

JUNE 1989

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting in St Philip's Church Hall, Brunstane Road North
7.30pm on Monday 12th June 1989.

Present: Ray Lang; Elizabeth Brownlee; Catherine Kilgour; Marjorie Amos; Viv Middleton; Karen Angelosanto; Drew Strachan; Hamish Shepherd; C.I. Andrew Watt and Insp. Jim Gray (Portobello Police); Jim Rafferty (Edinburgh District Council housing department - Speaker) and colleague Andrew White; Gordon McRae; Harold Alexander-Bowen; Nick Stroud; three Bath Street residents; Andy MacDonald (Acting Chairman), Florence Jones (Treasurer), Maureen Child (Acting Secretary). (Representatives present 13. Quorum 10).
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1. **Apologies:** Gavin Strang MP; Sue Hurford; Franny Wraith; Bernadette Heron; Rena Begg; Councillor David Begg and Ken Ward.

2. **Minutes of the May 8th Meeting.** Approved (Proposed - Harold Alexander-Bowen; Seconded - Drew Strachan).

3. **Matters Arising.** Skateboard Facility Acting Secretary reported on a meeting with District Council recreation department officials, outlining the plans for an indoor facility. Suburban Railway Reply from Scotrail head office thanking us for our interest. Disabled Access Viv Middleton reported on a site meeting at the Town Hall where access by a ramp to one side of the entrance may be possible. Planning Forum The SDA consultants had not got back to us directly, but Acting Secretary would write. Paperbanks Cleansing department officials gave details of Friends of the Earth facilities. Joppa Tennis Courts Drew Strachan reported the Club House now has a new roof.

4. **Speakers:** (a) Jim Rafferty, EDC department of housing senior development officer, on the proposals for private housing renewal in the Portobello area, starting in Bath Street. He said this would be the first of many such meetings in the consultation process before improvement work could start. Bath Street was chosen because it had more tenements in a smaller area than anywhere else in Portobello and it was a sensible area to start, since improvements would make a noticeable difference and have more impact. Mr Rafferty covered what would be involved; the tie-in with the SDA initiatives in Portobello; the time-scale; level of grants; and compulsory purchase in his presentation and discussion.

(b) Portobello Police presentation on Local Crime Statistics. CI Watt outlined the resources at his disposal to police Portobello, his priorities in deploying PCs and the main problems in the area. Agreed a regular report would be useful.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** No change in the accounts since last meeting. Reimbursement of Acting Secretary's expenses in hand. Insurance to be paid. Discussion of the movement between the Joppa Tennis Courts a/c and General a/c resolved with the decision to 'call it quits' (Proposed - Florence Jones; seconded - Drew Strachan). Joppa Tennis Court Sub-Committee preparing to employ staff to man the courts for the summer season. Dennis Crichton to approach treasurer for funds for more putters and rackets.

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6. **Community Council Elections.** Election date to be brought in line with other community councils in Edinburgh. Timetable drafted by Forum. Several names suggested of people willing to stand for election, who would make a good contribution. Agreed to avoid choosing any local politician as returning officer. Agreed Acting Secretary should approach Andrew Sandeman, Portobello's head Librarian, or someone else of similar standing and commitment to an active and representative community council. The Secretary would like to hear from volunteers willing to help man the polling stations, in Portobello and elsewhere, on election day (Tuesday 26th September). These can be nominated members.

7. **Correspondence.** James Street Letter from residents' association rep Bill Davidson, asking support for objection to back garden development in what used to be Hamilton Lodge garden. Secretary to write to planning department to this effect (Proposed - Gill Anderson; seconded - Drew Strachan). Some felt housing was no bad thing on this site and people had to live somewhere. Motion carried on vote 9:0 with 3 abstentions. Licensing No immediate cause for concern on applications to June court. Joppa Allotments Tenants now had notice to quit by 30th June. No planning application yet. Secretary to write to Mr Ballantine and object. (Proposed - Maureen Child; Seconded - Drew Strachan). Traffic speed in Bellfield Street Complaint from residents. Street isn't long enough for police to get a measure of speed. Resignation Bob D'Arcy has resigned, due to other commitments. Radio 1 Roadshow Gordon McRae undertook to coordinate volunteer stewards for the event.

9. Date and time of future meetings. In St Philip's Church Halls at 7.30pm August 14th and September 11th.

AUGUST AGENDA

The next Meeting of the Council will be in St Philip's Church Hall (Session House).

7.30pm on Monday 14th August 1989.

If anyone needs a lift along from central Portobello or beyond, please contact Maureen Child (669 2184) or Sue Hurford (669 1573).

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF MAY 8th MEETING
3. MATTERS ARISING
4. Speakers : Scott Weatherstone on Decentralisation of Edinburgh District Council services and setting up of a Local Forum in Portobello.
5. TREASURER'S REPORT
6. COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS (Tuesday, September 26st 1989)
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. AOCB
9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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