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# Portobello Community Council – Survey 2011

In autumn 2011 Portobello Community Council carried out a survey to find out the community's views on Portobello and in what ways it could be improved. 126 responses were received. The most frequently topics raised were:

- Improving the High Street
- Improving the Promenade
- Traffic problems
- Parking problems
- Promoting Portobello

Several other issues were brought up, as well as specific problems and suggested actions to take. Whilst the Community Council has no statutory powers, we will look to see what can be done to address matters raised.

Thanks to all who took part in the survey.

## **Improving the High Street**

The issue most frequently commented upon was the High Street (37% of respondents). There were many positive comments and people clearly value the shops that currently exist. However there were concerns about the vitality of the High Street, the number of charity shops and empty premises. A broader choice of goods and services (specialist shops, restaurants, cafes) would be welcomed by many people, and many comments stressed the value of local independent businesses. Suggestions included lower rates/rents both to protect existing businesses and attract new ones, as well as finding temporary uses for empty premises.

## **Improving the Promenade**

25% of respondents suggested improvements to the Promenade. Suggestions included physical improvements (resurfacing, planting etc.), more attractions to encourage visitors, and more cafes/shops.

## **Traffic problems**

Traffic was raised as an issue in 18% of responses. Suggestions included; reducing congestion, reducing traffic, speed reduction and traffic calming in various locations, and improved traffic management. Specific problems in the Bath St/Marlborough St/Regent Street area were mentioned several times.

### **Parking problems**

16% of responses mentioned parking as an issue to be addressed. Suggestions included; permit/resident parking, stricter enforcement, marked parking bays, and more central parking.

### **Promoting Portobello**

14% of respondents suggested Portobello be better promoted to attract tourists and visitors to 'Edinburgh's Seaside'.

### **Other issues**

There were a number of issues also raised with notable frequency; the problem of dog fouling (11%), appropriate development on the Scottish Power site (10%), litter problems (10%), the importance of a new High School (10%), the Community Council (10%), improved public transport (8%), improved cycling facilities (8%), more youth facilities/activities (8%), improved play parks (8%), and more/improved toilet/wash facilities at the beach (7%).

## *What makes Portobello a good place to live?*

The front cover is a Word Cloud generated from responses to the question '*What makes Portobello a good place to live?*' (Only including factors mentioned more than once). As can be seen, **the beach, the local shops** and the **sense of community** were the most frequent things mentioned. The full list of words/phrases identified by the Word Cloud generator is given below (with the number of responses);

beach (75), local shops (60), sense of community (57), community (38), sea (37), the promenade (34), Edinburgh (26) the people (26), amenities (26), good schools (23), good bus service (23), friendly (22), location (22), the high street (20), community groups (20), parks (19), library (19), swimming pool (19), diversity (18), activities (17), events (16), village atmosphere (16), architecture (13), independent (13), open spaces (11), cafes (10), small town feel (9), family friendly (9), the village show (7), arts scene (6), fishmongers (6), the market (6), pubs (6), rowing (6), pod (5), cycle paths (5), sports facilities (5), variety (5), community centre (5), distinctive (5), butchers (5), the big busk (5), golf course (5), identity (5), big things on the beach (5), housing (5), play areas (5), earthy (4), history (4), restaurants (4), Georgian (4), green spaces (4), bars (4), the espy (4), pedal (4), churches (4), coffee shops (3), the pitz (3), town hall (3), figgate park (3), sailing (3), activism (5), greengrocers (3), green ethos (3), kayaking (3), rosefield (2) ambience (2) shops (2), beach house (2), dentists (2), local (2), action (2), scotmid (2), vibrant (2), hardware store (2), doctors (2), conservation area (2), victorian (2), edinburgh's riviera (2), orcadia (2), specialist shops (1), off license (1), playing fields (1), mysterious private gardens (1), malvarosa (1), police station (1), local initiatives (2), public spaces (1), joppa tennis courts (1) quiet lanes (1), relaxed (1), indoor bowling centre (1), individuality (1), high rubble walls (1), rugby (1), hairdressers (1), gym (1), free parking (1), sense of place (1), facilities (1), skiffs (1), delicatessen (1), nurseries (1), spirit (1), dalriada (1), community orchard (1), character (1), the big welcome (1), the crumbles (1), car free day (1), CAB (1), book festival (1), book clubs (1), bohemian (1), the sky (1), cycle shop (1), toilets (1), tolerance (1), banks (1), banana republic (1), amusement arcades (1), air quality (1), views (1), affordable (1), woodcraft folk (1)

## *‘What three improvements would you suggest for Portobello?’ & ‘Please add any other comments or concerns’*


The following table records the frequency with which particular topics were mentioned in response to *‘What three improvements would you suggest for Portobello?’* (98% response rate) and *‘Please add any other comments or concerns’* (50% response rate). These responses have been grouped into loose categories for ease of analysis, although some issues could clearly be classed under more than one heading. Figures given are for the percentage of respondents that raised a particular issue (rounded to the nearest whole number).

DEVELOPMENT	Improvements	Comments/Concerns	Total
Improve the High Street (e.g. better shops, more choice, better opening hours, too many charity shops, more independent retailers)	33	4	37
Promote Portobello (events within the community, as Edinburgh’s seaside, visitors, attractions etc.)	12	2	14
Suitable development at the Scottish Power site	8	2	10
Suitable development at the Funpark site	4	0	4
Employment (apprenticeships, more local jobs, protect local businesses, encourage independent businesses/entrepreneurs)	3	1	4
Housing (more affordable & family housing, concern about large developments)	1	2	3
No more supermarkets	2	1	2
Decent supermarket/alternative to Scotmid	1	1	2
Pier	1	1	2
Don’t promote Portobello as a visitor attraction – quiet residential area	0	1	1
No waste transfer station	0	1	1
Hotel - to attract visitors	1	0	1
Student potential - local Further Education Establishments	0	1	1

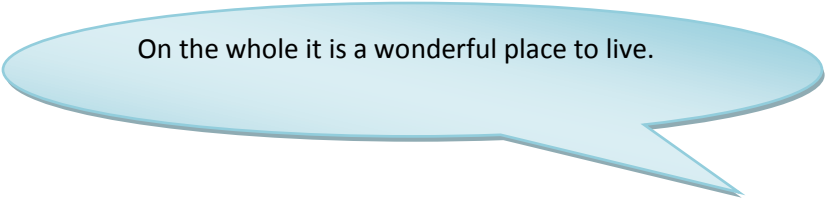
TRANSPORT	Improvements	Comments/Concerns	Total
Traffic in general (reduce congestion, reduce traffic, reduce speeds, traffic calming, restrict HGVs etc.)	16	2	18
Parking (various problems, permit/resident parking, more parking, Marlborough/Bath/Regent streets, central parking etc.)	14	2	16
Improve cycling (cycle paths/routes, facilities etc.)	8	0	8
Better public transport e.g. bus services	8	0	8
Safe cycling on the Prom OK	3	3	6
No/restricted cycling on the Prom	4	1	5
Road works (resurfacing required in Joppa & Brighton Place, more fairness in where, more notice, less disruption)	2	2	4
Pedestrian crossings (more crossings, encourage use of)	2	1	3
Discourage dangerous cycling	1	1	2
Reinstate train station	2	0	2
Hovercraft	1	1	2
No hovercraft	0	1	1
Remove crossing at Town Hall	1	0	1
Fewer empty buses	1	0	1
Safe routes to school	1	0	1
OPEN SPACE	Improvements	Comments/Concerns	Total
Improve the Prom	25	0	25
Youth facilities (e.g. BMX, skatepark, Meadows style area)	6	2	8
Improve playparks	7	1	8
No school on Portobello Park/development of greenspaces	3	1	4
More emphasis on sports/fitness (equipment in parks, football goals, use beach)	3	0	3
Improved park maintenance	2	1	3
More parks/greenspace	1	1	2
Open space improvements	2	0	2
Disabled access to beach	2	0	2

FACILITIES	Improvements	Comments/Concerns	Total
New High School	8	3	11
More/better toilets (wash facilities at beach)	6	1	7
Improve facilities at Towerbank & St John's	2	1	3
Cinema/theatre	3	0	3
More use of the Town Hall (community use)	1	1	2
Boost Farmers' Market	2	0	2
Re-open outdoor swimming pool	1	0	1
Central recycling	1	0	1
Refurbish baths	1	0	1
Improve library	1	0	1
COMMUNITY	Improvements	Comments/Concerns	Total
Community Council (better communication, more consultation etc.)	2	8	10
More events/projects/festivals (promoted and publicised centrally)	5	1	6
Greater police presence	3	2	5
Tackle anti-social behaviour (youth problem?)	2	2	4
Develop a 'vision' for Portobello/community plan/development trust	2	1	3
More renewable energy (wind turbine, micro-generation)	3	0	3
More CCTV	2	0	2
More community ownership e.g. Community Centre	0	1	1
Contingency plans for bad weather	0	1	1
War memorial	0	1	1
Local currency	1	0	1
No anonymity on TalkPorty	1	0	1
Timebank	1	0	1
Improve links between denominational and non-denominational schools	1	0	1
Youth worker in library	1	0	1

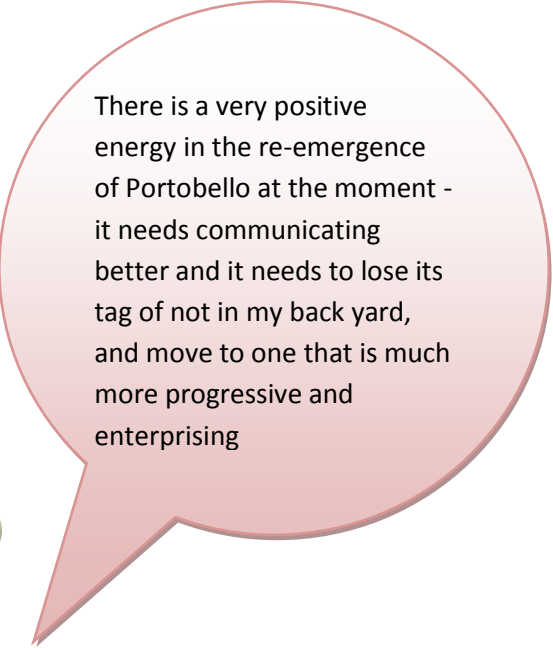
ENVIRONMENT	Improvements	Comments/Concerns	Total
Dog fouling	9	2	11
Litter (lunchtime problem, more bins, environmental wardens)	10	0	10
More planting/trees/hanging baskets/flower beds	4	0	4
General improvements (railings, maintenance, weeding, tidying the beach etc.)	2	1	3
Dog restrictions on beach	2	1	3
Relocate waste bins on Bath street	2	0	2
Pavement improvements	2	0	2
More growing spaces/fruit trees	2	0	2
Better lighting	1	0	1
Restore kilns	1	0	1
Improve Christian Path	1	0	1
Remove PHS mobile phone masts	1	0	1
More benches	1	0	1
Part of beach floodlit	1	0	1
Coastal path	1	0	1
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	Improvements	Comments/Concerns	Total
A great place to live	0	5	5
Great community groups, clubs, community events	0	2	2
Very positive energy	0	1	1
Great investment in parks	0	1	1
Appreciate Cllr Childs newsletter	0	1	1
Look to the past to secure the future	0	1	1
Concern over influence of unelected few	0	1	1
Concern about conflict over the High School	0	1	1
Opposed to privatisation	0	1	1
Worried about cuts	0	1	1
Lose nimby tag	0	1	1
Too many Porty schemes never work	0	1	1
Very depressing place to live	0	1	1



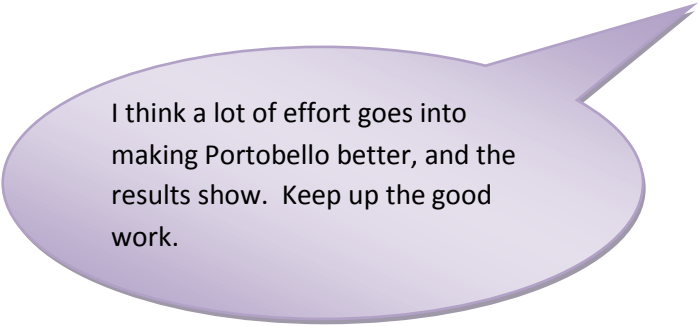
I really love living in Portobello and think we have lots of good things going for us, especially that so many local people are prepared to get involved in community related events.



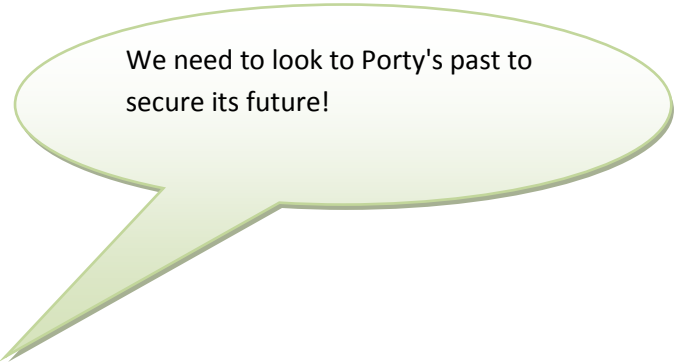
On the whole it is a wonderful place to live.



There is a very positive energy in the re-emergence of Portobello at the moment - it needs communicating better and it needs to lose its tag of not in my back yard, and move to one that is much more progressive and enterprising



I think a lot of effort goes into making Portobello better, and the results show. Keep up the good work.

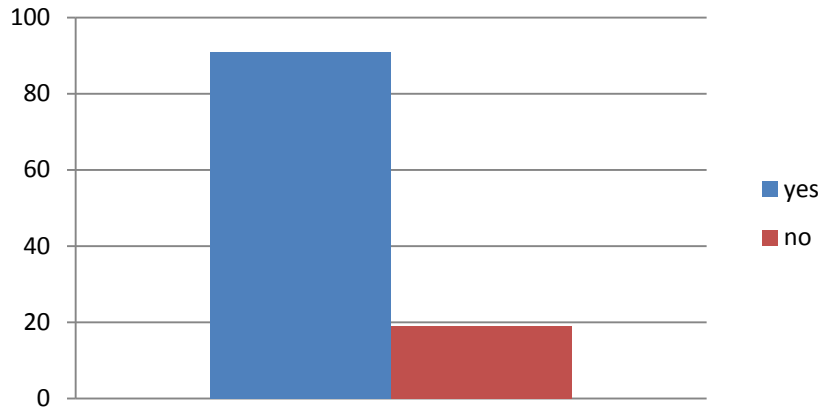


We need to look to Porty's past to secure its future!

# COMMUNITY COUNCIL QUESTIONS

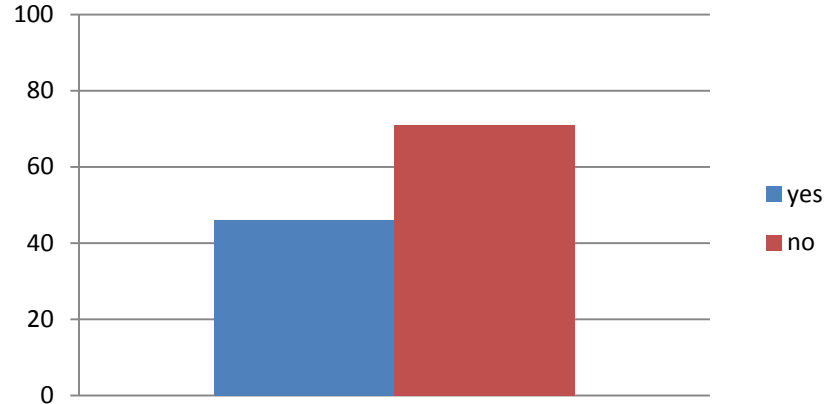
Of the 126 survey responses 7 were from members of the Community Council. These have been discounted from the following section.

Were you previously aware of Portobello Community Council?



118 responses - 99 yes, 19 no

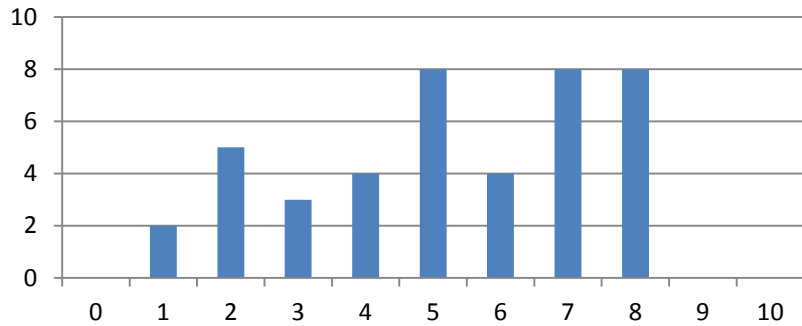
Were you aware of the Portobello Community Council website?



117 responses - 46 yes, 71 no

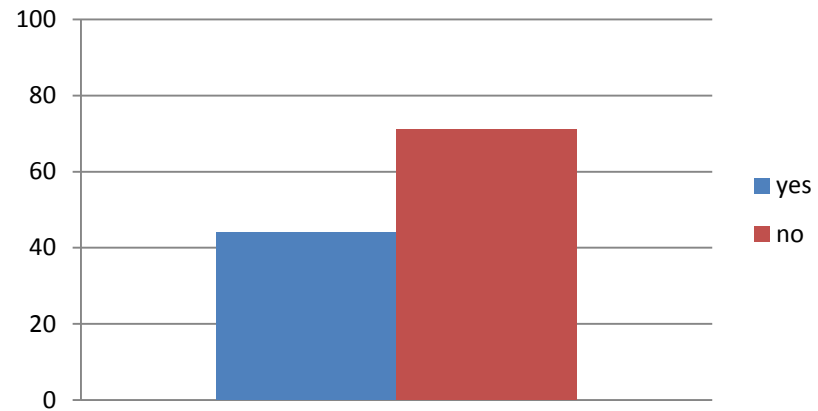
If so, how useful do you find the website? (scale of 0-10)

## Rating



42 responses. Averages – mean 5.3, median 5

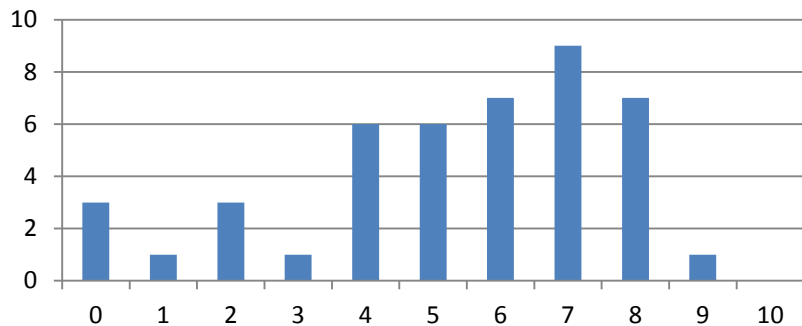
Were you aware of the Portobello Community Council area in the library?



115 responses - 44 yes, 71 no

If so, how useful do you find it? (scale of 0-10)

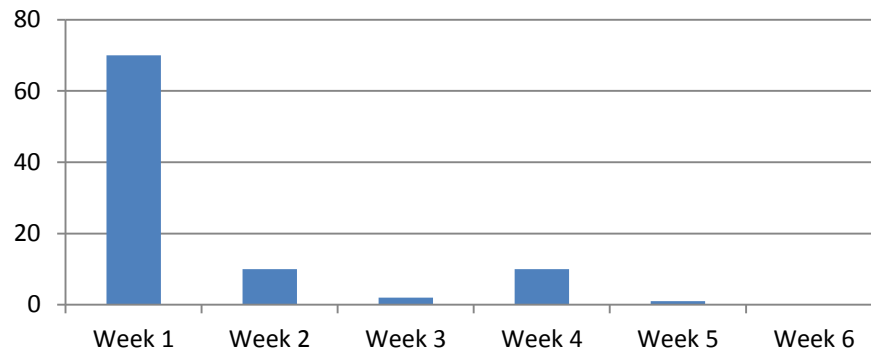
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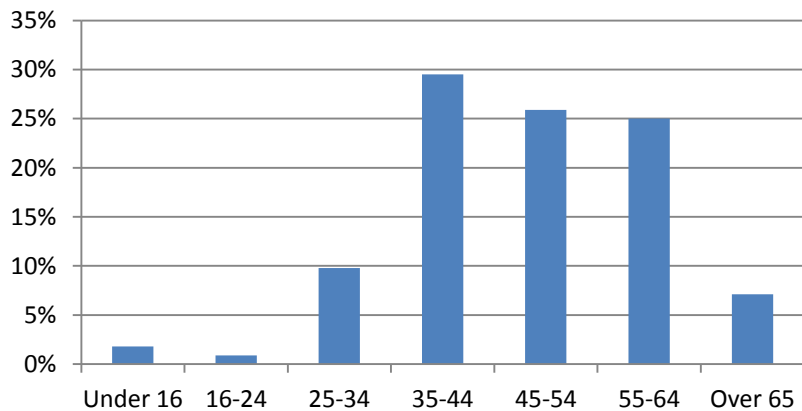
44 responses. Averages – mean 5.3, median 6

On-line response rate (99 out of 126 responses)

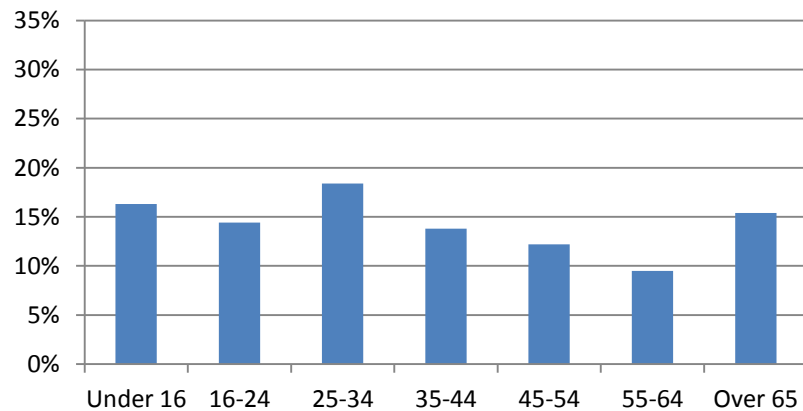
### Responses



Age bands of respondents



Age bands of population



What makes Portobello a good place to live?	What three improvements would you suggest for Portobello?	Please add any other comments or concerns below
The people and the shops and the sea	Better Public Transport to Leith not building on Portobello Park a suitable development at Bailiefield	Police management of youths on Promenade could be better more Parking in centre would promote convenience shopping
The fact that it is by the beach, has a community of people who mostly care about the place and making things happen (community energy) and that there are lots of different age groups living side by side.	1. something really good for teenagers to use and enjoy - adventure playground Meadows-style or skateboard/BMX half pipe badly needed pref on Prom but otherwise somewhere like right at the back of Rosefield Park 2. shops on the High Street - can anything be done about excessively high rents/rates that prevent all but charity and betting shops surviving? 3. Dogs banned in the summer between 1000 and 1800 between the bottom of Bath St and bottom of Bellfield Street	Concerned that the Community Council is obsessed with planning matters, CC does not effectively represent the views of the community but instead the views of the individuals on the Council - because it does not consult/canvass views often enough. Communications are poor/old fashioned. Meetings are too long, putting off individuals who are time-poor but might get involved if it didn't involve long-winded discussion.
Excellent local independent shops on and around the High Street within easy walking distance. Lots of interesting things happening: many diverse groups and events. The beach, the Prom, the parks (what's left of them). Its history, its achitecture. Its feisty character. The people.	Very concerned about the threat of the loss of Portobello Park and Golf Course.  Also concerned about the future of the High Street as an independent viable retail location.	More protection for local independent high street shops. Reduced rent/rates by the council and landlords to attract more quality independent retail, especially food shops. More parks/green-space. We are set to lose 25% of our parkland. Improve and regenerate the Prom, soften the landscaping and improve the open spaces. This should be done in an integrated way, rather than by piecemeal development.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proximity to beach, sea and east lothian</li> <li>- Fact that you can get pretty much everything you need here without needing a car</li> <li>- Rowparty</li> <li>- Lots of community events</li> <li>- Woodcraft folk have a group here</li> <li>- CAB presence</li> <li>- Leisure centre</li> <li>- Joppa tennis courts</li> <li>- Golf course</li> <li>- The schools are good</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- station</li> <li>- more for 'youth' to do</li> <li>- a time bank</li> </ul>	None
Sense of community. Interesting people. Fairly wide demographic. Air quality. Access to the beach. Opportunity, in the early 80's to buy a house with a garden at an affordable price. Distinctive sense of place: quiet lanes unadopted by the City Council; high rubble walls around mysterious private gardens; the prom; parks; good bus service to the cenre of Edinburgh	Solution for parking problem in Malborough Street and Regent Steet.  Removal of mobile phone masts from roof of High School.	

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it has a community feel to it, it's beside the sea tho' the rest of Edinburgh doesn't seem to know that, there are plenty of good local active groups, there is an excellent bus service thro and round it, good churches, easy access to both town and country	<p>A better surface for the Prom.</p> <p>Public toilets and/or showers/foot wash facilities by the beach</p> <p>Persuade the local children NOT to drop their litter in the High Street</p>	We need to raise the profile of the High Street - we have some good local shops but the empty ones are depressing.
local shops and a good ambience	<p>Resurfacing or replacing the cobbles in Brighton Place</p> <p>Clearing all the debris from Christians Path and repairing lighting making it into a proper walkway</p> <p>Checking the speed of vehicles driving down Mountcastle Drive North as it supposed to be a 20 mph</p>	I am also concerned at the parking in Hamilton Drive west when the school goes in and out with people parking on the pavements causing congestion and making the pavements sink and break up
There is a real sense of community in Portobello, a real feeling that it is a small town in its own right. People seem very willing to be involved in various local activities. There is a good range of shops, despite a few closures recently and great amenities such as the library, swim centre and community centre. And of course there is the beach and the sea!	<p>Hard to think of much to be honest! Would like for there to be somewhere for the young people currently causing problems in the library to go. Joined up thinking would perhaps base a youth worker in the library rather than the staff having to be bouncers as they are at the moment. Not as pleasant a place to be as it used to. But perhaps that's not really an issue for the community council.....</p> <p>Double parking in for example Mentone Avenue really should be dealt with but I think I heard that there is going to be residents parking soon?</p>	
the open spaces by the sea and the great sense of community	<p>less cars, more pedestrian areas. sort out the parking for residents</p> <p>more art on the beach/prom</p> <p>more trees</p>	
A clear sense of community. This is fostered by a high street, public spaces and community institutions that propagate this culture.	<p>1/ Better control of traffic speeds and volumes on stretches of the main road.</p> <p>2/ A new high school with better infrastructure - more open space for pupils and control over safe routes to and from the school.</p> <p>3/ Improved links or removal of the split between the catholic and non denominational schools.</p>	Cycling on the prom is okay but a small subset of people go very fast and close to pedestrians. It would be good to have an enforcement campaign to stop this.

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<p>Being at the sea side. Long walks along the promenade. Strong sense of unpretentious community.</p>	<p>Increased frequency of public transport. . Safer cycle paths street lights at night</p>	<p>lately there has been constant street work. Very unsafe to use bicycles very dark at night With the trams getting to the city there are fears of even less public transport from portobello to the other end of town No space or activities for teenagers who seem to be constantly chased by the police</p>
<p>Strong community - lots of events, etc. Good local schools. Proximity of the beach.</p>	<p>Improvements to playparks, with more facilities for children over the age of about 8 (eg more sophisticated play equipment - climbing frames for older children, flying fox etc). Traffic reduction. More crossings, particularly by Rosefield Park.</p>	
<p>Good amenities nearby, like shops (butchers, fishmongers grocers and cafes), but also library, sports facilities, pool, beach. Sense of community by having a defined boundary – sea on one side, and railway on other.</p>	<p>New High School Greater Police presence to instil secure feeling within the community Closed circuit TV cameras at prom and also trouble hotspots to deter crime</p>	<p>Hurry up and finish building the High School</p>
<p>The sea. It has a small town feel and a number of communities coexisting. It has good services, pool, library, community centre, pits, orcadia and scotmid ofcourse. But it is mainly the sea!</p>	<p>Cycle lane on prom. refurbished public toilets more affordable housing i.e. to maintain a broad demographic ensure that people from all backgrounds can enjoy living by the sea.</p>	<p>I am concerned about further "development" on the promenade. I feel as a local that it is not really necessary and I do not like the idea of creating a tourist or visitor attraction. On busy days like most of the other local people we go somewhere else and instead enjoy the beach and promenade when it is used predominately by locals. I moved to portobello because it was a quiet seaside town not a thriving seaside metropolis.</p>
<p>Diverse and engaged community that create and support local events: Portobello Village Show, The Big Busk; without trying to unify disparate community groups but allowing each the space to flourish.</p> <p>The variety of local traders, services, and amenities from an off-license and bicycle shop through food and hairdressers to the green spaces from Rosefield to those along the prom.</p> <p>The beach and promenade albeit with confusing no-cycling signs. Used by the community and businesses to keep fit and enjoy life.</p>	<p>Advertising and promotion of community events is limited, and even with banners across the Town hall, the Village Show still needed a ring-round of chums to get the message out. Everything from the community centre and library, the swim and bowling to the 'green space' events needs to be on some central point pushing what's on in Porty next month.</p>	<p>Centrally funded efforts from the library etc. need as much promotional activity as the volunteer events. Story time etc. were fantastic but obscure.</p>

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<p>1. The proximity to the beach.  2. The ease of access to the city centre and the city bypass.  3. On the whole it is a friendly place to live.</p>	<p>1. Reduction in highly visible waste bins in Bath St and at the termination of the vista to the beach - hugely negative visual impact on the quality of our environment in the conservation area and a terrible welcome for tourists visiting and coming off the bus down the street to the beach.  2. Reduction in the number of HGVs allowed in Bath St and Straiton Place and potentially a one way system in Bath St to Marlborough St.  3. Permit controlled parking to alleviate the large numbers of commercial vehicles and campers using our streets as a car park.</p>	<p>I don't feel that hard to resolve 'amenity' issues are tackled by the CC or the councillors such as the traffic/ bins etc. There is always another consultation or a survey or another layer of bureaucracy and not a lot of change.  Portobello has a poor High Street environment and far too many charity shops.  More should be done to attract independent traders and up the quality of the high street as a whole and not just the conservation area. Low end Cash Generator type shops attract the wrong sort of businesses to the local area and downgrade the shopping street. New shops such as Earthy, Martha's Attic, Cove, Wine shop etc are to be welcomed and encouraged.</p>
<p>Great community, some lovely parks and other open spaces (the beach!), good local shops and cafes, and good facilities (toilets, swim centre, etc).</p>	<p>1. Get on with building the new high school! The old one is an eyesore, and a new high school will be a real boost for the community.  2. Improve the section of the prom near the arcade, it's a bit dated and grotty compared to how great most of the prom is.  3. Some of the roads away from the front aren't very cycle friendly, what with the cobbles and some uneven bits of road.</p>	<p>The investment in the parks in the 10 years I've lived in this area has been absolutely fantastic. Also great to see some really good local businesses thriving (the Beach House + Portobello Kayaking Club is a good example). The excellent local clubs, eg. running club, kayaking club, are to be encouraged too, they bring a lot to the community.</p>
<p>Portobello is a good place to stay as it has good facilities (e.g. sports) good schools and a wide selection of shops although this could be expanded on</p>	<p>I would like a community council that are open and transparent in their actions, representing the community and not their own views or agendas</p>	
<p>Sense of community  Beach  Some good places to eat and drink (although I feel there could be improvements to a lot of pubs/cafes)</p>	<p>Improve its visibility around edinburgh to encourage more visitors.</p>	
<p>Great neighbours, green initiatives, wide range of local shops including Banana Republic, the Coop, Fishmongers and the new Earthy, good buses, the market. Coffee shops, The beach. The Figgate Park. The golf course and playing fields.</p>	<p>1. Get rid of the rubbish! This has become a bigger problem every year. The Porty High students buy polystyrene packed lunches and then litter them all around Rosefield Park and Brighton Park, as well as all over the streets. It's a disgrace.  2. Build the Wind Turbine and use the income for amenities to Portobello.  3. Do not build the new school on green land - do not threaten the Golf Course's existence.</p>	
<p>The friendly 'community' feeling in Portobello</p>		<p>New high school.  Less traffic on main road</p>

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<p>It has a good community. There are lots of local events organised. The beach, lots of local activities for adults and children.</p>	<p>Improvements to the Prom. It is a fantastic resource on our doorstep and we do not make enough of it.            Parking can be an issue. The only carpark is at the far end of Portobello away from the popular shops.            The terrible mess of the abandoned amusement park along near the Indoor bowling should be improved.</p>	<p>There is still a problem with dog owners not cleaning up after their animals. The area around Towerbank school can be particularly messy.</p>
<p>Portobello has the feel of a traditional Scottish town even though it is only twenty minutes away from Edinburgh's city centre. The bus service is excellent.            Portobello has a wide range of independent shops as well as useful chain stores such as Semi Chem. There are also nice independent cafes and a range of pubs/bars.            The beach and promenade also makes Portobello a good place to live as one can pursue a range of activities here.            Overall, both the atmosphere and people of Portobello are relaxed and friendly.</p>	<p>The promenade could be improved by the opening of new restaurants, cafes and shops which would attract more visitors and help small local businesses.</p> <p>Although this is a problem not exclusive to Portobello, the gathering of youths can sometimes make the area feel dangerous and look unsightly. Perhaps more community centres for the young people of Portobello would help this situation.</p> <p>Thirdly, Portobello Swim Centre could do with a refurbishment, especially as they have one of the few Turkish baths in Scotland.</p>	<p>Overall, Portobello is a good place to live compared to many of the other suburbs of Edinburgh. Although it is difficult in this economic climate, I would like to see more independent local businesses open.</p>
<p>Close to the sea and the city centre. Some lovely architecture and quality housing. Prospect of a new High School and excellent primary schools. Beach front is a real blessing. Plenty of nice parks and what seems like a low crime area. Nice mix of people with Edinburghers and others from further afield.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Improve the promenade by providing more attractions and encouraging more businesses.</li> <li>2) Improve the image of the Portobello community who are often perceived as "moaning minnies" by others in the city.</li> <li>3) Provide a broader choice of goods and services on our High Street.</li> </ol>	<p>I am pleased the Community Council are encouraging comment from the community. In the past they appear to have ignored the wider view and followed their own agenda.</p>
<p>Still has a community feel, good place for bringing up children. The beach is a great asset and good schools too.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have a community trust engaging with community on all matters to make portobello a better place to visit, live and work.</li> <li>2. Promote portobello better. Think of new and different ways to get us noticed by all these visitors to Edinburgh.</li> <li>3. Have a vision for porty that includes some unique visitor attractions (eg a park that is like nothing else in Edinburgh). We've a unique location here but don't seem to think big. I realise funding may put up barriers but incremental growth by increasing visitor numbers may be possible</li> </ol>	<p>Would like there to be a more open and immediate means of getting the thoughts of the cc. Could they set up a Facebook page or email distribution list to gather input into issues from a wider audience?</p> <p>I'd congratulate the cc on taking this step in trying to engage with a wider population.</p>

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<p>Portobello feels like a village. People know each other, by sight at least. The library is fantastic, good shops, great facilities [sports, schools ... ]. The beach and the Promenade are a lovely place to stroll, play, enjoy.</p>		<p>1 -- dog mess!!!! on the beach and the Promenade, near Towerbank School, surely something could be done. It is revolting to play, walk on the beach/Promenade/Community Garden and step in. Owners are not always aware of what their dogs are doing 100m in front of them!!!</p> <p>2 -- I wonder if it could be possible to create near the Promenade a good outdoor sport ground with basketball nets, for example. The playgrounds for young children are really good, alas very little to entertain older kids.</p>
<p>It has the feel of a small community within the city. It has great facilities, nursery and school. The proximity of the beach is a great advantage.</p>	<p>it would be great if the empty shops were filled. Would also like to see more facilities for children, it would be great if this side of town, especially, portobello could have a play park similar to that of the meadows. A greater crackdown on dog fouling would be beneficial, especially the prom and surrounding streets.</p>	<p>on the whole it is a wonderful place to live.</p>
<p>There are some good facilities in Portobello - the swim centre, the library and the golf course/park. There is a good mix of housing, and transport to the city is good. There are also some very community minded people who work hard to make Portobello a good place to be. On the whole, the community council does a good job for the people of Portobello.</p>		<p>In spite of the plus points mentioned above, I find Portobello a very depressing place to live because of the unpleasantness of some of the people who live here. I am thinking particularly of the nasty campaign for a new high school, the online forum and some of the idiots hell bent on destroying the golf course/park. Unfortunately the improvements would only be achieved if these people were to leave the area, and they are unlikely to do so any time soon.</p>
<p>The Swimming Pool The welcoming people and community activities The seaside and the beach Towerbank Primary School The Shops The bus and train links</p>	<p>Educated dog owners - less dog pooh! Lower traffic speed on Abercorn Terrace, with a zebra crossing or chicane to slow traffic. Reopening Portobello Railway Station</p>	<p>We are greatly concerned about the continuing opposition and discussion / legal hooah being pursued by opponents of the proposed new High School.</p> <p>Our community needs the new school urgently, and the decisions have been made. Please ensure that the CC supports the Council in its endeavours to deliver this.</p>

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<p>The sense of community - the local groups who organise things (Pedal, Big Things on the Beach, POD, for example) such as the village show, the involvement of the schools in community life, and the way people here look out for one another - for example when it snowed the winter before last and a resident organised volunteers to clear paths.</p>	<p>The High Street is disappointing with its plethora of betting shops and charity shops - but that's not easy to change. The lack of fairness in things like road repairs, where certain streets get money spent on them and my street just gets a shovel of tar into the potholes once a year - I would prefer such things to be repaired equitably. And finally more bus routes - it's ridiculous that we have no direct bus to Fort Kinnaird, the biggest shopping centre near us, and no quick direct bus to Ocean Terminal - I know the First bus now goes there but it's a long way round. It feels like there is a presumption of everyone owning cars.</p>	<p>I love living here; there's nowhere else in Edinburgh that would give me what Portobello does, and I'm proud of my community.</p>
<p>Good community spirit. Portobello truly feels like an independent small town, yet Scotland's capital is a 10 min bus ride away. Portobello has all the shops and services you need without having to go to a supermarket (especially now that we have Earthy's. Having the perfectly kept beach on our doorstep is amazing and seems to remain a secret from the rest of Edinburgh. The new cyclepath is great.</p>	<p>Redevelopment of the western end (amusement arcades and old industrial site). Cinema More facilities for cyclists</p>	<p>Concerned about what will be built on the old industrial site and at the amusement arcades. No supermarket required!</p> <p>Despite living on Stanley Street and having no children myself I am looking forward to the new school and the facilities that it brings.</p>
<p>The High Street, so Porty isn't just a part of Edinburgh, but a community in its own right.</p> <p>The Beach.</p> <p>The great community events like the Big Beach Busk, the Village Fair, the Big Welcome.</p>	<p>Later opening for the shops, so I can use them in the week.</p> <p>Better cycling routes. It's hard going cycling into the city centre if you're not a confident cyclist.</p> <p>A hovercraft :-)</p>	
<p>Attractive seaside location, socially mixed, nice houses, good amenities (good local shops, Baths, etc), family-friendly, very strong community feeling with active community organisations (eg PCC), quite good transport links to city &amp; elsewhere.</p>	<p>1) New High School building (on proposed park site, or use proposed site for playing fields and rebuild on existing site - why was this not discussed?) 2) Direct bus services from east end of Porty to South Side and Leith 3) Improved / more off-road cycle routes to Leith &amp; city centre.</p>	
<p>Proximity to sea and Edinburgh; contained area resembling a village; public spaces, esp. beach and prom.</p>	<p>More realistic about bicycles on prom: two lanes, one for pedestrians and one for cyclists? Reduce traffic, esp. on High St./Abercorn Terrace. How? Don't know.</p>	

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<p>Excellent local shopping, cafes, pubs and restaurants. Lots of active community members. The beach, promenade and many local parks. Good local schools with the prospect of a brand new High School in the near future. Good transport links to city centre. Conservation Area and its appreciation and protection by local groups. Lots of local leisure opportunities. The Swim Centre in particular. Part of a great city with all its advantages, yet still somehow an independent village. Diverse social mix of ages, lifestyles, opinions.</p>	<p>The introduction of measures to reduce traffic congestion and improve pedestrian access, particularly in the streets north of Portobello High Street between Bath Street and Bellfield Street.</p> <p>Large scale investment by the Council in developing and promoting Edinburgh's seaside. They fail to realise what a huge asset they have here.</p> <p>A 'change of guard' in Portobello Community Council.</p>	
<p>The sea &amp; prom Rowing Good range of shops - glad to see Earthy has arrived! Community spirit Clear local identity Cycle paths</p>	<p>The new High School will be a great addition when it comes &amp; is much needed Remove no cycle signs from prom People walking &amp; cycling locally &amp; not using their cars so much</p>	<p>It would be good to develop local contingency plans for bad weather, these could include checking on vulnerable members of the community if care workers can't get through, shopping for those who can't / would be at risk if they went out &amp; clearing streets of snow</p>
<p>its got a village atmosphere, really great family facilities and SO much going on, with more and more like minded people moving in to the area.</p>	<p>another pet food shop to replace the one which closed, more toilets on the prom, litter patrol at high school lunchtimes.</p>	
<p>Feels like a small town and yet is part of the big city. It's beside the sea. Very friendly.</p>	<p>would love to see more happening on the prom - maybe more street vending licences/market? which in turn would attract more visitors and benefit the High Street</p>	
<p>Proximity to Edinburgh The beach and prom (and big sky) Good built environment - dense streets that support a good high street Good high street shops diverse and active community</p>	<p>Parks and play spaces for young people including for teenagers who don't seem to have much to do in Portobello</p> <p>Prom - all that concrete and tarmac isn't good enough I think</p> <p>High Street support (not aan easy answer to this I think)</p>	
<p>The sea!!!</p>	<p>26 buses back to a more frequent service! Incentives for more attractive shops.</p>	<p>Hopefully the Hovercraft will NEVER land on Portobello beach!</p>

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<p>I'm an Australian who has been living in Portobello for nearly 5 years. The obvious plus is the beach, open spaces and green areas. I think there is also a good sense of community in Portobello that you don't necessarily get in inner city towns. The workers who clean the beaches most mornings is brilliant for keeping the town clean!</p>	<p>Improved/more shops and restaurants on the high st, especially at the Kings Rd End of Portobello. I'm not talking about supermarkets, but local shops selling food, gifts etc. It would be great to see Kings Rd end improve. The empty shops make it look like a ghost town at times. Also the site of the old scottish electric (i think). That appears to be a breeding ground for rats and rubbish and looks a mess. Improvement here would be great, whether that is retail or green space.</p> <p>I think there needs to be better public toilet facilities. Especially during summer when the masses flock to Portobello beach, we end up with people urinating on in the most bizarre places....Not cool.</p> <p>I would love to see the space next to the FunHouse (near the Indoor Bowls) be put to use. At the moment it's disgraceful, kids hang around there and destroy the fences, its full of junk and it looks terrible for visitors to Portobello. Improving this site and making it into something useful would be great for Portobello tourism</p>	<p>I really think something must be done to improve on resident street parking situation around Bath st area. Visitors don't seem to be aware of the parking around the Indoor Bowls Centre. You can't walk down the pavement.....</p> <p>It's pretty crazy, what happens in an emergency. Not sure what can be done to improve this, perhaps parking area around the kids playground (which doesn't really seem to be used that much)</p>
<p>Its closeness to the sea and sense of community</p>	<p>A much better public transport to the rest of the city. Open a train stop on the train already going through</p> <p>Improve promenade and reopen outdoor swimming pool as it existed before</p>	
<p>The village atmosphere and good selection of small shops.</p>	<p>(1) All the benches along Portobello High Street are located at the middle and east ends. There are none at all along the west end of Portobello High Street. This is very inconvenient for the elderly and infirm. It would be easy and cheap to add a few benches, especially near The Pits where people could also pass time by watching the football..</p> <p>(2) There is space to make a pleasant little garden at the junction of King's Road and Portobello High Street. This again would be cheap to implement.</p> <p>(3) The re-development of the Scottish Power site at the west end of Portobello High Street should take place asap. It is presently a useless eyesore.</p>	

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<p>Location, location, location.</p>	<p>Obviously the improvement to Towerbank and Portobello High School are urgently required, but thankfully in the pipeline at last!!</p> <p>Improved parking and access for cars and buses.</p> <p>Improved cycle lanes/route to Edinburgh for commuters.</p> <p>Improvement of parking and shopping facilities at Scotmid, the 'centre' of Portobello.</p>	<p>There has been a reduction of the number of visitors to Portobello on bus trips and day visits. (Possibly due to the closure of the Royal British Legion) I believe it needs to be promoted and developed as Edinburgh's seaside town.</p> <p>The toilet facilities available for visitors (and locals) in Portobello could be greatly improved.</p> <p>The number of empty shops and non-charity shops is of concern.</p>
<p>the beach, the sea, the Prom, the great local shops and cafes, the people/diverse and interesting population, the monthly market, the community spirit when fighting development such as a Tesco on the Scottish Power site, the wonderful and eclectic mix of housing (almost no horrible high-rise!)</p>	<p>more regular removal of dog-shit from the Prom</p> <p>community wardens ensuring the kids don't just dump their rubbish everywhere and/or create problems at lunchtime and after school (I recently had a plastic bottle full of water thrown at my car by local schoolboy/s when I was driving up Brighton Place one lunchtime; luckily I was able to react quickly and appropriately - but it could have caused an accident)</p> <p>night-vision enabled CCTV camera/s at key locations on the Prom; the Community park at the foot of John Street is often used by young people/inebriated people as a place to drink, take drugs, use as a public toilet and/or have sex</p>	
<p>It is beside the sea, giving a sense of open space and varied landscape for walking and relaxing. The local shops provide a sense of community as well as convenience. There is a strong community spirit, with a variety of different people living in the area. It is on the number 26 bus route. It is within easy reach of the city centre, East Lothian and the countryside.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parking solutions.</li> <li>2. Restriction on the number of Charity shops.</li> <li>3. No cycling permitted on the promenade.</li> </ol>	<p>I am concerned about the parking around Straiton Place, Bath Street and surround - emergency services frequently struggle to gain access because of large vehicles parked at an angle and protruding into the road. Cars are frequently parked alongside the big black bins on the streets which obstructs the free flow of the traffic.</p> <p>Cycling on the promenade has become a hazard over the years. Cyclists travel too fast and swerve round pedestrians without warning - for the very young and the very old this is highly dangerous.</p>

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<p>Location - proximity to city centre and lying right on the beach</p> <p>Architecture - Georgian splendour and fine green / open spaces</p> <p>Community - growing art scene , bar scene and shops (arrival of Earthy captures this)</p> <p>Foundations - a rich history that is being preserved</p>	<p>profile - need to communicate the colourful picture to a broader audience</p> <p>liberalism - lose the tag of a community putting a stop to everything - let people appreciate the positive work being done and be a bit more open in outlook</p> <p>enterprise - develop a plan for encouraging more creative / entrepreneurs to come here not just charity shops and low grade chain snack bars</p> <p>we need to have a vision for what Portobello should stand for in peoples imaginations</p>	<p>there is a very positive energy in the re-emergence of Portobello at the moment - it needs communicating better and it needs to lose its tag of ..not in my back yard.. and move to one that is much more progressive and enterprising</p>
<p>It is beside the sea. Has an excellent bus service. Good schools. Nice shops although could do with more. History of the area is well documented. Lots to do and see. Good neighbourhood.</p>	<p>A good high class tea room. More shops with crafts etc., More publicity regarding the lovely walk along the prom.</p>	<p>Clean up the weeds that grow on paved areas.</p> <p>Ensure the buckets are emptied regulaly.</p> <p>Flower baskets or create some flower beds.</p>
<p>It has a village atmosphere some good shops ie fishmongers and butchers and being by the sea Also lots of arts projects and events</p>	<p>The paving improvements to be extended in joppa</p> <p>that the Council no not renaig on there promise to create more green space to replace the land used for the building of the new school</p> <p>That a coastal path be created especially going towards Leith to include a safe cycle path as an ametinity and to promote tourism</p>	<p>that something more constructive could not be done with the old scottish power site could not be done and a credible alternative to the Co Op be brought to the town</p>
<p>A friendly, vibrant community with a good social mix. Good public transport. The beach and promenade. A variety of good local shops . Has a commitment to eco friendliness.</p>	<p>Stricter enforcement of parking regulations in the high street to enable buses to flow more freely. Ban on dogs on beach between May and September. Persuade the council to mend the footpath in Dalkeith Street!!!</p>	<p>Question Marks over proposed developments on the power station site and freightliner terminal - no Viridor mark 2 please!</p>
<p>The Beach, the Golf Course ,Local Shops , Churches ,the Library , Services like Doctors and Dentists , Local Activities like Village Fair , Buskers on the Prom. etc. Schools and knowing local people make it more like a village atmosphere</p>	<p>More regular live music in local venues e.g. jazz</p> <p>Development of old Power Station site</p> <p>More use of Town Hall e.g. for festival performances</p>	<p>Like most other places due to economic situation number of empty shops is a problem.</p>

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<p>The vareity and quality of amenities i.e. Library, swimming baths and gym, townhall, community centre. Considering we are only 20 minutes by bus fromt he city centre I think we are very privaledged to have so many public amenities.</p> <p>The range and quality of independent retailers, this really makes Portobello a unique area of the city to live in.</p> <p>The proactive community, as a resident you really feel you have places you can be heard when you have concerns or compliments about the place you live.</p>	<p>My first would have been more litter bins on the beach and promenade, but this summer it appears to have happened.</p> <p>There needs to be more vareid attractions on the promendae. The new(ish) establishments at the bottom of Bath Street have given the promenade a real buzz this past year, it would be good if we could find some way of developing other attractions along the length of the promenade, for example making better use of the bowling centre area and the walkway along the burn to the square.</p>	
<p>It has the atmosphere of a small town despite being part of a larger city. This I believe is due to it having a vibrant high street with independent shops, a primary school, a secondary school, library, town hall and police station. These things together help to bring cohesion to the community along with the arts organizations like "POD" and "Big things on the Beach" and so on. In other words everything you might need is provided for.</p> <p>It's very important for Portobello to resist the invasion of the supermarkets. Many high streets around the country lack the variety we have including two butchers, a delicatessen, fish monger, hardware shop etc. Theirs have disappeared because their communities have not had the strength to resist the powerful forces of big business.</p>	<p>The sea-front could do with some renovation such as better paving. The paving along at the indoor bowls centre is an improvement and could be extended.</p> <p>I've always thought it a shame there wasn't a decent sized hotel somewhere on the sea-front. Given the enormous amount of tourists that visit Edinburgh a proportion would I'm sure, be delighted to be located at the sea-side. An additional influx of visitors would benefit local businesses and add vibrancy to the promenade. Locating one might be problematic due to height restrictions and so on. The site of the bus depot would have been a good location. Perhaps eventually a business will move on and free up a space.</p>	<p>I did think that the status quo with regard to cycling on the prom was actually ideal in that cycling was strictly speaking not allowed but that a blind eye was turned to it. I understand from communications from Maureen Child that there has been quite a bit of discussion on the subject. The prom is an excellent place to cycle given the views, the fresh air and the fact that it away from the traffic so I wouldn't like to see cycling actually stopped there. The "no cycling" signs mean, I think, that anyone who does cycle there thinks " I'm not really supposed to cycle here, so I'd better be very careful" If the signs are removed there may be, even subconsciously, a slight tendency for some people to begin to think "I'm entitled to cycle here, it's up to people to keep out of the way".</p> <p>I've spent a lot of time both cycling and walking on the prom and have never seen any kind of accident involving bikes and pedestrians so I don't know how much of an issue it is.</p>

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<p>There is great community spirit in Portobello with a good mix of people from different social classes. We are not too far from the city centre but far enough to have our own identity. Of course the beach is a huge asset and it is good to see it well maintained and used.</p>	<p>1) we need to have a crack down on cyclists who use the pavements rather than the road. This is highly dangerous especially to old people and your children  2) Our parks need to be better maintained. Most receive the minimum of care (the grass cut every few weeks and shrubs pruned once a year).  3) Our local shops are a great asset yet most businesses are struggling, what with the recession and competition from supermarkets. It would be great if shopkeepers could be given a reduction in rates in the early years of their business. This would encourage shopkeepers to set up businesses locally and occupy many of the empty shops in our high street</p>	
<p>the prom, the variety of shops, good public transport links, access to countryside, good schools, community spirit</p>	<p>more inviting approach (King's Road junction)  spruce up the area in front of the baths - a few hardy plants?</p>	
<p>It has a really good sense of the community's day to day needs with respect to every day shopping for foods etc. on the doorstep. One of the main reason for my return back to Portobello to live.</p>	<p>1) View the existing shops and customers to meet everyone's needs i.e. Shoe shop as the community is from infants to retirees.  2) For shops that have been sitting empty for a considerable time, cover the windows with advertising, a recent initiative from the Aberdeen Council.  3) Have a "Portobello Paint tidy up" as a lot of the shops on both the High Street and the Beach. If the fronts were painted they would brighten up the areas which can have a knock on effect of "Feel Good" factor to the residents of being proud to live here.</p>	<p>One of my concerns is "Social standards" re washing hanging out on the High Street. We want to remain proud of living in Portobello and , if trying to attract new residents into the area, this does not project good neighbourly values.</p>
<p>The High Street shops - great butcher and hardware store, the fishmonger, green grocers, and more;  The seaside - whatever the weather!  Good places to eat and drink within walking distance - Beach House and Espy have added greatly to the prom, as have more recent additions like the Crumbles. Also Malvarosa and other coffee houses;  Feel of community (unlike other more anonymous areas of Edinburgh);  Great place to live with kids - lots of play parks.</p>	<p>Repainting of childrens play areas</p>	<p>Keep communicating; build on Pedal activities</p>
<p>Good transport links and reasonable centre.  Lovely old buildings and seaside</p>	<p>Better shops  More police on street</p>	

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<p>Its a nice small little town, close to the sea and a lovely promenade with easy access into Edinburgh centre. The improvements in the range of local shops is also making it a great place to live.</p> <p>Love the Esplanade and the fact that you can take your dog in!</p>	<p>Remove the unnecessary traffic light crossing outside RS Mcoll. This just causes a build up of traffic along further along the high street when the lights are red. Totally unnecessary extra set of lights and crossing. There is a crossing less than 100 ft further down!</p> <p>Stop cycling along the promenade. This is a hazard. I have seen numerous near misses involving smaller children and in particular dogs. There are no cycling signs all the way along but are ignored. This needs to be rectified. It's an area for walking not speed cycling.</p>	<p>Young kids hanging around on the steps of the Milton Pass, drinking, screaming and shouting. We have had our cars vandalised outside our house 3 times now. There is never any police presence on the streets in the area.</p> <p>In addition they seem to be hanging out more in Abercorn Park, drinking and breaking bottles. Where are the police?</p>
<p>community spirit, local shops, good transport links, the beach</p>	<p>An increase in small independent traders and less charity shops</p> <p>The teenagers from the local schools to be encouraged to remain in school at lunchtime and to pick up their litter.</p> <p>The majority of traffic to be encouraged to use the bypass.</p>	
<p>The community spirit and the beautiful buildings and beach</p>	<p>Portobello could be better promoted as Edinburgh's seaside</p> <p>Better community policing - ie more bobbies on the beat</p> <p>A refurbishment of the promenade</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>The sea, the prom, the people, the library, free parking for residents.</p>	<p>More parking near the shops and library. Not everyone can manage to walk, cycle or use the bus.</p>	
<p>The beach, the shops, cafes and pubs. The people, the good schools and the abundant green space.</p>	<p>Marked parking lines on the streets</p> <p>Less charity shops.</p> <p>Relocation of bins at bottom of Bath st</p>	<p>concerned that the future development and wellbeing of Portobello is being overly influenced by an unknown and unelected few.</p>
<p>The friendly community atmosphere it has, it feels like we are our own village on the outskirts of Edinburgh,</p>	<p>The best part of Portobello is our promenade so some better facilities, ie public toilets, cafes/ fast food outlets, shops (on the promenade) to encourage visitors and locals.</p>	<p>Would like the police to be vigilant in Portobello and ensure Portobello is a safe place to be particularly at night time and on the promenade.</p>
<p>It has a strong identity and a good sense of community - as well as having excellent facilities for everyone.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ban parking at the main cross (at least 50m in each direction) so there is better traffic flow and buses &amp; emergency vehicles can move freely at all times.</li> <li>2. Encourage sympathetic development on derelict sites and ensure other developments are always appropriate.</li> <li>3. Complete the project to restore the kilns.</li> </ol>	<p>Persistent parking in bus stops and other inconsiderate road use is a constant annoyance as it impacts on many people and causes unnecessary disruption to passengers and drivers.</p>

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<p>It is a lovely place to raise a family, as everything is central and there is a great atmosphere. I love being at the coast but also an hours walk from the centre of town. I have seen a lot of changes, for the better, recently (new stores, freshly painted shop fronts and new activities etc.)</p>	<p>I would love to see something done with the Seafield end of the prom- it seems such a waste of land.</p> <p>It would be great to have some clearly visible police and/or environmental wardens around when the school kids have their lunch. The mess is terrible and unnecessary.</p> <p>The swing parks around Portobello could do with some upgrading.</p>	
<p>Having local independent shops and a thriving centre to do shopping and meet up with friends. The events such as the Big Beach Busk and POD and PEDAL organisations make for a very interesting community to live in. The beach and view over to Fife is good too!</p>	<p>Sorting out the parking problems on Regent/Marlborough St. More local activities organised for young teenagers Hanging baskets in High St?</p>	<p>I really love living in Portobello and think we have lots of good things going for us, especially that so many local people are prepared to get involved in community related events.</p>
<p>friendly people, east to walk in and to, good local shops, easy to reach other parts of Edinburgh,</p>	<p>less litter, especially from High school pupils at lunch time</p> <p>a lot less dog excrement on pavements</p> <p>fewer half empty 26 buses jamming the high street during the day</p>	
<p>Living next to a beach is great. Excellent primary schools in area, plenty public amenities</p>	<p>A decent supermarket is essential, police station that opens 24/7 and real police staff it ,bus service to shops at fort.</p>	<p>The people responsible for attracting tourists to the area seem to ignore the fact that "THREE" world famous authors all lived at one time in Portobello DOYLE, STEVENSON, SCOT this is an unbelievable fact that is ignored by those employed to promote this area. A road was named after a "singer" who created the image of scots being mean. The inventor of the kaleidoscope also lived here for a time. Food for thought !</p>
<p>Good community feeling, lots of activities for all ages, being by the sea, not too overdeveloped and an active community prepared to campaign for what they want to see here.</p>	<p>1) Save Portobello Park - no School or any other building on this - we desperately need parks especially where I live in a tenement building with no back green. Children and young people living in flats with no garden or back green need green space for play and fresh air, as do the rest of us. 2) More family size accommodation, especially houses with gardens but not duplexes which are really flats. No development over 4 storeys and 2-3 near the seaside 3) Safeguard local shops - no more supermarkets in Portobello</p>	<p>Traffic and pollution from traffic are big concerns to me. I am also worried about how the Council will keep the Promenade safe whilst including cyclists....I hope they manage this difficult task well. I am concerned that with the Council cuts things like the local Library and public toilets may be targets for cuts. I am totally opposed to privatisation of Council services such as waste collection - the profit of private companies will come before decent wages and good quality services.</p>

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<p>Excellent community spirit            Good local shops            Events such as village fete            Facilities such as library and swimming pool            great beach            Excellent schools (see below)            And now that cycling is officially permitted on the prom</p>	<p>Desperately need high school to be built as planned on portobello park.            Reinstate the 129 bus route to western general hospital.            When the no cycling signs are removed from prom replace with no dog fouling ones.</p>	<p>Suggestion for the FAQs: 'what is the relationship between the neighborhood partnership and the community council? How do I join the cc? Can anyone attend a meeting and participate? What difference does the cc make to Portobello?'            You may need to change the web address as I think the URL is the same as the community centre's.</p>
<p>Portobello is a community with its own unique identity within the City of Edinburgh. It has an almost 'village' feel with so many residents who have family histories that go back many generations in some cases and a vibrant active mix of age groups. The community supports local business efforts to keep services local and personal.            The High Street traders struggle against the big Supermarkets to keep their independent and varied facilities available.            Having the Promenade and beach along with the green parks makes this an ideal place for families. There is a varied mix of housing but a shortage of family homes with gardens is the only drawback to the district.</p>		
<p>Friendly community            good range of shops, schools and local amenities            Promenade</p>	<p>More local shops and restaurants            less cycling on the prom            less crime</p>	

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<p>To answer this I'll paste in below what I just added as the second paragraph in the Wikipedia entry for Portobello. I also altered the first paragraph slightly to accept that it's very downbeat assessment of Portobello may have been accurate for the 20th century, but is not accurate for the 21st!</p> <p>"But the beginning of the 21st century has seen a rapid revival of Portobello's fortunes. Spurred on not by tourism or council initiatives, but by a wealth of bottom-up community action, Portobello beach can be as crowded on a summer's day now as it was in the photos from the 19th century. The community action spurring this regeneration is taking many forms: from the arts group 'Big Things on the Beach' with events that have attracted thousands to the Prom to 'Portobello Open Doors' Village fair, and from PEDAL (Portobello Transition Town's) Organic Market, Community Orchard and Car Free Day to the revived Portobello Sailing and Rowing Club bringing bright sails and kayaks to the beach, and the skiffs built by Porty Rowers that bring good natured sea shanties and competitions between rowers from towns across the country. Of course, all of this may have been helped by the Council's decision to stop dumping Edinburgh's sewage into the sea at the end of the 20th century, meaning that the sea is once again excellent to swim in."</p>	<p>These are all from my personal perspective from my experience in PEDAL and based on my sense that the financial crisis we experienced in 2008 was headed off very temporarily and we need to rapidly prepare for a severe economic downturn in which the resilience of communities will be key to ensuring our security and well being:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A Local Currency: The 'Porty Pound', as a local version of the broader 'Edinburgh Pound'. This is something that some of us in PEDAL and in the broader Edinburgh Transition movement are working on to help traders build and retain local loyalty, and to move towards building primary production. (Happy to speak on this at some point - very crucial to have Community Council support on this).</li> <li>2. Community Turbine: Ensuring maximum support for this so that we can start generating local renewable energy and start generating substantial funds for our community - particularly for social enterprises that develop local jobs through developing resilience in food, energy and other crucial primary goods and services.</li> <li>3. "Meanwhile Gardens" - Developing growing spaces: My suggestion is that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) we turn over vacant brown field sites - and any vacant sites intended ultimately for redevelopment - to food growing (in the case of currently empty privately owned land, the community council could negotiate these as 'Meanwhile' gardens, spaces we would only use for as long as it was not needed by the developer);</li> <li>(ii) we plant fruit trees in public spaces rather than trees that do not provide food;</li> <li>(iii) we designate some areas of current parks as land that we can use to grow food; (iv) longer term, rather than creating ever more parking spaces, we create car-free spaces and use the space freed up to grow food (this will require some long term rethinking by us all - I speak as a car user!)</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Thanks for asking!</p>

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<p>Mixed community in terms of age, class etc; thriving High Street which people can walk too, with well-established business like butcher, fishmonger and most importantly a community spirit to protect the High Street and campaign against risks e.g. superstores.</p> <p>Also Portobello has many initiatives led by community members e.g. Organic Market, Book clubs, Big Things on the Beach - which promote living locally &amp; community arts; also important local services - library, community centre, swimming pool, active Primary schools. As well as the beach Portobello has a number of parks and children's play areas - green spaces are important.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An adventure playground space for older young people - real adventure - perhaps part of Rosefield Park could be considered for this; I'm not sure what older young people 12-16 would say they would like but it would be good to listen to them</li> <li>2. Increased apprenticeships in the locality for young people to learn skills</li> <li>3. Safe bike lanes between Portobello &amp; Edinburgh</li> </ol>	<p>Maureen Child's update &amp; information is excellent.</p> <p>If the new Portobello High School goes ahead the issue of increasing green space will be very important to heal the divides this issue has caused.</p> <p>Safe Cycling on the Prom makes sense - great place for children to learn to cycle &amp; with care everyone can enjoy the space together</p>
<p>It is a really friendly community and feels like a separate place from Edinburgh.</p>	<p>More funding for improvements to the Promenade to give visitors more to do on a rainy day.</p> <p>More encouragement and support for independent shops.</p> <p>Better advertising in Edinburgh to let people know about Portobello - Edinburgh's seaside.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear identity and sense of community (including wide range of active local groups)</li> <li>- Local environment, in particular The Prom/beach/Estuary plus a couple of great parks (Figgate and Rosefield)</li> <li>- Range of local shops and other services (nurseries/school/library, etc) that provide local employment and make regular trips to the city centre/ out of town unnecessary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We need to generate more of our own energy from renewable sources, for example through plans for a large wind turbine at Seafeld Sewage Works and a more relaxed approach to PV cells / solar hot water on roofes in the conservation area;</li> <li>- A state of the art play park (a la Meadows but more spaced out to encourage people to move around more)</li> <li>- food growing spaces in the vacant and derelict land that now exists throughout Porty.</li> </ul>	<p>As well as improvements, we need to protect what we have, especially the shops on our fragile High St.</p> <p>I also feel that, while Portobello is good at staving off inappropriate development, we are not perhaps as good at saying what we DO want. A community plan, arrived at through widespread consultation, would help in this.</p>
<p>Clean beach and prom. Good range of shops on high st and no domination by supermarket. Availability of amenities. Efficient bus service. Range of local organisations and groups- Pedal, POD, Book festival etc. Generally friendly place to be.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better online community portal for information on what is going on in Porty.</li> <li>2. Improvements to prom in keeping with character (but no major commercialisation of space)</li> <li>3. Keep local parks well maintained.</li> </ol>	<p>Ensure that no major developments overshadow its future, particularly supermarket and shop developments.</p> <p>Concern about large scale housing developments which are neither innovative, in keeping or have social housing remit.</p>
<p>Nice beach and local parks, good local shops, sense of community.</p>	<p>Cleaner streets, in particular preventing dog fouling; focus on preventing antisocial behaviour, especially on the prom and the high street; and ensuring local businesses remain protected from chain stores.</p>	

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It's beside the sea. The High Street shops. It feels like a community.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. More X26 buses, not just at rush hour, so that there is a better connection with the City Centre in general and Princes Street/ Old Town in particular.</li> <li>2. Development of the sites at the King's Road end of Portobello with a good combination of housing and support of that housing in terms of shops and whatever else is necessary: why is the community council not pulling out all the stops to push for the regeneration of this area?</li> </ol>	The image I have of the community council is that it spends all its time objecting to planning proposals and is a bit of a home for middle-class special interest groups
Only lived here for 4 months but like the architecture, the 'town' feeling, the promenade, the history, the variety of shops.	Less traffic on Portobello High Street, more action on littering, especially by school children during their lunch break and more action on under age drinking / antisocial behaviour.	
Living by the sea offers the freedom to enjoy waling along the beach whatever the weather	<p>Drastic improvement in the high st required, good quality cafes, shops be encouraged through lower rent schemes to use the many empty shopfronts.</p> <p>Edinburgh council not really taking Portobello's potential seriously.Prom still looks quite sad,although local business initiatives have made some efforts to improve things.</p> <p>Porty should be encouraged to develop in the way Stockbridge has,lacking in good book shops,relaxed bars- rather than the intimidating drinking holes that you see on the High st!</p>	Too many half hearted Porty schemes, never see the light of day,we end up missing out whilst Edinburgh prospers! What happened to the hovercraft scheme- would have helped the local economy!
<p>What more could we ask of Edinburgh's Riviera, except for more sunny summer days?</p> <p>The best thing is good conversation, and not just greeting friends and neighbours.</p> <p>Rather, stimulating discussions that are amiable and not acrimonious.</p> <p>The High Street and the Prom favour talk that isn't all chat.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continued support for projects such as the Book Festival and informal discussion groups such as the one organized by the Strouds.</li> <li>2. Encouraging more artists and writers to colonize Portobello.</li> <li>3. Discouraging charity shops from selling new goods which undermine the legitimate profits of retailers.</li> </ol>	A utopian hope: the pier rebuilt; top quality restaurants...

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<p>Portobello is a beautiful place to live. It has a lovely promenade, beautiful white sandy beach with water sports including various activities held on the beach throughout the summer. An amusement arcade for all age groups and children's play areas for the very young an indoor swimming pool right on the promenade and a five-aside football area for teenagers to enjoy.</p> <p>It has beautiful parks with lovely flowral beds to entice people to either walk around or just sit back on a bench and pass the time of day at their leisure.</p> <p>Portobello High Street is the heart of the community as it has a wide variety of local shops together with a good choice of restaurants,coffee bars, public houses, banks and local library, farmers market held once a month, Town Hall and various denomination churches.</p> <p>It has a good choice of bus services which make it a great place to meet up with relatives, friends or neighbours and local people tend to stop and chat with each other in the street or sit on a bench and watch the world go by. It is a great place for all age groups as its easy accessible.</p> <p>There is a large variety of activities available for people should the wish to participate. Information is available in local shops, public library, community centre, church halls, swimming pool etc. Portobello people are the heart and soul of the community. By participating in activites this helps and encourages people to make new friends.</p>	<p>Need to improve parking facilities at either end of Portobello A halt to further charity shops Upgrade the promenade to encourage/entice people to come along in all weathers.</p>	<p>People who let their dogs foul the beach and do not pick up poo.</p> <p>I don't mind dogs on the beach provided they are on a lead.</p>
<p>Coastal town, low crime, respectable residents</p>	<p>Limit the number of charity shops and encourage independent retailers.</p>	<p>Reduce traffic congestion, encourage pedestrians to use crossings instead of waking out in front of parked cars.</p>
<p>Portobello is a really special place for 2 main reasons - a) it is small enough to feel like a village and has a really active, child-friendly community life and b) the environment feels healthy and attractive with the beach, parks, green space, some lovely architecture and great local shops and restaurants.</p>	<p>Try to attract more high quality shops to the High S treet</p>	<p>It would be good if the Town Hall was more affordable for community and charity fundraising activities - perhaps offer discount to local residents.</p>

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Community spirit, community activities, promenade and beach, proximity to city centre, good bus service to city centre.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A genuine, concerted effort to clamp-down on dog fouling. The beach, promenade and roads leading down to it are becoming a real problem. It would be interesting to know if anyone has ever actually been fined for this, despite the occasional, low key warning signs.</li> <li>2. It's a shame a number of 'good' shops are closing on the high street. Something to address this trend would improve Portobello.</li> </ol>	
The village atmosphere despite its proximity to Edinburgh city centre	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Ban cycling on the promenade</li> <li>2) Introduce cycle lanes on main arterial route(s)</li> <li>3) More frequent local suppliers' market and other such events in Brighton Park</li> </ol>	More notice (and better information regarding diversions) on works such as re-surfacing of high street in order to plan alternative travel and parking
There is a real community almost 'village' feel to the place with the added benefit that we are on the doorstep of one of the nicest cities in the UK. Masses of parks, a beach and a prom, not to mention superb catchment area schools. You can row, sail, and even play league rugby without leaving our ward.	I would concentrate on the prom from the cat and dog home to the pumping station at Joppa. The Prom needs widening from the Dalriada to the amusements, resurfaced and the ugly concrete defences removed and replaced with decorative railings etc. There are masses of other amenities that could be included in this plan and the PCC could play a key role in forming and agreeing this strategy with the Council. I welcome the new road re-surfacing work that is about to take place but would also like to see Regent Street to Pitville Street section included too.	The PCC should keep their nose out of individual planning applications and instead concentrate on planning matters that affect the wider community. I am not really convinced that the PCC have their pulse on the views of the wider Porty community - this survey is a good start.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Position on the coast</li> <li>- Architectural mix</li> <li>- Range and diversity of interest groups</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The new High School built to the published designs next to the golf course on Portobello Park.</li> <li>2. Properly refurbished / expanded St Johns and Towerbank primary schools to meet current recommended standards for classroom sizes and access to play areas</li> <li>3. The BL Developments / old Scottish Power site used in a way that produces a suitable 'gateway to Portobello' and in a way which is considered on balance to benefit the majority of the residents of Portobello</li> </ol>	Unsure how long the website has existed - but a concern would be that ALL discussions taking place within the PCC are public, transparent and recorded fully eg in the minutes. If the PCC aims to 'act as the voice of the community' then all the stated opinions of the interest groups within the PCC should be clear to that community. No problem with using links to supporting detail elsewhere - but on all matters discussed, the aim should be to produce minutes in which it is clear what the position is of each interest group and what the resulting PCC position is, including not taking a position, deciding to consult further etc etc. The option to subscribe to an emailed monthly report of the minutes (like the regular Councillor's report) would be a welcome addition to the site.
Golf course Pitz Swimming Pool good places to play sport.	Better School building with better PE equipment . Football goals like the Quarry Park in other parks and more litter bins for the lunchtime mess in Brighton Place.	good to be able to cycle on Prom

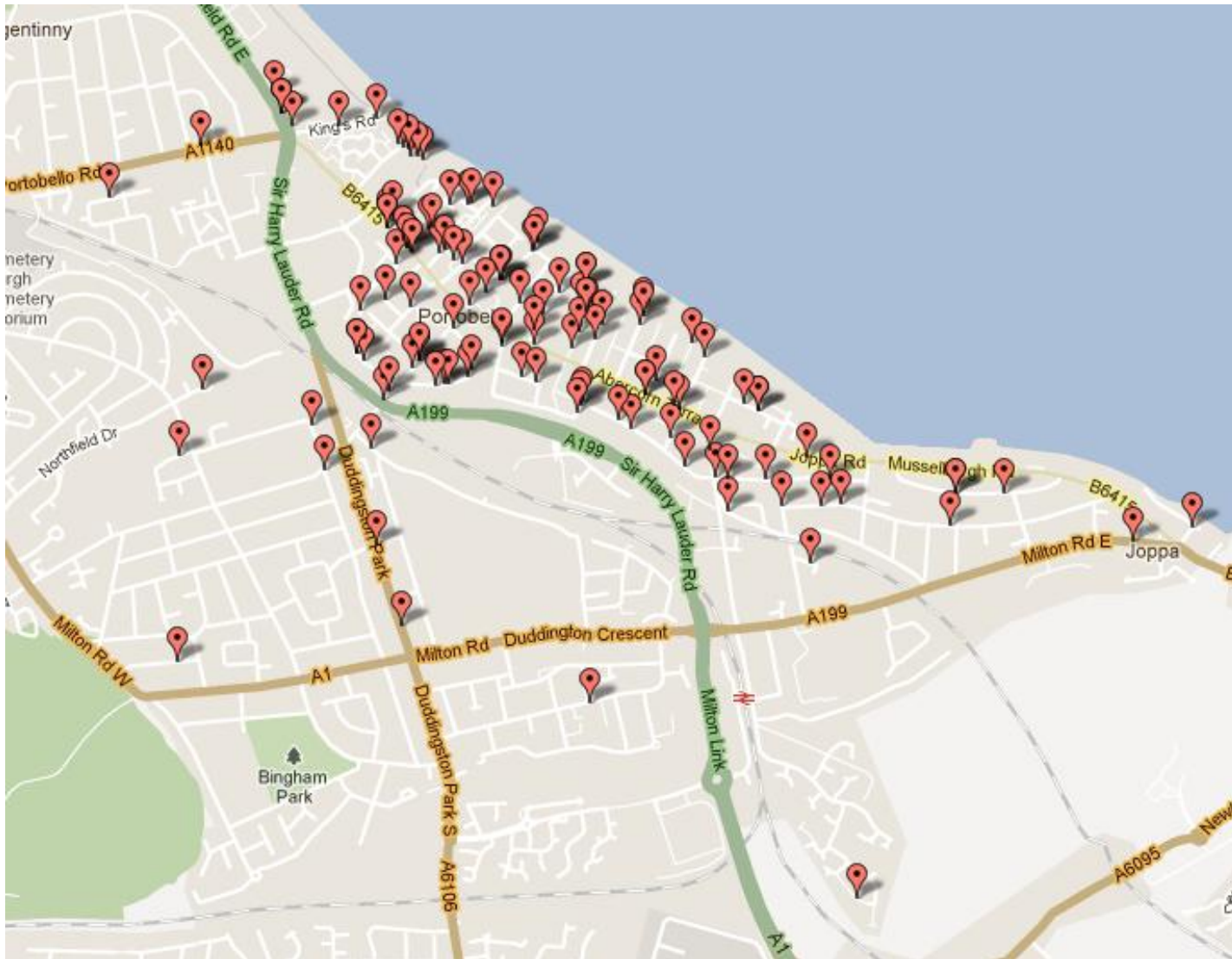
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<p>Lots of events happening open to everyone in the community (e.g. big things on the beach, village show, big beach busk etc.)</p> <p>Good facilities/places to go - Good cafes, the espy and Dalriada (prob. the only pubs I would go to for drinks with friends or to eat out), a few good present buying/crafty shops, good local butcher, grocer and fruit shop, and library.</p> <p>Good transport links to the city centre and other parts of town (including vg night bus service).</p> <p>The beach! Great place to go for a walk, read a book if nice or entertain children.</p>	<p>Recently I met someone visiting who loved Portobello and couldn't believe Edinburgh doesn't promote it more and make a bigger feature of it, especially for tourism. Perhaps generating more publicity about what Porty has to offer both here and further afield would bring more people to the area and boost the local economy.</p> <p>Tidy up the area near the big junction beside the art studios, opposite the football pitches.</p>	
<p>I love living in Portobello. It feels like our own small peaceful community with the added advantage of having a lovely beach, yet being so close to a large, busy city.</p> <p>The people are really friendly and look out for each others children. Community groups allow both children and adults alike to make friends, especially if they are not from the area.</p>	<p>Traffic coming via portobello and streets being used as a short cut in rush hours</p>	
<p>Diversity of community, open space, tolerance.</p>	<p>Support for small traders to take on empty retail space. A cinema or theatre.</p>	
<p>The location, it's amenities and the pace of life. Porty is a fantastic place to live.</p>	<p>Better parking.</p> <p>A more vibrant high street. And</p> <p>A complete renovation of the promenade ( dealing with the gap sites, improving access, making the prom a multiple user space and ensuring our beach is something to be proud of.)</p>	<p>We need to look to Porty's past to secure it's future!</p>
<p>Seaside, clean beach, friendly people, lots of shops, good access to town centre, good community spirit, village feel.</p>	<p>Bring more visitors to the Prom + beach? More 'big things on the beach'? More things to see/do when at the beach.</p> <p>Improve the area around the 'funpark'.</p> <p>Remove/reduce number of bins at bottom of Bath street.</p>	<p>I think a lot of effort goes into making Portobello better, and the results show. Keep up the good work.</p>
<p>the community spirit and the schools</p>	<p>increased cycle provision</p>	

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The sea, the beach, lovely people who actually take action about the things they feel strongly about, decent shops, good schools, the rowing/sailing and kayaking club, decent parks, great library, brilliant swimming pool, trampoline centre, indoor bowling centre, and the endlessly versatile prom!	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Try harder to stop people leaving dog mess on pavements and beach</li> <li>2. Put another green man crossing further toward Joppa, in line with St Philip's which is used by lots of people, young and old, all week, every week</li> <li>3. More for older children to do eg a skate park</li> </ol>	<p>Portobello is a fantastic place to live, and looks set to get even better with the much needed extension to Towerbank finally looking certain, and Porty High School (fingers and toes crossed) getting a much much needed new building; I'm certain the net gain of this development will massively outweigh the net loss of the (pretty shabby) current green space.</p> <p>Can't really comment on the PCC website because I've never actually used it, but I might start looking at it now!</p>
beach, open spaces, high street shops, central library, slightly bohemian neighbourhood type people. georgian and victorian architecture, good bus service, good specialist shops.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) parking one side only Malborough Street etc</li> <li>2) good domestic development on Scottish Power site.</li> <li>3) no development on green spaces.</li> </ol>	
beach, the Espy, the Beach House, georgian and victorian buildings, parks, good public transport to town, shops, market, community organisations, swimming pool / gym	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Less dog poo on streets and parks</li> <li>2) Less charity shops</li> <li>3) More restaurants and bars.</li> </ol>	Overall a lovely place to live
The people / the community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) bigger better library</li> <li>2) Improve the Prom ( lots of good work already but more needed )</li> </ol>	
Figgate Park, local shops, beach, prom, families, community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Cinema</li> <li>2) Fruit trees in parks</li> <li>3) Train station</li> </ol>	
Community spirit and it is far enough out of town to make it feel like a village	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) cycle lane on promenade</li> <li>2) upgrade of the seafront</li> <li>3) more toilet facilities on prom</li> </ol>	
Its detachment from Edinburgh, the beach, the village feel, its community politics, local initiatives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Deal with dog shit</li> <li>2) Some shop / fronts poor quality</li> </ol>	
Lovely beach, nice people, local shops, safe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Access to beach for wheelchair users</li> <li>2) Upgrade to children's playparks</li> <li>3) Upgrade to public toilets on prom</li> </ol>	
community spirit and community events, next to the sea and close to the centre, artistic and green ethos	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Further developments at the promenade, e.g. community cafes.</li> <li>2) more green initiatives with associated financial investment e.g. solar and wind power</li> <li>3) further investment in arts projects</li> </ol>	

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Has a sense of identity  Flat	1) Greater variety of shops 2) Prom further developed	
vibrant community, seaside, local produce shops, friendly people, cycle friendly	1) More jobs for local people 2) Resident parking scheme 3) Support for local shops	
Sense of community friendliness	1) Better toilet facilities 2) Better access to the sea for the disabled	
Friendly people, near the beach, good community.	1) More interesting shops 2) Prom development 3) Community events	
The beach, and a growing sense of community	<p>The beach is a great recreation area which is underused. During winter many groups use it for training when their pitches are frosted,. I would like to see a section of the beach floodlit, so it can be used for volleyball, football, rugby etc during the dark nights.</p> <p>Many communities in Europe use their beaches in this way.....it is like a pitch which is naturally maintained twice daily, with no effort required by the council.The investment required is relatively minimal. We need to invest in our sports facilities for the sake of the city's health, and this would be a very cheap addition to our resources.</p> <p>It would be a great help to those groups already using the beach in this way, and would encourage many others. In addition, the prom area would be better populated in the evenings, making it safer for all.</p>	
We live near the Beach - it's fun to go down there and play.	More plants More schools A cinema	

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Near the sea, sense of community, friendly atmosphere, safe, beautiful georgian architecture.	<p>Central recycling / rubbish. (possibly at the Town Hall ),to get rid of multiple horrible rubbish containers all over the high Street / Brighton Pl.</p> <p>2) more focus on sport and fitness for young people, ensuring all park areas are developed for recreational use</p> <p>3) Requesting that all parks are given the same attention and are cut in a more reactive way - too little effort to clear grass and plant flowars etc in Brighton Park / Abercorn Park much better.</p>	<p>I would like to see Fringe at the seaside back in Portobello instead of down in North Berwick.</p> <p>more emphasis on sport as well as other projects which are very good but it would be good to get other opportunities for our young people to be healthy as well.</p> <p>cleaner, tidier better maintained parks which could add to our outdoor living throughout the year.</p>
Getting to know local people. Friendly. Access to a beach, a prom, lots of local shops. Developing culture, cafes, arts, activities.	<p>More activities on the Prom.</p> <p>More decorative things -- High Street + Prom.</p> <p>Grow the market (small) activities in park on same day</p>	
It's an entity with a town centre with shops, library, medical and dental facilities and several sports facilities. The beach is a major attraction offering space and open views. Good active community. Lots going on.	<p>1 Improve the Promenade - surface, walls and grassy spaces. Better toilet facilities.</p> <p>2 Pavements on side street need upgrading.</p> <p>3 Parking - cars on pavements. commercial vehicles require overnight parking.</p>	
The beach. The community feel. The independent shops.	<p>1 Shops opening later in the evening.</p> <p>2 More shops/cafes on promenade.</p> <p>3 Less traffic.</p>	
Local shops, swimming pool, etc, feels like a proper 'community'.	We absolutely must get new high school ASAP. In the park where there's space for proper sports facilities and pleasant surroundings.	
The Promenade, as a beautiful place with ever changing light and where you meet other people. The High Street, although it is beginning to look empty. The parks and open spaces. And most of all, the community and the series of thriving events.	<p>1 Resurface the Promenade.</p> <p>2 Landscape the Towerbank swing park (Fish Park?) in the style of the one in Barony Street in the New Town.</p> <p>3 Introduce scheme to reduce dog dirt.</p> <p>4 Encourage more boutique shops to come to Portobello and develop a marketing campaign for the High St.</p>	
The beach and the sea. Feeling of being in a community, separate from Edinburgh, with its own personality.	<p>1 A pier! Or less traffic through centre.</p> <p>2 Uses for the closed down shops - how about pop-ups? (Food, crafts, etc).</p> <p>3 Improve the Seafield end of the Prom, along to the Cat and Dog home.</p>	

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<p>Excellent local shops. Well cared-for beach - Edinburgh Riviera! Has its own individuality.</p>	<p>1 Bus services to reach Seafeld Crematorium and also to go to Kinnaird Park. 2 Control cyclists, they do not obey any rules of the road, cycle through lights and on pavements, speed, do not have bells or lights. They are lethal on the Prom!! 3 The metal railings on Portobello High Street around the five-a-side pitches opposite 'Kwik Fit' are in very poor condition as are the railings further along, by Seaviewgate, the houses that replaced the Power Station. They would benefit from some care and attention.</p>	<p>Portobello does not have a war memorial. As a fairly recent incomer I am surprised by this. Can anything be done? WW1 onward.</p>
<p>The sense of community, the range of local shops and amenities, including the beach and the promenade</p>	<p>1 Fast tracking of the new high school. 2 More frequent tidying of the beach. 3 Improved traffic management.</p>	
<p>Location, community, views.</p>	<p>1 Less traffic on high street. 2 Pedestrian priority on Promenade. 3 No dogs on beach between June and September.</p>	<p>I am concerned about the conflict that has arisen around the new High School. It contributes to my observations over the years that Portobello is not especially 'child friendly'.</p>
<p>Outside space, local shops and amenities, especially the swimming pool and library.</p>	<p>1 New play park for youngsters. 2 Higher visibility/activity of environmental wardens.</p>	<p>The play facilities on the Prom are very outdated. An updated play area would make both the park and the beach a 'destination' for visitors. Check out new play facilities at, for example, Carnoustie, Broughty Ferry, Dunbar, etc, etc!</p>
<p>Local amenities. Seaside/Promenade. Sense of community</p>	<p>1 Support/ensure variety of shops - Restoration. 2 Improvements along Promenade - Restoration. 3 Speed restriction to 20.</p>	<p>Whilst I appreciate community development for families and younger children, please consider childless adults and older persons. Also the huge amount of 'student' potential when we have 2 HEI on our doorstep.</p>
<p>Great Conservation Area. Good food shops, next to beach but near to city. Excellent bus service. Vibrant community.</p>	<p>1 Get rid of anonymity on Talkporty. 2 Improve Promenade. 3 Improve parks</p>	<p>Portobello needs to retain a mix of house types at different prices to retain its sustainable community.</p>



**Geographical spread of survey responses (8 Outside Portobello Community Council area)**