



Minutes of the 411th meeting of Portobello Community Council held on Monday 25th March 2024 - AGREED

Present: Craig McIntyre (Chair), Lee Kindness, Frazer McNaughton, Laurie Berrie, Esther Clayton (Secretary), Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer & PAS Representative)

Apologies: Mike Leeman, Catherine Etoe (B&RRA), Cllr Tim Jones, Cllr. Kate Campbell, Police Scotland Representative

In attendance: Cllr. Jane Meagher, Cllr. Alys Mumford and 9 members of the public

411.1 Chair's welcome and introductions

Craig McIntyre welcomed everyone and there were introductions.

411.2 Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Declaration of interest: Stephen Hawkins, Portobello Heritage Trust – Item 7

Minutes of February 2024 meeting, additions

ACTION : 10.4, Cllr. Tim Jones to on the ramp and the revetment undercut.

UPDATE : 10.4, Cllr. Jane Meagher dredging check, overtaken by motion to full council regarding sand levels.

ACTION : 10.5, Mike Leeman to email for nominations.

UPDATE : 10.6, Mike Leeman emailed for update, waiting for reply.

Minutes were agreed.

411.3 Kings Road Safety Improvements

Craig McIntyre updated, 18th March 2024 another RTA involving a cyclist.

Plea to councillors for safety improvements to be carried out urgently.

The City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) advised they are reviewing the Kings Road design scheme. Option3, to make design improvements, Lothian Buses involved in the design review.

Preferred design to be decided by mid-April.

Lee Kindness commented - Lothian Buses have historically been part of the conversation.

Frustrating this is being dragged out.

ACTION : Craig McIntyre to chase for a mid-April update from CEC.

411.4 Prom Lighting

Craig McIntyre read out, CEC lighting statement / update.

ACTION : Craig McIntyre document onto PCC website, CEC to begin consultation period. No fixed date for prom lighting upgrade.

Frazer McNaughton – should we be pushing for a more exciting placement response, a site-specific designed proposal?

ACTION : Craig McIntyre email CEC to ask what will the consultation involve.

Lee Kindness – PCC should do a consultation. 3 ideas, see what the community think.



411.5 Prom etiquette

Meeting at outside amusements 3pm 28th March with CEC to review messaging, surfaces etc.

ACTION : Craig McIntyre to report back from meeting, ties in with item 411.6

411.6 Flood / Storm defences

Cllr. Jane Meagher motion to full council regarding sand levels, groyne condition etc. Cross-party support. The sand level cannot wait until the scheduled 2025 review. Mentioned of gabion groyne at Joppa end of the prom, this is to be infilled with remaining stone debris. Need a strategic approach to the prom. Wider piece of work to capture ideas.

ACTION : Jane Meagher to find out timescale of instruction to infill Joppa groyne.

ACTION : Jane Meagher to liaise with CEC officers to capture ideas and request PCC has a more formal involvement. Possible community engagement on issues.

411.7 Funding application

One submission – Action Party.

Applications need to be in with CEC by the end of March.

411.8 a. Treasurer

PCC Treasurer's Report – 25th March 2024

There has been one transaction in the business account since the last meeting for £19.62, which is the monthly fee for Basecamp. This leaves a balance of £1,122.46.

There has been the additional interest of £1.35 added to the Traders' account which results in a balance of £1220.62.

411.8 b. Police

Apologies. Nothing of note to report. Craig McIntyre read out the Police Report.

411.8 c. Planning

Submission of Bath St Lane.

ACTION : Mike Leeman to add to PCC website

411.8 d. Councillors

Alys Mumford : Kings Road fund plan.

ACTION : Alys Mumford follow up

Alys Mumford : Temporary toilets timescale.

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Boathouse area is a mess, and would benefit with a tidy up.

Action : Craig McIntyre Thursday prom meeting to include in visit. Email to discuss.

Joppa Rocks, access to toilets to be clearly signposted for the public.

ACTION : Alys Mumford follow up

Jane Meagher : Firework control zone, what approach?

ACTION : Jane Meagher to keep PCC informed.



Tim Jones (via email) : Update on The George, pushing for external visits. Internal inspection has been requested – this is waiting on the health and safety team.

Tim Jones (via email) : Regent / Marlborough Street parking survey.

ACTION : PCC to ask for survey responses.

Tim Jones (via email) : Groynes update / visit request.

Alys Mumford : The George, Kate Campbell motion. The amendment was disappointing. Updates from planning via Business Bulletin.

Alys Mumford : Porty Community Energy, attended their first meeting. Tackling Accessibility in Portobello. Idea of setting up an access panel. Would be good if PCC linked into this.

Alys Mumford : Seafield, meeting postponed until 25th April.

411.9 AOB

Boundary review will close on 3rd May.

ACTION : Craig McIntyre to request Seafield be included within the revised area.

Frazer McNaughton : Email from Action Porty requesting PCC support redevelopment of Bellfield Church funding.

ACTION : PCC to email Action Porty to invite them to present plans at the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 20.56.

The next meeting is 29th April 2024.