

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 9th December 1991 in the Rockville Hotel.

PRESENT:

Norman Kerr (Chairman), Nick Stroud (Vice Chairman), Florence Jones (Treasurer)
Iain Abbot, Harold Alexander-Bowen, Gill Anderson, Joyce Fleming, Penny Haywood, Norman Hughes, Jack Macdonald, Gordon McRae, Sgt Arthur Mackey (Portobello Police), Brenda Moloney, Tom Smith, Drew Strachan, Len Young.

APOLOGIES:

Mary-Jane Elton, Jim MacMillan.

RETIRAL:

Maggy Jones is moving away from Portobello and has tendered her resignation from the Community Council. Norman Kerr expressed his admiration and gratitude for all the work Maggy has done for the community.

93.1 GENERAL DISCUSSION

The meeting did not follow a strict agenda but discussed its work of the past two years and how it would proceed next year. The major issues discussed were as follows:

The amendment to our Constitution has still not been ratified by Edinburgh District Council since Netta Sinclair has not been able to devote much time to Community Councils this year; her other duties should become less demanding next year.

We still haven't been able to trace Sharon Anderson to reclaim the Community Council's Minute Book and other papers. Norman Kerr will follow this up.

Norman Kerr has been to see the developer of Windsor Place Church about community possibilities for the ground floor, but the required rental would still be £15,000 per year, which is completely beyond us.

Drew Strachan is having difficulty making contact with local ethnic groups for the 1992 celebrations. Florence Jones suggested he try the Roundabout Centre in Gayfield Square. Nick Stroud will try and find the names of some contacts.

Norman Hughes initiated a long discussion of the very severe police action in persuading local shopkeepers not to display goods on the pavement outside their shops, and pointed out that this would do nothing to encourage shopkeepers from other ethnic groups to join in with community activities. Sergeant Mackey mentioned that a recent ruling by the Procurator Fiscal relaxes the rules a little if there is no real obstruction.

Iain Abbot agreed to take over the Secretary's job temporarily, on the understanding that someone else should be found for the job as quickly as possible.

It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice -chairman, Secretary and Treasurer would meet each month to plan Council meetings.

Tom Smith pointed out that we must be certain that everyone on the Community Council is an elected member or representative, or has been formally co-opted.

Gill Anderson has heard that the District Council may have a spare Noticeboard which they would be willing to mount at the front of the Town Hall. Gill will encourage them.

Nick Stroud suggested that the Community Council should make some permanent contribution to Portobello which will serve as a lasting memorial to 1992 as well as being of continuing benefit to the community. Norman Kerr asked Joyce Fleming to consider possibilities.

Norman Hughes expressed concern that neither of our local councillors were present at the meeting. General concern was expressed that the 'Portobello Working Group' is based outwith Portobello and doesn't seem to feel its needs keenly.

Jack Macdonald was generally congratulated for producing another edition of the new Porty Reporter. There have been some small delivery problems but in general the new distributors have done their job very well.

Norman Kerr will give Gill Anderson the keys to the Community Council noticeboard at the Police Station so that she can tidy it up. It needs a new map!

A letter from Councillor Begg informs us that we will have to pay for signposting to the tennis courts ourselves.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Florence Jones reported that, at the end of November, our various accounts stood as follows:

On deposit: £1100

In the bank £400

Tennis Courts £542

£300 has already been set aside by the District Council for our election expenses next September.

NEXT MEETING

It has been noticed outside the Council that we should have held an Annual General Meeting in September. Our next meeting will therefore be the AGM:

on Monday 13th January

at 7:30pm

in the Portobello Centre, Adelphi Grove.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30pm

Monday 13th January

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