

ORDINARY MEETING OF PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE PORTOBELLO CENTRE, ADELPHI GROVE
ON MONDAY, 8 JUNE 1992 AT 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising
4. 1992
5. Sub-Committee Reports
6. Treasurer's Report
7. AOCB
8. Date of Next Meeting

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 99th meeting, held on 8th June 1992 in the Portobello Centre.

PRESENT:

Norman Kerr (Chairman), Nick Stroud (Vice Chairman), Iain Abbot (Acting Secretary) Gill Anderson (St Philips Church), Cllr David Begg, Rena Begg, Bernadette Heron, Norman Hughes, Sheila McIvor (Portobello High School), Sgt Arthur Mackey (Portobello Police), Jim McMillan, Gordon McRae, John Maule (Brighton Residents), Brenda Molony (Festival Association), George Murray (Council of Churches), Andrew L. Strachan, Len Young.

Members of the public:
Kevin Ketchum, Peter Strachan.

APOLOGIES:

Jack Macdonald, Lawrence Marshall.

99.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

99.2 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 95th MEETING

- 2a Tennis Courts: there is to be a committee meeting at 7:00pm on Wednesday 10th June at the courts, to which all are welcome.
- 2b Business Group: the secretary has moved away from Portobello and the group is therefore not currently active.
- 2c The Sewage Pumping Station: Norman Kerr has not yet received a reply from Lothian Regional Council about the possibility of having temporary toilets installed.

A member of the public raised the problem of the damage being caused by the contractors: while the Community Council is most sympathetic with the inconvenience being suffered by local residents, such problems are probably inevitable with civil engineering works of this size.

Gill Anderson thought the situation would be better if the police directed through-traffic around the bypass: Sgt Mackey will take this up with the Police Traffic Division.

Iain Abbot pointed out that every major Council project is in the care of an administration officer; in this case it is Robin Jones of the Council's Drainage Department. All problems should be reported to him (at 55 Buckstone Terrace, tel 445 4141).

- 2d Cycling on the Promenade: the Police and the Regional Council are to see about reinstating the "No cycling" signs, and Cllr David Begg will follow up all aspects. It was agreed that cycling along the Prom from King's Road to Seafield was entirely welcome.
- 2e Crime and Safety: the encouraging trend for us is that crime rates diminished slightly in Portobello in recent months, while rising in the rest of the country.
- 2f 1992: Norman Kerr distributed a leaflet which summarises the main events for the year.
- 2g Fringe at the Seaside: is in difficulties this year, mainly because they didn't receive their grant (£2000) from the District Council, but also because the same people have been running

it for years and no new people are coming in to help. £3000 is needed to attract a reasonable number of acts. The committee have asked the Community Council for a meeting to discuss the problems. Norman Hughes will look into possible sponsorship.

- 2h Promenade Lighting: no further news.
- 2i Sports Centre: no further news.
- 2j LEEL report on the Promenade: the article in the Porty Reporter missed out one very important item in its account of this report: the recommendation that Portobello should have its own Town Manager. Norman Kerr, Iain Abbot, Jim MacMillan and Tom Smith will continue their consideration of the LEEL report.
- 2k Seaside Award (clean beach etc): Norman Kerr and Tom Smith are about to meet the Forth River Purification Board to discuss sea pollution and the likely improvement when the sewage pumping station opens. They will then publish regular reports.
- 2l Portobello Centre: have written inviting us to send a non-voting representative to their management meetings, of which the next is at 7:00pm on 24th June in the Centre. Norman Hughes continues to be concerned that Portobello do more to attract visitors, for example during the Festival, and after some discussion of the need to balance visitors' and residents' needs he agreed to be the representative providing he be allowed to vote.
- 2m Newcraighall Bus Service: Cllr David Begg distributed maps of the proposed route for a bus service between Portobello and Newcraighall, which will be going out to tender soon. The three service requirements are: to get Coillesdene pensioners to Portobello; to get people from Portobello to Craig Park; and to connect Newcraighall with Portobello and Musselburgh. The proposal is to have a half-hourly service from around 10am to 11:30pm, with a single bus running on an endless loop. There was some discussion about this but the overwhelming feeling was to get the service started as soon as possible.
- 2n Noticeboards: Gill Anderson has obtained the agreement of Town Hall and Recreation department representatives for a new noticeboard at the Town Hall, and asked the Community Council for £285 to pay for it. This was agreed. Gill will continue to press the Highways Department for permission to erect a removable, circular notice board on the Christmas Tree site for 11 months of the year.

99.3 CORRESPONDENCE

The Secretary has received a letter from Fred Prain, ex of Portobello Rotary Club, announcing his resignation from the Community Council. It was agreed that Peter Strachan would replace him for the remainder of this Council's life.

99.4 TREASURER'S REPORT

This item held over as the Treasurer was not in attendance.

99.5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A member of the public deplored the difficulty of reaching Portobello by bicycle. Cllr David Begg agreed that more should be done, but expressed his satisfaction that 2% of the Regional Council's transportation budget was reserved for cycle paths. It was agreed that nothing should be done to damage potential cycle tracks. There is still no news about Christian Path, since the Regional Council will not take it over until it is in reasonable condition and Scotrail cannot afford to improve it.

Drew Strachan asked about the lost public right-of-way in Joppa. Portobello Amenity Society has discussed this with the District Council, but the latter are powerless and have to reach amicable agreement with the landowner. There is therefore little hope of any good outcome. Gill Anderson will invite a District Council official to come to a meeting of the Community Council in the Autumn to talk about Rights of Way.

There are rumours that the Post Office is moving from Windsor Place to the corner of Rosefield Avenue. Norman Kerr will find out.

Gordon McRae announced that the Radio One Roadshow is coming here again this year – on Friday 17th July. Also that the Gala Day on 20th June needs more volunteer stewards to accompany the procession from Baileyfield to Joppa.

Iain Abbot announced that the Burn cleanups in May removed THREE TONS of rubbish.

Sheila McIvor announced High School Open Days on 11th and 12th June, from 10am to 2pm.

Brenda Molony announced that the latest issue of the new Porty Reporter was now being delivered; and that she had tickets for the Festival shows.

John Maule asked what had happened to the bottle bank at the Town Hall. It has been removed: the District Council's Cleansing Department *may* install bottle and paper banks at the Bridge Street car park.

Bernadette Heron needs financial help with the Old Time Ball she is organising in October. She was advised to write formally to the Treasurer requesting this.

99.6 NEXT MEETING

The dates for the remaining meetings of this Community Council, as usual on the second Monday of each month, are as follows:

13th July *THE ONE HUNDREDTH MEETING!*

10th August

All meetings will be at 7:30pm in the Portobello Centre, Adelphi Grove.

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held on Monday 13th July 1992 at 7:30pm,
in the Portobello Centre, Adelphi Grove.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. 1992**
- 5. Sub-Committee Reports**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. AOCB**
- 8. Date of next meeting**