[331st PCC Meeting]

[31.08.2015]

DRAFT Minutes of the 3 31st Meeting of the P ortobello Community Council held on 31st August 2015.

Present : Emma Dempsey, Brian Cosford, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Ben McLeish, Gillian Eunson, Thea MacMillan, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Sean Watters, Justin Kenrick (PEDAL) David Medcalf, Lawrence Marshall (POPP).

Apologies : Mark Cameron, Bob Jefferson, Max Blinkhorn, Clare Slifer, Peter Bradley (Brighton and 5 R V H I L H O G 5 H V L G H Q W Maria Dempsey, Cllr David Walker Sgt John Young (Police).

In Attendance : Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mike Bridgman, Stephen Dishon, Geoff Pearson (Northfield & Willowbrae CC) and other members of the public.

331.1 & K D LW H ¶ V Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted the recent success of the Big Beach Busk D Q G W K H 3 & & ¶ V V D Q G F D V W O H F R P S H W L W L R Q D V Z H O O D V W K H X S F R

He noted the sad news that Terry Dobson had passed away in July. The PCC extended their sympathies to his family and friends and noted thanks for his contribution as a community councillor.

331.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

331.2a Brunstane Road fingerpost (330.4): see Environment Report.

331.2b SES Plan (330.5): agenda item.

331.2c JTC Pay & Play (330.8): publicised.

331.3 Police Report

Sgt John Young had sent his apologies. Due to a serious incident he was unable to attend.

331.4 Environmental Report

Sean Watters outlined the Environment Report (see appended). Cllr Child gave an update on the Brighton Place bridge. Works by Network Rail were being brought forward to September, which would allow the pigeon netting to be replaced at that time.

331.5 New Park Consultation

Ross Woodside of the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust gave an update on the consultation I R U W K H Q H Z S D U N R Q W K H H [L V W L Q J 3 R E W R H a d been appointed by 6 F K R R O 6 W COEC to design and conduct the consultation. The on-line survey was being promoted through a web-site and social media, and paper copies of the form were also available. Two drop in events were also being planned for October in the Wash House and the N&W Community centre. The initial consultation would run till October 30th. Thereafter three outline designs would be produced for further

consultation as a whole: the primary duty of a Community Council was to represent the views of the community, and if the views of the community were unknown or impossible to ascertain, it would not be appropriate for PCC to substitute the views of its own members instead.

331.10 Electoral Review

The Boundary Commission were undertaking a review and were consulting on proposals to make minor alterations to the Portobello & Craigmillar Ward, and to increase the number of Ward Councillors from three to four.

331.11 Consultation Sub -committee

The 3 & & Youth consultation had concluded but the Community Learning and Development survey was ongoing. The themed meeting on Youth Provision was now planned for scheduled October PCC meeting. It was noted that the PCC member from the Woodcraft group had been unable to attend for a while, although a possible replacement was being sought.

331.12 Other reports

a. Treasurer ±Mark Cameron had sent his apologies.
b. Neighbourhood Partnership ±the next full meeting was scheduled for September 23. A query was raised about the possibility of additional cycle storage in Portobello and available budgets. Cllr Child advised that a question on cycle storage had recently been raised by Cllr Hinds and that it would be useful to wait for the response to that.
c. Planning ±there were some minor applications live.
d. Councillors ±Cllr Bridgman expressed his regret that efforts to save the Joppa Public Toilets had been in vain. There followed a discussion on the process and considerable dissatisfaction was expressed about aspects of it. Possibilities for re-opening the toilets were also discussed, such as taking them into community management or ownership. It was generally felt that if a group did come forward with such an initiative the PCC would be happy to support them, within the constraints of their remit. In response to a question it was FRQILUPHG WKDW WKH 3&& ZRXOG QRW DQG FRXOG QRW VHHN decision.

   Cllr Child highlighted six upcoming training sessions for Community Councillors, from October 14th through to January 28th.

331.13 Any Other Business

1. Borders Railway

Lawrence Marshall expressed his thanks for being nominated for a Golden Ticket, but he had now been given a place on the Royal Train. Nick Stroud and Marjorie Peters had also been nominated for Golden Tickets.

2. Calaid collection

Emma Dempsey gave details of a proposed collection of essential items for refugees at the Calais camp. After discussion the PCC agreed to promote and endorse the event.

3. Codestone Pillars

Following discussion at the previous meeting, Sean Watters confirmed that children were climbing the coadstone pillars and that one had recently fallen and broken both legs. The matter had been raised with local Councillors and COEC so that safety concerns could be addressed

4. School road closures

Geoff Pearson noted that the school road closures were soon to be enforced but that a number of parents seemed unaware of the proposals and that breaching them would be a road traffic offence. It was agreed to publicise the closures closer to time.

331.14 Date of the Next Meeting

The 332nd meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 28th September at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 26th October (333)
Monday 30th November (334)

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