

PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 115th meeting, held on 26th January 1994 in Portobello Library

PRESENT:

Sandy Begg, Celia Butterworth, Kathleen Hart, Sgt Bob Hume, Shand Hutchison, Keith Jeffrey, Ray Lang, Lawrence Marshall, Yvonne Motion, George Murray, Margaret Smith, Tom Smith, Gordon Stirling, Andrew Strachan, Len Young.

APOLOGIES:

David Begg, Sandy Smith, Dr Gavin Strang, Nick Stroud.

115.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone attending, and introduced the new Police representative – Sgt Bob Hume.

115.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Acceptance proposed by Margaret Smith and seconded by Sandy Begg.

115.3 MATTERS ARISING

- 115.3a Ponding at bus stop: a reply has been received from the Highways Department: remedial work will be put in hand soon.
- 115.3b Hanging baskets: an estimate for iron baskets from Duddingston Forge was £20-£25 each, but this does not include brackets for fixing the baskets to lamp-posts. The total cost would be about £300 for four baskets or £600 for eight. PAS will fill the baskets, but some thought will have to be given to watering arrangements.
- 115.3c Waterfront Project: a guest speaker will visit us on 28th February.
- 115.3d West Brighton Crescent bins and light: waste bins have been provided and the light is now working, but a hole in the ground still has to be made good.
- 115.3e Air pollution from by-pass: a reply from the Environmental Health Department states that monitoring in Portobello took place in the High Street, but has been discontinued as levels were always below the EEC standard. However if we can arrange a site for monitoring equipment near Harry Lauder Road, they will arrange further tests. Shand Hutchison will attend to this.
- 115.3f Portobello Festival Association: more trophies have been found in Adelphi Grove (ex PADCA). It was suggested that as the Museum of Antiquities is moving to new premises we might be able to obtain some of their old display cabinets for our use. The Secretary will investigate when he has found out roughly what size of cabinet we need.
- 115.3g Amendment of Constitution: some discussion took place on the Proposal put by Len Young at the last meeting, and a letter from a member of the Public was read out, arguing against the change. When put to a vote, one person abstained but everyone else was in favour of seeking to change the Quorum from the present 10. The Secretary will contact Neta Sinclair with a request for Paragraph 15 of our Constitution to be amended and accepted by the District Council as follows:

QUORUM: 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.

- (b) when 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.

115.4 ELECTION OF NEW TREASURER

With the agreement of all, Mrs Kathleen Hart was elected as Treasurer. The signatories of cheques will now revert to the Treasurer plus either the Chairman or the Secretary

115.5 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

115.6 TREASURER'S REPORT

Given by the Secretary, as follows:

General Account:	£ 117.50
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Premier Account:	£1452.69
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 506.79

It was pointed out at this time that Joppa Tennis Courts will have to spend some money before the start of the new season to replace some of their equipment.

115.7 DOG FOULING

Sgt Hume gave a short resumé of the law relating to fouling by dogs on pavements, verges and recreational areas. Offenders are reported to the Procurator Fiscal who decides whether or not to prosecute. Two witnesses are always required. A photograph of the offence taking place is useful. The public have to be prepared to give evidence in Court: the more people who are prepared to do this, the better the chances of stamping out this antisocial behaviour.

115.8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 115.8a Windsor Place Church: a letter has been received from Mr Forsyth of Quality Construction, again offering the Hall for our use, and saying that he will be applying for a "change of use". Owners of flats in the converted Church were advised to speak to their lawyers. The Secretary will write to the Council asking what their plans are if any for this facility.
- 115.8b Seaside award and Blue Flag: papers have been received showing the latest standards, but as we cannot proceed without the District and Regional Councils, nothing can be done at present. We will keep trying to get the Region and District to improve the facilities and environment of the beach area.
- 115.8c Notice Board at Town Hall: It was pointed out that the Notice Board is badly sited at the Town Hall, and consideration should be given to moving it. The Secretary will investigate.
- 115.8d East Edinburgh Plan: a change of boundary to the Conservation Area affects the locality of the Kilns. The Chairman has raised the matter at the Forum to make sure that the Kilns and the area around them remain protected.
- 115.8e Projects: the following ideas have been presented by groups or individuals:
1. Hanging baskets (PAS)
 2. Display case for trophies (Festival Association)
 3. Heritage Trail leaflet (PAS)

4. Photographs for Guide Book (Nick Stroud)
5. Community sign board (Nick Stroud)
6. Map of Portobello (Nick Stroud)
7. Tourist Signposting (Nick Stroud)
8. Portobello Flag (Nick Stroud)
9. Tromp l'oeuil (painted windows)

No real attempt has been made at costing, nor do we know if for instance the Council would put up flag poles at the Town Hall or the Library could accommodate a display case. All these suggestions will be discussed at future meetings.

115.9 FUTURE MEETINGS

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

Monday 28th February

Monday 28th March

Monday 25th April

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The 116th Ordinary Meeting of Portobello Community Council
will be held on Monday 28th February 1994 at 7:30pm,
in Portobello Library.

AGENDA

1. Chairman's welcome; apologies

Guest Speaker on the 'Waterfront Project': Mr Iain McDiarmid of the Cockburn Association

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

3. Matters arising

4. Election of Treasurer

5. Sub-Committee Reports

6. Treasurer's Report

7. AOCB

8. Dates of future meetings