



[340th PCC Meeting]

[29.08.2016]

DRAFT Minutes of the 340th Meeting of the Portobello Community Council held on 29th August 2016.

Present: Peter Bradley (Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association), Mark Cameron, Gillian Eunson, Lee Kindness, Geoff Lynn, Ben McLeish, Thea MacMillan, Marjorie Thomas (Joppa Tennis Courts), Sean Watters.

Apologies: Clare Slifer, Brian Cosford, Colin Cuthbert, Mina Curran, Emma Dempsey, Maria Devoy Justin Kenrick (PEDAL), Cllr David Walker.

In Attendance: Cllr Maureen Child, Cllr Mike Bridgman, and members of the public.

340.1 Chair's Welcome

Geoff Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

340.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes were agreed.

340.2a Cycling and the Prom (339.2a): for discussion at a future meeting.

ACTION: information to be collated for discussion at a future meeting

340.2b Baileyfield South PAC (339.6): PCC had publicised PAC events.

340.2c PCC elections (339.7): COEC & PCC were publicising the elections.

340.2d CACA consultation (339.11c): concerns had been raised and the consultation extended.

340.3 Police Report

PC Louise Gordon presented the Police Report. Crime in East Edinburgh was generally down, but there were ongoing issues with youth disorder that the police were targeting. Operation Drift had seen an increased police presence on the Prom over the summer and Operation Savannah, involving test purchasing of alcohol, was ongoing.

340.4 Environmental Report

No report.

340.5 The George Bingo Hall

George Gilbert gave a brief update on the situation and introduced the new owners of the building, Kevin and Liam Buckley. They had only just taken ownership and gained full access to the building and were in the early stages of assessing development possibilities. Out of the Blue's interest in the building was raised and that they were working on a feasibility study. It was agreed that this could be



shared with the new owners when complete. The considerable public interest in retaining the building was also noted and recognised by the new owners who proposed an Open Day of some kind to allow people to view the building and see some of the issues for themselves. It was agreed to liaise on publicising an Open Day in late September or early October.

ACTION: arrange Open Day with the new owners

340.6 Baileyfield South PAC

Nick Wright of Barratt Homes and Kenny Ross of EMA Architects gave a brief update on the Pre-Application Consultation and the likely scope of the proposals. They'd had 120 attendees over 3 events, with a number of positive comments made regarding the mix of housing, affordable housing, the commercial units and openspace proposals, whilst on the negative side concerns had been raised, in particular regarding transportation, congestion, construction access, and the impact on local infrastructure (schools etc.). Comments were still welcome but the design team were now in the process of developing the necessary report and information with a view to submitting an application towards the end of October.

340.7 PCC Elections

A discussion was had about publicising the forthcoming Community Council elections, in particular at the Village Show. Sean Watters agreed to look at producing a leaflet of some kind about the role of the Community Council.

ACTION: develop leaflet for the Village Show

340.8 Old Bellfield Parish Church

Mary Campbell gave an update on what had been happening. There had been a successful fundraising cabaret night, and extensive door-knocking had taken place over July to gather signatories in support. The understanding was that the property would go on the market soon so prompt action was needed. Members were needed for the new company taking things forward, Action Party, and membership was free. An Open Day at the library had been organised for 24th September to discuss how the building might be used, with possible another public meeting in October. In the short term the group was looking for volunteers to deliver leaflets and sign-up members. The PCC agreed to publicise the issue and offered space on their stall at the Village Show.

ACTION: publicise the issue

340.9 Village Show

Mary Campbell gave a brief update on the upcoming Village Show, and where volunteers were still required.

340.10 Other reports

- a. Treasurer – Mark Cameron had circulated his report (see appended).
- b. Neighbourhood Partnership – next full meeting was September 28th.



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- c. Planning – The DPEA had reported on the examination of the new Local Development Plan and had recommended the inclusion of all housing sites put forward, including the proposed development at Brunstane. and EDI had just submitted a PPP application. It was agreed to approach EDI for funding to undertake consultation along similar lines to what the PCC had done for Baileyfield North.

ACTION: raise consultation with EDI

- d. Councillors – Cllr Child highlighted the “More in Common” campaign inspired by Jo Cox. She also noted the threat to the continued existence of the Portobello Reporter, but that the next issue would carry more information on this.

340.11 Any Other Business

- a. A suggestion had been made to close Bath Street on the annual car free day. It was agreed to wait and see what was proposed.
- b. A local resident raised concerns about the construction of the new pedestrian crossing to the new Portobello High School and the consequent loss of bus stops on the Milton Road. Cllr Child confirmed she had raised the matter with Council officials and was awaiting a complete response.

340.12 Date of the Next Meeting

The 341st meeting of the Portobello Community Council to be held on Monday 26th September at 7:30pm in Portobello Baptist Church Hall, 185 High Street, Portobello, Edinburgh, EH15 1EU.

Subsequent Dates are: Monday 31st October (342)*
 Monday 28th November (343)*

* Note: dates may be effected by arrangements for the Community Council elections.

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340th PCC meeting closed.