

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 108th meeting, held on 11th May 1993 in Portobello Library

## PRESENT:

Susan Westwood (Treasurer and Acting Chair)

Harold Alexander-Bowen, Celia Butterworth, Kathleen Hart, Keith Jeffrey, Ray Lang, John Maule, George Murray, Alexander Smith, Andrew L. Strachan, Nick Stroud, Robert Thomson, Bill Westwood, Susan Westwood, Len Young.

## APOLOGIES:

Cllr David Begg, Sandy Begg, Lawrence Marshall, Yvonne Motion, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, G. Stirling, Dr Gavin Strang.

## IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Ashley Pringle, Recreation Dept., Edinburgh District Council.

### 108.1 CHAIR

With only the Treasurer in post, Susan Westwood took the Chair for this meeting.

### 108.2 PORTOBELLO SPORTS CENTRE

Mr Pringle of Edinburgh District Council's Recreation Department presented the plans for a multi-purpose Indoor Bowls Centre on the old Pool site, in place of the original proposals for a 'Dry Sports Centre'.

The original design had been abandoned because it was too expensive and didn't cater for all needs – notably the elderly. There had been a lot of demand for an indoor bowls centre, including one from the Portobello Community Council in 1989. The current world champion is 26-year-old Richard Corsey, of Edinburgh, who has created a lot of interest in this activity, which is now popular with all ages from 18 upwards, and suitable for families and the disabled.

The plans show a rectangular building, lower than the original one, with space for seven bowling rinks (or six match-play rinks), and a two-storey section with shower and changing facilities and a community room below, and cafe/restuarant, kitchen and bar above. The car park alongside, with space for 79 cars, occupies some 50% of the site. The plain nature of the building would be enhanced with architectural embellishments and extensive landscaping, with many trees.

The Council's intention is that the centre would be run by a local Management Committee, composed of local residents and bowling representatives, advising the Council. Bowling would only be a major activity in the winter season, and the building could be used for other purposes in the summer season: activities then could include dancing, ice- and roller-skating, theatre (suitable equipment would have to be imported), exhibitions etc. It might take up to a day to convert the building between different uses.

Money is available in this year's Council budget for a Bowls centre. Planning permission is being sought, and should be readily forthcoming since previous objections have been taken into account. Work could begin in the Autumn and the building be opened in Spring 1994. Recurrent costs wouldn't be a problem since indoor bowls tends to be profitable, while other sports usually have to be subsidised.



## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 109th Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council  
will be held on Tuesday 22nd June 1993 at 7:30pm,  
in \*?\*

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Sub-Committee Reports**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Relationship between Community Council and Portobello Centre**
- 7. AOCB**
- 8. Date of next meeting**

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4 Regent Street,  
Portobello,  
Edinburgh.

6th May, 1993.

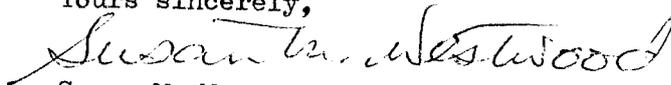
Dear Community Council Member,

Please find enclosed the current membership list for your consideration in the election of Office Bearers at the next meeting.

As discussed at the meeting of 28th April, 1993 a short presentation about the proposed Sports/Bowling Centre on the Promenade will now be made at the meeting on Tuesday, 11th May, 1993. Mr. Ashley Pringle, Edinburgh District Council, Recreation Dept., has now confirmed that he will be able to make the presentation on this evening.

The Agenda for the meeting will be adjusted to accommodate this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

  
Susan M. Westwood, Treasurer

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1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Presentation on Sports/Indoor Bowling Centre
3. Election of Office Bearers
4. A.O.C.B.

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
11th May, 1993  
PORTOBELLO LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM  
ROSEFIELD AVENUE.

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## MEMBERS OF PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

6th May, 1993

### Individual Members

Harold Alexander-Bowen, 9 Mentone Avenue  
Charles Cavaye, 7 Joppa Gardens 657 2030  
Lawrence Marshall, 50 Kings Road 6691336  
Ellen Smith, 73 Argyle Crescent 657 3349  
Hugh Smith, 73 Argyle Crescent 657 3349  
Margaret Smith, 30 Rosefield Avenue  
Tom Smith, 30 Rosefield Avenue  
Drew Strachan, 19 Joppa Terrace 669 3581  
Robert Thomson, 290 Portobello High Street 669 4262  
Susan Westwood, 4 Regent Street 669 9537/7235  
Bill Westwood, 4 Regent Street 669 0613  
Len Young, 6 St. Mark's Place 669 6490

### Nominated Representatives

Celia Butterworth, 35 Bellfield St., (Portobello Amenity Society) 669 2989  
Kathleen Hart, 53 Milton Rd. West, (Citizen's Advice Bureau) 669 3646  
Keith Jeffrey, 68/8 Portobello High Street, (Portobello & Dist. History Society)  
Ray Lang, No.7 Windsor Church House, 221 Portobello High Street (Old Parish Church)  
John Maule, 16 Lee Crescent, (Brightons' Residents' Assoc.) 669 9676  
Yvonne Motion, 32 Lady Nairne Crescent, (Portobello Community Centre)  
George Murray, 1 John Street, (Portobello Council of Churches) 669 5254  
Alexander Smith, 29 Joppa Road, (Portobello Community Festival Assoc.) 669 6534  
Gordon Stirling, 16/4 Hillcoat Loan, (St. Philips Church) 669 6220  
Nick Stroud, 72 Promenade, (Portobello & Dist. Scouts) 669 6823  
Eric Wishart, 69 Promenade, (Portobello Reporter Group) 669 0637

### Ex officio (non voting members)

Sgt. A. Mackey, Portobello Police, Portobello Police Station, High Street  
Cllr. George Kerevan, City of Edinburgh District Council, City Chambers  
Cllr. David Begg, Lothian Regional Council, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh  
Dr. Gavin Strang, M.P., House of Commons, London.

### Registered Groups, Not Represented

Portobello/Milton Labour Party, Sec'y., L. Marshall, 50 Kings Rd.  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, - M. Richards, 65 Brunstane Rd.  
Portobello Sunshine O.A.P. Social Club - B. Heron, 34 Bath St.  
Bath St. Residents Assoc. - " " "  
Portobello Tappers. - " " "

### Interested Parties - to receive minutes

Mr. A. Hood, 3 Rosefield Avenue  
The Librarian, Portobello Library, Rosefield Avenue  
Mrs. Neta Sinclair, Community Councils' Liason Officer, Edinburgh District Council,  
Dept. of Administration, City Chambers.