



## Minutes of the 415th meeting of Portobello Community Council held on Monday 26th August 2023 - DRAFT

Present: Mike Leeman (Chair), Frazer McNaughton, Esther Clayton (Secretary),  
Stephen Hawkins (Treasurer & PAS Representative)

Apologies: Catherine Etoe (B&RRA), Cllr. Jane Meagher, Cllr. Alys Mumford

In attendance: Cllr. Kate Campbell, Cllr Tim Jones, Chris Murray MP and 3 members of the public

### 415.1 Chair's Welcome and Introductions

Mike Leeman welcomed everyone and there were introductions.

### 415.2 Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising

Minutes of July 2024 meeting were agreed.

Kings Road no update

**ACTION : Tim Jones chase for update**

**ACTION : PCC email council for update**

Neighbourhood market

**ACTION : PCC to ask Preston from Neighbourhood Market to presentation at next meeting**

Water quality and beach issues were discussed, including the sewage overflows on Duddingston Road. These were reported to Scottish Water

**ACTION : PCC (Frazer) to forward recent incident reference number to Chris Murray and to seek an update from Scottish Water**

**ACTION : Chris Murray MP meeting with Scottish water, to report back to PCC**

Bank of Scotland closure

Closes 22nd of October. Local petition has 800+ signatures.

BoS has stated that Post Office is to provide a commercial contract.

Tim Jones - Jane sent a letter to Bank of Scotland bracket, PCC has copy.

**ACTION : PCC follow up with Jane Meagher for update**

### 415.3 New Meeting Format

Brief agenda document online for pre-reading.

The community Council wants to formally thank Craig Macintyre and Lee Kindness for their service

Mike proposed that given the limited numbers of members of PCC that we should set goals for next year



**ACTION : PCC (Mike) to format 2 to 3 goals and bring to next meeting for discussion**

## **415.4 PCC Public Spaces**

**ACTION : PCC (Catherine Etoe, Mike Leeman) tidy library**

Alternatives for notices for meetings: Washhouse, Co-op, Portobello High School, Tumbles, Town Hall, The Pits, Climbing Hanger

**ACTION : PCC (Esther Clayton) recruitment poster individuals and groups.**

## **415.5 Local Groups and Invitations to Make Presentations**

There was discussion about how PCC could better engage with and support the work of Local Groups, including the potential for them to present to PCC or join as members

**ACTION : PCC (Mike Leeman) to offer invitation to local groups**  
first contact Hazel from Porty Community Energy.

## **415.6 a . Treasurer**

PCC Treasurer's Report – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

One payment £ 42.24 for two month's Basecamp fees was made since the last report which leaves a balance of £ 598.18. We have not yet received this year's grant from the City of Edinburgh Council that is usually paid in August.

There has been the additional interest of £ 1.21 added to the Traders' account which results in a balance of £1227.05. We have received a further enquiry about the use of these funds to assist in providing Christmas lights for the high street.

## **415.6 b. Police**

No major incidents.

Firework exclusion zones, Portobello Beach not in zone, but area at Cat & Dog Home approved. Beach will be closely monitored, Operation Crackle.

## **415.6 c Planning**

Planning agreement on what we post on PCC website.

Agreed, No householder, listed building consent, tree orders etc. unless exceptional.

Open market proposed in boathouse car park comments close this week.



**ACTION : PCC to comment – neutral. Questions raised about with the prom parking access. query on unresolved issues.**

### 415.6 d Councillors

Cllr Kate Campbell :  
Firework control zones agreed previous Friday.  
Seafield Cat & Dog Home approved.

Cllr Tim Jones :  
The George were promised updates from Lesley Carus, will follow up.  
Anti social behaviour Bath Street taxis, waiting to meet council officer.  
St John's Primary, complaints about antisocial driving, waiting to hear back from Kirsty White.

Cllr Kate Campbell :  
Freeport full business case going to full council this week.  
Frazer – there is some on-going dialogue with neighbouring community councils around the Freeport project and how to engage with communities and how opportunities to improve connectivity and local place infrastructure could be realised. This is relevant for the delivery of the Seafield masterplan too. The business case also highlights a key objective of the Freeport is to support conditions of the creative industries and there are also opportunities on this issue too.

**ACTION : PCC to seek an update from CEC on the Freeport and what it might mean for Portobello and the surrounding areas. This should include exploration of how to engage local residents as the individual Freeport projects and infrastructure proposals emerge.**

Cllr Kate Campbell :  
Speed restrictions Portobello High Street need to be enforced.  
When is the Abercorn safety work being carried out?

**ACTION : Kate Campbell, chase for update and to request speed monitoring by Police**

Cllr Tim Jones :  
**ACTION : Tim Jones, 20 minute neighbourhood to chase for update**

### 415.6 e Seafield

Frazer  
There had been a useful steering group meeting which had reviewed the draft masterplan outputs and explored issues around enabling the right sort of mixed uses to take place within housing led mixed use development.

The masterplan and place brief are nearing completion and will be presented to Planning Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept for approval to consult on the final documents.

**ACTION : PCC to circulate materials and advertise the consultation (if the documents are approved by Planning Committee)**

### 405.7 AOB



Police Station

Information and discussion on the proposed sale. PCC to engage and support any group wishing to explore community views or local purchasing opportunities .

**ACTION : PCC write letter of condolence for Tom Smith**

Brunstane Rail Service

Question regarding bad train service, cancellations etc.

**ACTION : PCC (Esther Clayton) to ask to be part of the Community Rail Partnership**

**ACTION : Chris Murray MP to meet with ScotRail and report back**

The meeting concluded at 21.29.

The next meeting is 23rd September 2023.