

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 110th meeting, held on Tuesday 24th August 1993 in Portobello Library

## PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Tom Smith (Secretary)

Iain Abbot, Kathleen Hart, Ray Lang, John Maule, George Murray, Margaret Smith, Alexander Smith, Andrew L. Strachan.

## APOLOGIES:

Sgt A. Mackey, Nick Stroud.

## 110.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Accepted.

## 110.2 MATTERS ARISING

- 110.2a New Sports Centre: Later in the meeting Iain Abbot was asked to speak on this item. He was concerned that it seemed from information he had received from various sources that the community was divided on this matter, with the Local Forum being against and the Community Council for the new proposal of an indoor bowling rink. He made the point that those in favour were being blackmailed by the all-or-nothing inference, although nothing definite had been stated at our meetings or in writing. As there is to be a Local Forum at Bingham Community Centre on 31st August 1993 at 7:30, all members were urged to attend to quiz Cllr Kerevan on this matter.
- 110.2b New Office Bearers: a letter has been written to the Porty Reporter (not yet published), intimating also our intention to have a public meeting in October.
- 110.2c Appointment of Auditors: Carried forward, as Treasurer not present.
- 110.2d Scottish Conservation Projects Trust: papers received and passed to Celia Butterworth, Portobello Amenity Society.
- 110.2e Lothian Environmental Action Forum: past the required-by date, but keep in mind for the future.
- 110.2f Association of Scottish Community Councils: application to join accepted, and letter of thanks received from their Secretary.
- 110.2g Capital Rail Action Group: letter sent to Cllr E.Milligan asking for his support, but no acknowledgement received. There were further suggestions on this, as there is some doubt about ownership of certain parts of the track. It was agreed that Lawrence Marshall was probably an authority on this subject and would look after our interests.
- 110.2h Promenade Illuminations: Carried forward, as W.Westwood not present.
- 110.2i Straiton Place Play Area: letter sent to Director of Cleansing and reply received from Paul Scott, Service Manager, saying that the matter is in hand with the Planning Group, who were going to realign the railings and have the area cleaned up. The meeting asked that dog fouling be an item on the next agenda.

### **110.3 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

### **110.4 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Carried forward, as Treasurer not present.

### **110.5 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND PORTOBELLO CENTRE**

The Secretary has not yet written to possible interested groups as the Community Group Directory is out of date, and covers the whole city. It was suggested that perhaps a print-out of EH15 groups could be obtained. The Secretary will look into this (see also item 110.2b.).

### **110.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The following items were not raised at the meeting but are noted here for information:

110.6a Shaping the Future: A letter with this title has been received from Cllr. Daphne Sleight, together with a copy of her letter on the same subject to Ian Lang M.P. giving her support to the Government proposal to give greater powers to Community Councils and giving them more input into planning and other matters in their areas.

110.6b Resignation of Community Councillor: A letter has been received from Robert Thomson tendering his resignation.

110.6c Area Review Boards: Letters have been received from Dave Roberts, Divisional Manager of Community Services, explaining Area Review Boards. The Secretary attended a meeting on 23rd August in City Chambers. In essence, these should improve liaison between Council departments and ourselves, as we will have a named person responsible for a service in our area. Unfortunately, although the Boards will have a requirement placed on them to consult Local Forums and Community Councils, no actual number of meetings has been written in to their terms of reference.

There was a strong feeling at the meeting that there was some conflict between Local Forums and Community Councils, and we do not need both in an area. It was also thought that there should be a number of mandatory meetings with Community Councils as well as the when-required consultative ones.

110.6d Portobello Initiative: A letter has been received from Norman Hughes outlining plans for the development initiative in Portobello. Papers were issued to the members present.

*All these letters are in the Community Council file in the Library.*

### **110.7 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is the A.G.M., on Wednesday 29th September, at 7:30pm in the Lesser Town Hall (that is, upstairs in the Town Hall).

#### **Future Meetings:**

Wednesday 29th September          7:30          Lesser Town Hall.

# **PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next meeting of Portobello Community Council  
will be the 11th Annual General Meeting,  
which will be held  
on Wednesday 29th September 1993 at 7:30pm,  
in The Lesser Town Hall.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Chairman's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Any Other Business**
- 9. Dates of future meetings**