

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 109th meeting, held on 22nd June 1993 in Portobello Library

PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Tom Smith (Secretary), Susan Westwood (Treasurer)
Harold Alexander-Bowen, Cllr David Begg, Celia Butterworth, Charles Cavaye, Kathleen Hart,
Ray Lang, Sgt Arthur Mackey, Lawrence Marshall, John Maule, Yvonne Motion, George Murray,
Margaret Smith, Gordon Stirling, Andrew L. Strachan, Nick Stroud, Bill Westwood.

APOLOGIES:

Alexander Smith, Keith Jeffrey, Gavin Strang.

109.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

After an amendment to item 108.5c to delete "official representative" and insert "convenor" the Minutes were accepted.

109.2 MATTERS ARISING

109.2a New Sports Centre: a prolonged and lively discussion took place on this item, as a Bowling Centre was not what was promised, but it appears that this will be self-financing. Regret was expressed that there is no provision for things like skateboarding, archery etc. More funding is available but only for this financial year, so the general opinion was that we had to choose it or lose it, and that we should choose it providing we can have safeguards written in to ensure fixed start and finish dates for bowling so that other interests can be catered for.

The proposed time scale is: planning permission in August 1993; start building in November 1993; open in November 1994.

It appears that Ashley Pringle has been charged to visit other multi-purpose sites and report back. The Chairman will convey our feelings at his next meeting with the Recreation Group.

109.2b Election of new Office Bearers: it was agreed that the Party Reporter would be informed of the successful campaign for new Committee Members and Office Bearers.

109.2c Appointment of Auditors: This item was carried forward.

109.3 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

109.3a Joppa Tennis Courts. Drew Strachan gave a brief history of the running of the tennis courts, pointing out that the real heroes are the local volunteers without whose help the courts would close.

There is a special report on the tennis courts in Appendix 1.

109.4 TREASURER'S REPORT

Investment account:	£1417.93
Illuminations account:	£ 126.86
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 506.79
Current account:	£ 475.52

A cheque for £45 for the Portobello Community Festival Association has not yet been presented (it still lacks a signature). It was agreed to reissue this.

The Insurance Premium for public liability and employers' liability for Joppa Tennis Courts will be paid by the Community Council.

109.5 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND PORTOBELLO CENTRE

The meeting felt that although we should all be working towards the same common end, we often didn't cooperate enough and were often not aware of what other groups were doing – even though representatives could attend Community Council meetings. It was agreed that the Community Council would host a meeting in October, probably in the Town Hall, for an exchange of views and information. The Secretary will write to all groups asking for their support. The meeting will be open to anyone who wishes to attend.

109.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 109.6a Community Festival Association: It was agreed to give financial assistance of £118+VAT to purchase bunting – providing the Association could assure us that they could have it put up.
- 109.6b Scottish Conservation Projects Trust: Information is available from this organisation about grants and other assistance for environmental projects. If possible their booklet will be distributed with these minutes. Celia Butterworth will raise this at PAS and report back.
- 109.6c Lothian Environmental Action Forum: publish an Events Calendar in which we can advertise our events – such as burn-cleaning. Requests for entries must be submitted by 26th July.
- 109.6d Association of Scottish Community Councils: Papers have been received inviting us to affiliate, at a cost of £10 per annum. It was agreed unanimously that we should join.
- 109.6e Capital Rail Action Group: It was agreed that we support this group's efforts to have stations at Brunstane and Portobello opened for passenger traffic, and that the Secretary would write to Convenor Eric Milligan of Lothian Regional Council asking for his support also.
- 109.6f Harry Lauder's Cottage: The new cottage on this site is up for sale, but after some discussion no decision was taken as to whether we should ask the District Council to buy it for future use as a museum.
- 109.6g Promenade Illuminations: Bill Westwood will organise repairs, and was authorised to spend up to £126.86 on them.
- 109.6h Straiton Place play area: It was felt that special dog litter bins and poop-a-scoops should be provided at the small grassed area on the Prom at this site. The Secretary will write to the appropriate authority to request this.

109.7 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24th August, 7:30pm, Portobello Library.

Future Meetings:

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

The 110th Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held on Tuesday 24th August 1993 at 7:30pm,
in The Library, Rosefield Avenue, Portobello.

AGENDA

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