

APRIL 1989

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting in St Philip's Church Hall (Session House), Brunstane Road North 7.30pm-9.10pm on Monday 10th April 1989.

Present: Catherine Kilgour, Bernadette Heron, Elizabeth Brownlee, Rhona Kelly (Portobello Play Safety Group - Guest), Frances Wraith, Hamish Shepherd, Vivienne Middleton, Drew Strachan, Bill Davidson, Insp. Jim Gray (Portobello Police), Rena Begg, Andrew Sandeman (Portobello Library), Harold Alexander-Bowen, Karen Angelosanto, Margaret Shepherd, Sue Hurford, Florence Jones (Treasurer), Bill Jameson (Community Education, Speaker), Mr and Mrs Graeme Hepburn (Le Vineyard, Speaker), Andy MacDonald (Acting Chairman), Maureen Child (Acting Secretary).

1. **Apologies:** Ray Lang, Gill Anderson, Susan Westwood, Bill Westwood, Cllr. David Begg, Karen Begg, C I Andrew Watt, Isabella Thomson, Angela Murray, Marjorie Amos, Cllr. Ken Ward, Cllr. Bill Herald, Gavin Strang M.P., Margaret Waugh and Gordon McRae.

2. **Minutes of the March 13th Meeting.** Approved (Proposed - Rena Begg; Seconded - Harold Alexander-Bowen).

3. **Matters Arising.** Civic Reception for Community Groups Harold Alexander-Bowen reported on his conversation with the Lord Provost. Joppa Tennis Courts EDC had examined the damage to the fence and would repair the damage but probably not in time for the Grass Roots Tennis Coaching Scheme who will only have one court available (Drew Strachan). Acting Secretary had written and got a reply from EDC's Mr Wood. Sub-Committee for the Elderly Vivienne Middleton had contacted the Lothian Coalition people and written to the Director of Recreation about disabled access. Joppa Allotments Drew Strachan reported the tenants had consulted a solicitor and feel they have a case against the landlord's eviction order. Cllr Begg had written in support of the allotment holders.

4. **Speakers:** (a) Graeme Hepburn of Le Vineyard, 279 Portobello High Street about his future plans for the premises. Mr Hepburn put his case for opening as a top quality French restaurant and function suite and asked for support for his appeal against refusal of planning permission. After discussion, Hamish Shepherd proposed that the Community Council support Mr Hepburn in his appeal (Seconded - Bernadette Heron). The decision unanimous and the Secretary to write to the Planning Department to that effect. (b) Bill Jameson about community facilities in Portobello. Bill Jameson outlined the area covered by Community Education Services, the staff and their remit. Several points were made in discussion which Mr Jameson undertook to follow up.

5. **Correspondence.** Skateboard Park. Letter from EDC Recreation director Roger Jones and from Livingston Development Corporation. PCC now had details of and plans of Livingston Skateboard Park and the promise of a future meeting to discuss the possibility of a facility being built into EDC's Pool Site plans. Acting Secretary to send the plans and details to Director of Recreation and to see to setting up a sub-committee. Karen Angelosanto agreed to serve, and it was agreed we coopt representatives of the skateboarding youngsters and commercial/ professional interests if

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