffiti Remover, paid for by CC. Ben McLeish informed in case Gilberstoun board gets graffiti.

2. INTERPRETIVE BOARDS Wiped by Celia yesterday.

Bird Board: OK

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

Seaside Board: Very pale, water between board and polycarbonate obscuring picture,

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: Some dirt ?glue wiped off, some water under polycarbonate

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

Aluminium edges of John Street Horizon and Geology boards cleaned of white paint by Alison look good - don't paint aluminium! White Blutac effectively seals corners

of Seashore board.

Metroguard frames (Bird, King's Road Horizon) show fairly minor water/dirt ingress -

Celia to check drainage holes are clear.

3. PLAQUES FOR BUILDINGS

Cleaning plaques - decided against 16 April 2013.

Tower Plaque: No action, none planned.

William Hay

Celia sent application for Scotmid Community Grant for £594 for Arkell plaque, received by Scotmid 29.05.13. Erection to be paid for by PAS, estimate to be obtained. Celia phoned Scotmid 20 June and told application not yet processed because might qualify for another grant - Scotmid's "polybag" project. Application supported by Portobello CC, see PCC Minutes 27 May 2013.

Rock Cottage

Blue plaque obscured by ceanothus. Celia to write to Dr Simpson asking he trim when appropriate.

4. COADE STONE PILLARS & GARDEN

Repair to point of upper star of one of small pillars : Alison is making replacement piece using template of broken surface.

Album "Coade Stone Pillars" has disappeared from Internet. Nick contacted Bob Jefferson who said this album, placed on Porty Online www.porty.org.uk/gallery as part of the HLF funded project, was not transferred to the CC web-site and has been

lost. Bob has the original images, may have the captions and is aware of problem but retrieval would take a lot of time which he doesn't have. Celia to search her computer for a record of this album.

5. PORTOBELLO WEB-SITE

At PCC meeting May 2013 Archie Burns offered to put Sub-committee minutes onto

PCC web-site, Celia sent Archie Joe Madden's instructions.

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 doesn't match site given 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 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 to e-mail CC treasurer using his new e-mail address.

8 FINGER POSTS

In hand, see PCC minutes.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 20th August 2013 at 8.15 p.m.
at 35 Bellfield Street.**