

August 1989

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting in St Philip's Church Hall, Brunstane Road North
7.30pm on Monday 14th August 1989.

Present: Ray Lang; Catherine Kilgour; Marjorie Amos; Inspector Jim Gray (Portobello Police); Gordon McRae; Harold Alexander-Bowen; Bernadette Heron; Rena Begg; Councillor David Begg; Councillor Ken Ward; Norman Hughes and Ben Seax (in attendance); Gill Anderson; Andy MacDonald (Acting Chairman); Florence Jones (Treasurer); Maureen Child (Acting Secretary). (Representatives present 11 Quorum 10).

1. **Apologies:** Karen Angelosanto; Elizabeth Brownlee; Gavin Strang MP; Sue Hurford; Franny Wraith; Drew Strachan; Susar and Bill Westwood; Isabella Thomson; Helen Kirsopp; David and Rena Begg (leaving early).

2. **Minutes of the June 12th Meeting.** Approved with the addition of Gill Anderson's name to those present. (Proposed - Harold Alexander-Bowen; Seconded - Ray Lang).

3. **Matters Arising.** None

4. **Speaker:** Scott Weatherstone, Community Services, Edinburgh District Council on Decentralisation of EDC Services and setting up of a Local Forum in Portobello. Scott outlined the proposals and their effect on service provision especially for EDC housing tenants and the setting up of a Local Forum. It was felt that Bingham and Magdalena areas belonged with Portobello, and that it was logical to divide the area along Regional boundaries (ie Portobello-Milton, Mountcastle-Willowbrae etc). Some concern about the siting of the office in Niddrie Mains Terrace and hope that it would be sufficiently accessible. The possibility of a 'mini-office' in Portobello in four year's time, arising from the Housing action Area office was generally welcomed. Some concern expressed about the role of Local Forums and how they'd fit in with Community Councils. This hadn't been a problem in Niddrie-Craigmillar, which don't have CCs, but Scott was aware of the possibilities of a conflict and anxious to work around them. CCs deal with Regional issues as well as District ones so has a much broader remit. On the other hand the Forum might be a way of bringing more people and a wider variety of people into the decision-making process, which the CC is not reaching now. This might benefit the Portobello CC's functioning in the long run.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** The 1989/90 grant cheque had been received from EDC (£951,02p) and put on deposit for next CC. The main account stands at £517,50p. Treasurer proposes we ask the Bank of Scotland to transfer monies to an interest-bearing current account. Acting Secretary's expenses paid (£51,02p) also insurance (£105) ~~was~~ ~~been~~ paid - take-up of EDC's scheme was low, so it was scrapped. Illuminations a/c £12,19p. Joppa Tennis Courts a/c £534,51p. Treasurer had not been approached for any funds for equipment for Joppa Tennis Courts.

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6. Community Council Elections, Acting Secretary reported on progress, Andrew Sandeman was Returning Officer (RO) with Acting Secretary as deputy for election of individual members. Both attended an EDC teach-in for ROs at City Chambers. They were assuming there would be a poll and had enquired about the Portobello Room as a venue. The Town Hall was unavailable. The poll would be between 4 or 4.30pm and 9pm. The count would take place the following day, probably in the Library community room. Ray Lang and Gill Anderson also volunteered to help with the election of individual members on the 26th September. Volunteers were still needed to help RO with the arrangements for the election of nominated members; these can be from the ranks of individual elected members or anybody not being nominated by a local interest group. The advert announcing the CC elections had been in the Evening News on Monday 7th August. Neta Sinclair was providing copies of the advert for posters. Acting Secretary and Library had nomination forms for individuals and also registration forms for local interest groups. The date of the AGM was provisionally set for Monday October 9th and the meeting to elect nominated representatives for Monday October 2nd (details to be confirmed by September 11th meeting). Acting Secretary to find out the cost of circulating a leaflet with biographies of candidates to all houses in the area from Portobello Reporter distribution company.

7. Correspondence, James Spratt Letter sent to planning department objection to back garden development in what used to be Hamilton Lodge garden. Joopa Allotments Secretary written to Mr Ballantine c/o solicitors in Aberdeen and got an acknowledgement. SOA Report Secretary had written comments as per previous meetings and got a reply saying draft was complete and PCC would get a copy in due course. Paperbarks letter from Keith Young, cleansing department, saying some would certainly be sited in Portobello. Secretary to write suggesting possible sites and showing interest. Illuminations Phone conversation with Mr McFadyen of EDC technical services department re EDC Illuminations Sub-Committee letter. Secretary wrote suggesting that given our 'present difficulties' EDC 'put up, service and maintain the existing lights in the mean time'. Wording was suggested by Mr McFadyen. Treasurer to look out original receipts for these illuminations, bought through PCC sub-committee's fundraising efforts, and now stored at technical services (Proposed - Bernadette Heron; seconded - Maureen Child).

8. AOCS Binlin's Concern from King's Road resident about operation of Bistro and whether planning consent has been obtained for tables and chairs on Prom at King's Place. Secretary to phone planning officer from Portobello. (Proposed - Bernadette Heron; seconded - Catherine Kilgour) No restriction by licensing law nowadays, provided they are not serving alcohol out of doors. EDC Recreation Facility Secretary to find out about progress on this. Audit Insp, Jim Gray said a report had gone to the Procurator Fiscal.

9. Date and time of next meeting. In St Philip's Church Halls at 7.30pm September 11th.

A. McFadyen