

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 112th meeting, held on 26th October 1993 in Portobello Library

The meeting was not quorate, so an informal discussion took place, chaired by George Murray.

PRESENT:

Sandy Begg, Harold Alexander-Bowen, Kathleen Hart, Keith Jeffrey, Peter McCabe, George Murray, Sandy Smith, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, Susan Westwood.

APOLOGIES:

Celia Butterworth, Lawrence Marshall, Dr Gavin Strang, Bill Westwood, Len Young.

112.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

George Murray welcomed those present and explained that no binding decisions could be taken, but this should not stop people expressing their points of view.

112.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To be formally accepted at next meeting: no objections were raised about their content or accuracy.

112.3 MATTERS ARISING

112.3a Portobello Reporter: Len Young still to report back.

112.3b Capital Rail Action Group: Lawrence Marshall still to report back.

112.3c Illuminations: a decision will have to be made about what to do with the £126 allocated for this project.

112.3d Portobello Initiative: in association with this venture, Norman Hughes is running a function in the Town Hall on 30th December. As this is to entertain visiting New Zealanders he thought it might be appropriate for the Community Council Chairman to welcome the visitors.

112.3e Brunstane Burn path: it was suggested that a signpost is needed opposite the Booker warehouse. The Secretary will write to the Highways Department.

112.3f Joppa Tennis Courts: this matter has not yet been resolved. The Secretary wrote to Dennis Crichton but has had no reply. The Chairman and Drew Strachan still had to report back. The Secretary will discuss the Courts with Neta Sinclair.

112.3g Water Sports Club site: the decision to invite Planning Officials is carried forward.

112.3h Rubbish Uplift: The Secretary will write to the Cleansing Department to invite them to either the November or the December meeting.

112.4 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

None.

112.5 ELECTION OF NEW TREASURER

Kathleen Hart will accept nomination if the Joppa Tennis Courts situation is cleared up. Nomination and election carried forward.

112.6 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Community Council accounts at 26th October are:

General Account:	£ 311.45
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Premier Account:	£1439.31
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 506.79

112.7 DOG FOULING

This matter will be carried forward to give the Police a chance to make their views known.

112.8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 112.8a Portobello Milton Forum: concern was expressed that once again the dates of the meetings of the Forum and the Community Council have clashed. Some of our members are no doubt at the Forum, leaving us without a quorum.
- 112.8b Changes to Quorum: Sandy Smith raised this matter but it was pointed out that many hours have been spent in the recent past trying to reduce the number required – but to no avail.
- 112.8c Councillors' Surgeries: a complaint was made that neither of our Councillors were in attendance at their Surgeries “on several occasions”. The Secretary will write asking if they can give prior notice if a Surgery is to be cancelled.
- 112.8d Pavement Gully at Bus Stop: it was pointed out that a complaint had been made to David Begg in May 1993 about a pavement gully outside the fishmongers opposite the Town Hall. An acknowledgement was received but so far no further action. As this is a matter of importance to the travelling public, the Secretary will write to the Councillor for the latest news.
- 112.8e Joint Meeting of Community Councils: the next meeting has been moved to 18th November (7pm for 7:30pm). We can send two representatives. Names to Neta Sinclair by 15th November. Items for Agenda by 1st November.
- 112.8f Planning Notices: it was pointed out that it would be useful if we had copies of Planning Notices for our area. The Secretary will arrange this.

112.9 FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meetings of the Community Council will be held on the following dates, at 7:30pm in Portobello Library:

Tuesday 23rd November

Tuesday 14th December

ADDENDUM

Following the meeting, the Secretary has:

- 1. made arrangements with the Bank to allow the Chairman and Secretary to sign cheques until the new Treasurer is elected;*
- 2. contacted Neta Sinclair about the Joppa Tennis Courts. Edinburgh District Council have accepted the accounts presented, and our funding is not in jeopardy; and*
- 3. written to Dennis Crichton with proposals for running the Joppa Tennis Courts next season, and offered a meeting with Edinburgh District Council officials to discuss these proposals.*

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 113th Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held on Tuesday 23rd November 1993 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Library.

AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Election of Treasurer**
- 5. Sub-Committee Reports**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. Dog fouling**
- 8. AOCB**
- 9. Date of next meeting**