

**Roads**

**1. Portobello Promenade Surface**

Our Roads Officer will be carrying out a survey of the prom in the next two weeks (wet weather needed) to identify dips/ponding.

**2. James Street – Road and Pavement Repairs**

The Roads Team has identified a number of localised subsidence at this location and is now working towards organising permanent repair patches with minimal disruption to local residents over the next two to three months.

**3. Finger Posts**

The finger posts are now scheduled to be cleaned, repainted, refurbished and re-fixed by the workshops. We had hoped for them to be completed in April, but due to urgent work demands we have now been advised that they will likely be completed in May - June. We will keep you updated on their progress.

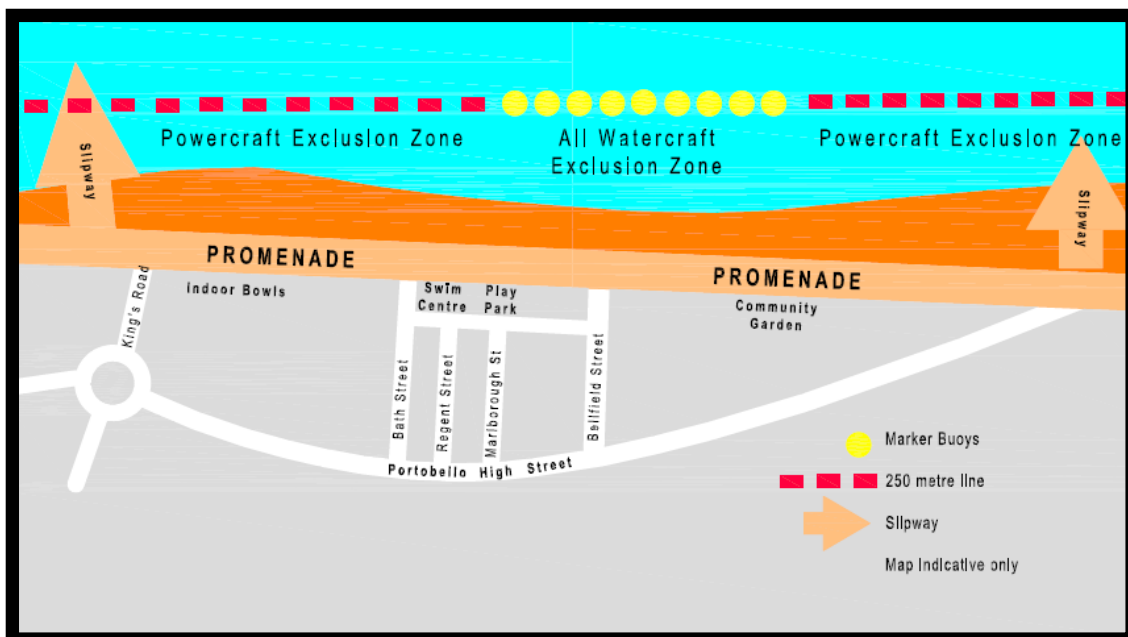
**4. Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) 2015**

The NEP schemes for this year were agreed at the last Portobello & Craigmillar Environment Sub-Group (1 April 2015). They are as follows:

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Estimated cost</b>
Improve path beside garages from Niddrie Mill Avenue to Duddingston Park South	<b>£ 12,000</b>
Magdalene Medway parking spaces – joint project with Area Board	<b>£ 20,000</b>
Improve path opposite no. 14 bus terminus to Greengables	<b>£ 12,000</b>
Electricity supply to Prom Cakestand	<b>£ 6,000</b>
Variable Information Sign at Seaview Terrace	<b>£ 5,000</b>
Path at Magdalene Drive to Avenue to shops	<b>£ 16,000</b>
<b>Estimated Total</b>	<b>£ 71,000</b>

The next P&C Environment Sub Groups will be held at the East Neighbourhood Centre (101 Niddrie Mains Road) on 3 June at 6:30pm.

## 5. Portobello Beach – Watercrafts Exclusion Zone



An exclusion zone for watercrafts has been reintroduced this year to allow safer water usage for swimmers. The Portobello Sailing and Kayaking Club will test marker buoys this week to ensure the correct buoyancy weight is used. Following testing, the remaining marker buoys will be rolled out and signage will be installed within the next two to three weeks. A notice to mariners has been issued by the Forth Ports Authority to help support this scheme.

## 6. Brighton Place Setts Lifespan – Update

I refer to your previous PCC minutes notes of 26 February 2015.

Sean Gilchrist wishes to clarify his discussion regarding sett lifespan. Factors such as public utility company activities, traffic loading/usage, and weather conditions can make it hard to accurately establish sett longevity. However in general terms, the Council would be aiming to achieve a 25-40 years construction lifespan.

## 7. Traffic Management, Project Phasing and Trader Consultation

The Roads Team is aiming to have a clearer view on where this project is on the Council's Capital Works Programme by August/September 2015. Once this contract has been developed further over the summer months, the Council will invite representative from Portobello Community Council.

## Parks and Greenspaces

### 8. Abercorn Park

The fencing has been purchased. We will keep you updated with any progress on the installation.

Unightly dirt patches have recently appeared in the grassed area of the park. These are most likely caused by a few overzealous dogs on the hunt for buried treasure.

We wish to keep the park clean and safe for all park users and will be displaying in the park's notice boards reminders of dog walker etiquette. We would kindly ask PAS to help us spread the word and raise awareness among its members.



### 9. Rosefield & Brighton Parks – Spring Cleaning

The Rosefield & Brighton Parks Resident Associations have organised a litter picking event on 9 May 2015 (time to be confirmed). They hope to see you there!

## Street Cleaning, Grounds Maintenance, and Environmental Wardens

### 10. Grounds Maintenance

We are currently reviewing our weed management programme for the upcoming spring/summer months. We will provide you with further details once a spraying schedule has been finalised.

### 11. Environment Wardens

Our Environment Wardens continue to patrol the area for dog fouling, littering and trade/domestic waste violations (excess waste, pavement obstruction, etc.) Please get in touch if you would like to highlight any areas of concern.

### 12. Portobello Beach – Busy Season

Porty Beach's high season is just around the corner. Additional large bin along the Promenade have been placed to help keep the beach clean and tidy for all to enjoy. We would kindly ask if PCC members could help us reduce the amount of litter by asking visitors to bring litter home if possible. Also, when disposing of portable BBQs, please ensure that they are extinguished before disposing them in bin. Enjoy the warm weather!

