

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 114th meeting, held on 14th December 1993 in Portobello Library

The meeting was not quorate, so an informal discussion took place, chaired by Len Young.

PRESENT:

Harold Alexander-Bowen, Sandy Begg, Shand Hutchison, Keith Jeffrey, Yvonne Motion, George Murray, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, Len Young.

APOLOGIES:

Celia Butterworth, Kathleen Hart, Ray Lang, Lawrence Marshall, Sandy Smith, Dr Gavin Strang, Nick Stroud, Eric Wishart.

114.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman thanked all those present for turning out on such a cold and wet evening.

114.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted as correct.

114.3 MATTERS ARISING

114.3a Brunstane Burn path: the Chairman pointed out that the information about forestation given at the last meeting was not exactly correct. Wimpey are responsible for planting and maintenance along the path for two years, thereafter Woodlands take over management policy.

114.3b Ponding at bus stop: still no reply from the Highways Department; the Secretary will follow this up if none is received soon.

114.3c Dog fouling: a short discussion took place but it was agreed that there was no point in this until we heard the view of the Police on how they intend to treat offenders. The hope was expressed that if we keep this item on the next Agenda, Sgt. Webber will attend and tell us why there are very few (if any) prosecutions for this offence.

114.3d PAS Heritage Trail leaflet: the Chairman has information that suggests the £800 estimate is rather high. He will pass this information to PAS and ask them to seek other estimates.

114.3e Hanging baskets: no further information in Celia's absence, but the meeting was keen to carry this idea through.

114.3f ASDA map: a reply was received on 17th December apologising for leaving Portobello off the map. The slight was not intentional and we will be mentioned in future advertising material when it is appropriate.

114.4 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

114.5 ELECTION OF NEW TREASURER

Carried forward.

114.6 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Community Council accounts at 14th December are:

General Account:	£ 160.00
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Premier Account:	£1448.38
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 506.79

114.7 DOG FOULING

Carried forward.

114.8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

114.8a Quorum at meetings: the Chairman proposed the following change to paragraph 15 of our Constitution which he thought would assist in ensuring that more meetings were quorate:

A Quorum shall be defined as follows:

- a) when the Council has full membership of 40 people then a Quorum is one quarter of this number: that is, ten persons.
- b) when the Council's membership falls below two-thirds of the full membership, a Quorum shall be one quarter of the remaining members, with a minimum of five persons.

Thus for example, with a membership of 25, a meeting would be quorate with six persons present.

It was also suggested that we should ask members to think about why they stood for the Council, either as Elected Members or as Group Representatives, and why they don't attend meetings. If we don't know why we can't try to put things right.

114.8b Cockburn Association letters:

(1) asking for support and contributions for ForthRight Alliance opposing a third Forth Bridge and asking for a properly integrated transport system. With no dissenting voice it was agreed to donate £20 to this cause.

(2) offering to send a speaker to talk about the Waterfront Project – a proposed walkway from Cramond to Portobello. This too was enthusiastically received: the Secretary will write inviting a speaker to the February meeting.

114.8c Waste bins and street lighting in West Brighton Crescent: complaints were made about the lack of litter bins in the area and the fact that certain street lights have not been working since early November; the Secretary will write about this.

114.8d Air pollution from By-pass: due to lack of suitable tree planting on the embankment near West Brighton Crescent, it was felt that the level of air pollution here is unacceptable; the Secretary will write about this.

114.8e Portobello Community Festival Association: a number of trophies belonging to the Festival Association have turned up after being missing for some years. It was proposed that we consider having them restored to a good condition and perhaps providing a display cabinet in the Library where they will be in safe-keeping. We need to hear from the Festival Association (the Secretary has already spoken to Sandy Smith).

114.8f New Projects: if any members or groups have any projects close to their hearts then some funding may be available if a decent case is made out.

114.9 FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Wednesday 26th January

Monday 28th February

Monday 28th March

Monday 25th April

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 115th Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held on Wednesday 26th January 1994 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. Dates of next meetings**