
PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of 98th Meeting, held on 11 May 1992 in the Portobello Centre.

PRESENT

Norman Kerr (Chairman), Iain Abbot (Acting Secretary), Florence Jones (Treasurer), Jim McMillan, Drew Strachan, Norman Hughes (Co-opted), Gordon McRae (History Society), Rae Lang (Portobello Old & Windsor Place Church), Tom Smith (Co-opted), Brenda Molony (Community Festival), George Murray (Council of Churches), Bernadette Heron, Councillor David Begg, Councillor George Kerevan, Sgt. Arthur Mackay (Portobello Police), Sheila MacIvor (Portobello High School).

APOLOGIES

Gill Anderson, Nick Stroud, Marjorie Amos, Ian Young, Jack MacDonald, Rena Kilgour, Isabella Thomson, Lawrence Marshall.

98.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM 97TH MEETING

1a Bus Service

Norman Hughes approached Stanley MacKay, who is not interested in the new route for himself but thinks that other operators may be interested.

David Begg indicated that Lothian Regional Council has the resources to run the service, hopefully starting in June, but that the route has not yet been confirmed.

1b Joppa Tennis Courts

Elsie Thom has handed Florence Jones copies of the accounts for the last two years.

The question of funding the repairs to the courts was discussed.

The question of how the Community Council should exercise its responsibility for the Tennis Courts was also discussed. Drew Strachan agreed to represent the Community Council in liaising with the people running the courts on a day to day basis.

1c Business Group

Norman Hughes is to attempt to resuscitate this group.

1d Pumping Station

Norman Kerr is to ask the Regional Council for additional temporary WC facilities elsewhere on the Promenade, as the ones provided are sited well to the east of the end of the Promenade.

1e Promenade Cycle Path

David Begg outlined the history of the proposal to allow cycling on the Promenade.

Some members attending reported incidents of collisions between cyclists and pedestrians on the Promenade. The general feeling of the meeting was against cycling being allowed on the Promenade.

1f Crime & Safety

Sergeant MacKay reported a general decline in crime across Portobello. Thefts and attempts of theft of vehicles have occurred in the Joppa area. Drew Strachan reported on the problem of bottled alcohol being sold from certain premises with the bottles being discarded locally. Norman Hughes indicated that, in his opinion, the seller of bottled alcohol should not be blamed for the offences of other individuals.

98.2 1992

Norman Kerr is to issue a list of events. The Community Festival is about to publish its list of events. The Street Party is confirmed for 1st August. The Porty Reporter issue on 1st/2nd June will give details of events.

Iain Abbot reported that the Heritage Trail leaflet had been typeset and is to be published soon.

David Begg reported that to mark 1992 Lothian Regional Council will hold one of its meetings in Portobello Town Hall, some time in the Autumn. David Begg has also asked the Regional Council to host a function in the Town Hall to mark the 250th Anniversary.

98.3 TREASURER'S REPORT

Florence Jones indicated that funds were available from the Community Council for 1992 events.

It was agreed that £40 be provided for the Community Festival to amend their banner.

Bernadette Heron is to make an application for funds for the Sunshine Club.

Balance of General Account	£852.44
Balance of Illuminations Account	£125.99
Balance of Tennis Court Account	£592.36
Monies on Deposit	£1,144.63

98.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

4a Fringe at the Seaside

No further information is available on whether this is to proceed this year. Norman Kerr agreed to investigate.

4b George Kerevan reported that the Recreation Department is to investigate the lighting on the Promenade.

4c George Kerevan confirmed that the Sports Centre has Planning Permission, and that the next stage is to go out to tender.

4d The LEEL Promenade Report has been received. Norman Kerr, Iain Abbot, Jim McMillan and Tom Smith are to discuss the contents.

4e Information on the Seaside Award has been received. Norman Kerr and Tom Smith are to study the information and report back.

4f A report of the activities of the Portobello Centre over the past year was read out. Activities include dancing and aromatherapy.

